



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD **TEA MARKET REPORT**

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SALE NO.34 OF 31ST AUGUST/01ST SEPTEMBER, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 34) was conducted on August 31 & September 01 (Tue/Wed), amidst a nation-wide COVID-19 lockdown which has been extended up to September 6, 2021 to contain the rapid spread of the Delta Variant. The offer quantity of 6.6 mkg was lower to the previous week's total by 0.2 mkg. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.88 mkg, whilst Main Sale High & Medium had 0.8 mkg and, Ex Estate category had 0.95 mkg.

High Grown plantation districts have reported overcast conditions and showers throughout the week accompanied by strong winds. The Low Grown areas too have reported dull and overcast skies with the Department of Meteorology predicting showers within the next few days. Crop intake in all regions has seen a decline.

There was good general demand for Ex Estate teas, with buyers showing a clear preference for neater teas, where the manufacturing process from 'soup to nuts' had been closely monitored and processed, resulting in even structured leaf appearance. A small selection of best Western BOP's were dearer where supported by Air mail interest whilst others and below-best teas were easier, with poor leaf types again getting neglected. Coloury Western BOP's in the best category eased Rs. 20/- to 30/- while some improved below best teas appreciated Rs. 10/- to 20/- . The availability of select Nuwara Eliya BOP's were dearer whilst BOP's were irregularly lower. A small range of Uda Pussellawa BOP's and BOP's were firm to dearer but poor leaf teas were again discounted and difficult of sale. Seasonal Uva Bop's and BOP's sold well albeit at sharply lower levels when compared to the previous week where seasonal quality was much preferable. In the CTC segment, the best high elevation PF1's were barely firm whilst others were irregular and lower. Medium elevational PF1's with neat leaf were Rs. 20/- dearer, while the balance was barely steady. Low Grown PF1's were firm to at times dearer. BP1's – the very limited offerings from the High and Medium elevations were largely irregular, while Low Grown sorts again advanced up to 20/-. Bulk buying for Russia was more widespread this week. Interest from Japan was largely centered on the better quality seasonal teas from the Eastern slopes. The UK and other buyers for Europe were selective.

There was fair demand for Low Grown leafy and Tippy teas whilst Semi-Leafy teas saw good interest. Selected OP1's were maintained but several improved below-best teas were firm to selectively dearer. The better made OP's and OPA's too were firm to at times dearer although poorer sorts tended irregular and lower. BOP1's in the 'Best' category held fast to previous levels, whilst some below-best teas were dearer. Well-made Pekoes and Pekoe1 grades were fully firm. However, mixed leaf varieties were mostly lower. The best FBOP's and improved below-best types were firm while the neater FBOPF1's ruled firm to selectively dearer; other secondary types were irregularly easier. Middle Eastern and Russian buyers continued active. Turkey supported the better Pekoe types while Iran was subdued and mainly focused on better leaf. The CIS was active on well-made leafy teas. Iraq supported bottom level teas.

This week's auction comprised of **11,934** lots with a total quantity of **6,588,464** kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,188	940,125
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,720	801,920
Low Grown Tippy	2,174	1075,037
High & Medium	1,745	843,137
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,240	1,277,778
Dust	621	634,150
Premium Flowery	397	65,539
Ex-Estate	849	951,778
Total	11,934	6,588,464

In Lighter Vein

Forgiveness Is Tricky Thing

Fred was about to tee off on the first hole when a second golfer (George) approached and asked if he could join him. Fred said that he usually played alone, but agreed to the twosome. They were even after the first few holes.

George said, "We're about evenly matched, how about playing for five bucks a hole?" Fred said that he wasn't much for betting, but agreed. George easily won the remaining 16 holes. They walked off number eighteen while George counted his \$80.00. He then confessed that he was the pro at a neighboring course and "liked to pick on suckers."

Fred, shocked, revealed that he was the Parish Priest. The pro was flustered and apologetic and offered to return the money. The Priest said, "You won fair and square I was foolish to bet with you. Keep your winnings."

"The embarrassed pro asked, "Please, is there anything I can do to make it up to you?"

The Priest said, "Well, you could come to Mass on Sunday and make a donation. And, if you want to bring your Mother and Father along, I'll marry them."

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best invoices held firm around last week levels. Balance too maintained. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.
- OP1** : Select best invoices were maintained. Balance too appreciated by Rs20-30/- per kg. Stalky invoices were maintained.
- OP** : A few selected OP's appreciated by Rs.10-20/- per kg; balance too maintained. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.
- OPA** : Select best teas were firm on last week levels; balance was firm on last week levels. Poor sorts were maintained.
- PEK/PEK1**: Select best PEK1's were maintained. Balance too maintained with a good demand. Bold PEK's held firm; balance tended irregular. Teas at the lower end declined Rs.20/- per kg.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP1	880-1100	880-1100	620-660	630-670	450-490	450-500
OP1	800-940	800-950	600-660	600-650	360-420	350-400
OP	620-670	620-670	520-570	520-560	330-390	320-370
OPA	630-680	630-680	510-530	520-560	330-380	330-370
PEK/PEK1	760-880	750-850	600-650	600-660	440-480	440-470

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Select Best and Best BOP's appreciated whilst cleaner Below Best sold around last levels. Balance were easier following quality.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : Well-made BOPF firm. Balance declined.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Few Select Best FBOP's firm. Others were easier. Best together with cleaner Below Best were firm to dearer. Balance were irregular following quality. Well-made FBOP1's were firm to dearer. Balance were irregular following quality.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best together with cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance firm on last. Select Best and Best FF1's appreciated whilst cleaner Below Best were firm. Balance were easier following quality.
- FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Best Tippy teas on offer appreciated whilst below best were irregular and the lower end teas appreciated,

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	1100-1250	1200-1350	680-770	680-770	400-420	400-440
BOPF /BOPFSP	690-890	690-890	600-710	600-710	300-430	300-420
FBOP/FBOP1	940-1250	940-1200	740-880	760-900	500-600	520-600
FBOPF/FBOPF1	940-1200	940-1250	700-780	700-780	420-550	420-560
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2900-3150	2200-3050	850-1300	850-1200	550-650	550-650

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best types gained Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Best on offer maintained last levels whilst the others were lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best maintained last levels whilst the others were irregularly lower by Rs.30-40/- per kg.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	800-980	780-920	700-800	680-780	580-700	580-680
FBOPF/FBOPF1	680-830	700-830	580-680	600-700	480-580	500-600
PEK/PEK1	800-960	800-960	670-800	700-800	500-670	500-700

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Western's were irregular with prices fluctuating following quality and special inquiry. In the Below Best category the better teas were barely steady, whilst the others declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. Plainer clean leaf types were barely steady, whilst the others declined Rs. 20-30 per kg and more. Nuwara Eliya's - The few limited invoices sold well. Uda Pussellawa's were firm to marginally dearer, Uva's - Seasonal teas continued to sell well although at lower levels to last with prices fluctuating following quality and special inquiry whilst the other non-seasonal types were generally firm.

BOPF: Best Western's - Select high priced teas of last week declined Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others were up to Rs. 20 per kg lower. In the Below Best category a selection of improved teas were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular. Plainer clean leaf types were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular. Nuwara Eliya together with the Uda Pussellawa's continued to sell around last week's levels. Uva's - Seasonal teas were selectively dearer following special inquiry, whilst the other non-seasonal types were irregular and barely steady.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	600-680	620-700	650-750	630-790
Below Best Westerns	510-590	530-610	550-640	510-620
Plainer Westerns	470-500	470-520	500-540	490-500
Nuwara Eliyas	720-800	670-880	650-660	600-730
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	520-570	500-570	500-570	500-560
Other Uda Pussellawas	450-500	480-490	470-490	470-490
Best Uva's.	560-1550	560-1850	590-1400	580-1300
Other Uva's	N/A	520-550	490-580	490-570

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Neat leaf well-made teas were Rs.30-40/- per kg dearer whilst the others were irregular.

BOPF : Better teas - hardly any offerings, whilst the poorer sorts were irregular and barely steady.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	N/A-850	520-780	440-530	N/A-520

CTC

High Grown : **BP1s** - Hardly any offerings.

PF1s - Better teas were barely steady whilst the other coloury sorts were up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

Medium Grown : **BP1s** - Hardly any offerings.

PF1s - Clean leaf coloury sorts were Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst the others were irregular and barely steady.

Low Grown : **BP1s** - Firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer for select invoices.

PF1s - Mostly firm.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	480-600	420-620	Not quoted	420-500
Medium	400-530	350-550	410-440	400-460
Low	430-760	400-740	420-610	550-600

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OFF GRADES

Select best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 advanced Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst others firm on last levels. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s held firm. Best BP's irregular. Well-made BM's appreciated Rs.10-20/- per kg.. Lower end teas dearer by 10-15/- per kg per kg. Select best BOP1A's firm. Best types and lower end teas held firm.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	330-530	330-510	340-420	340-410	330-450	330-430
Good Fannings (CTC)	330-400	330-400	330-390	330-390	330-380	330-380
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	370-420	370-420	330-390	330-390	370-390	370-390
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	390-430	390-420	390-440	390-430	400-460	390-440
Other BM's	330-370	330-360	330-370	330-360	330-380	330-360
Best BOP1As	420-450	420-450	390-440	390-440	530-590	530-590
Other BOP1As	350-370	350-370	350-380	350-380	350-380	350-380

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's fully firm on last levels. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst poorer varieties too followed a similar trend. PD's from High & Medium elevations held at last levels whilst Low Grown PD's lower by Rs.20-30/- per kg and at times more.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	600-870	600-870	480-540	500-520	500-620	500-620
Good Primary PD (CTC)	500-640	530-670	500-560	500-560	500-630	530-680
Secondary Dust	320-330	330-390	340-400	340-400	300-380	320-400

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2020	2021	Difference +/-	To-date 2020	To-date 2021	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	July	26.48	26.16	-0.32	156.94	187.78	30.84
BANGLADESH	June	8.96	13.54	4.58	21.81	25.74	3.9
KENYA	May	47.00	45.32	-1.68	254.20	230.60	-23.6
SOUTH INDIA	May	20.73	24.36	3.6	46.65	97.15	50.50
NORTH INDIA	May	76.02	77.4	1.35	133.58	177.86	44.28
MALAWI	Apr.	6.38	6.42	0.04	27.04	28.63	1.6

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
UGANDA	Dec.	6.11	5.90	-0.2	70.33	66.39	-3.94

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<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
Harangalla	BOP	850/-	St.James	BOP	940/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	1600/-
Dombagastalawa	BOP	850/-	Shawlands	BOPSP	940/-	Cecilayan	BOP1	1600/-
Craighead	BOPSP	830/-	St.James	BOPF/BOPFSP	1060/-	*Sithaka	BOP1	1500/-
Craighead	BOPF/BOPFSP	570/-	Halpewatte Uva	BOP1	920/-	Sithaka	OP1	1600/-
Harangalla	BOP1	850/-	Sarniaplaidrie	FBOP/FBOP1	800/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OP	880/-
Dombagastalawa	FBOP/FBOP1	980/-	Shawlands	FBOPF/FBOPF1	920/-	Liyonta	OPA	1020/-
Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	830/-	Glenalpin	OP/OPA	700/-	Green house	PEKOE	1160/-
*Uplands	OP/ OPA	700/-	Demodera S	OP1	880/-	Galathara	PEKOE1	1200/-
Harangalla	OP1	850/-	St.James	PEK /PEK1	1750/-	Pothotuwa	PEKOE1	1200/-
Uplands	PEK/PEK1	960/-				Peakview Super	PEKOE1	1200/-
New Fernland	PEK/PEK1	960/-				*KDU Super	PEKOE1	1180/-
*Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	940/-						
			<u>UVA HIGH</u>					
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			Aislaby	BOP	1550/-			
Sommerset	BOP	680/-	Spring Valley	BOPSP	650/-	<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u>		
Wattegodda	BOPSP	640/-	Uva Highlands	BOPF/BOPFSP	1400/-	Golden Garden	BOP	1250/-
Glentilt	BOPF/BOPFSP	750/-	Glenanore	BOP1	890/-	Thundola Ella	BOP	1250/-
Frotoft Super	BOP1	780/-	Uva Highlands	FBOP/ FBOP1	890/-	*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1200/-
Frotoft Super	FBOP/ FBOP1	760/-	Glenanore	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	*Kanneliya	BOP	1200/-
Weddamulla	FBOP/ FBOP1	760/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	680/-	Cecilayan	BOPSP	890/-
Frotoft Super	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	Oodoowerre	OP1	840/-	*Arbour Valley	BOPSP	860/-
Bambarakelle	OP/OPA	670/-	Spring Valley	OP1	840/-	*Hidellana	BOPF	870/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	670/-	Uva Highlands	PEK /PEK1	1850/-	*Allen Valley	BOPFSP	890/-
Venture	OP1	770/-				Kelani	FBOP	1250/-
Frotoft Super	PEK/PEK1	770/-				Sithaka	FBOP	1200/-
			<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			Pothotuwa	FBOP	1200/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			*Mooloya	BOP	540/-	*Bogoda Group	FBOP	1120/-
Lovers Leap	BOP	800/-	Blairlomond	BOPSP	570/-	Navinda	FBOP1	1250/-
Mahagastotte	BOP	800/-	Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	570/-	Andaradeniya	FBOPF	1200/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	Gordon	BOP1	740/-	*Sanasa	FBOPF	1080/-
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	680/-	*Delmar	FBOP	750/-	Rumassala Hills	FBOPF1	1300/-
Courtlodge	PEK/PEK1	620/-	Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-			
			*Delmar	OP/OPA	580/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u>		
			Gordon	OP/OPA	580/-	Streamline	FBOPFSP	2500/-
			*Delmar	OP1	820/-	Greenhouse	FBOPFEXSP	3150/-
			*Delmar	PEK/PEK1	690/-	*KDU Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2500/-
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			<u>OFF GRADES</u>					
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			Bogawantalawa	FNGS/FNGS1	580/-			
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	600/-	*Mooloya	FNGS/FNGS1	560/-	<u>DUST</u>		
Mt.Vernon	BP1	450/-	Strathdon CTC	PFGS	440/-	Mattakelle	Dust1	870/-
Ulugedara	BPS	500/-	Gunawardene	BM	610/-	Wattegodde	Dust1	870/-
			Rajjuruwatta	BP	640/-	Dunsinane CTC	PD	640/-
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>			*Garden Leaf	BOPIA	700/-			
New Peacock CTC	PF1	530/-						
*New Peacock	BP1	500/-						
Aultmore	BPS	410/-						
<u>LOW GROWN</u>								
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	760/-						
Cecilayan CTC	BP1	610/-						

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.33 OF 25TH AUGUST, 2021

	2021			2020	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	527.80	534.71	552.60	528.36	543.07
Western High Grown	573.65	578.36	599.97	548.76	589.33
High Grown	556.22	562.21	585.73	541.75	575.27
Uva Medium	580.48	567.70	571.55	571.90	584.84
Western Merdium	492.68	503.47	544.30	526.64	528.77
Medium Grown	519.36	524.23	552.50	540.50	546.43
Low Grown (Orthodox)	636.00	627.01	658.17	679.99	685.61
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	628.87	618.14	649.67	669.48	668.73
Total	595.40	590.10	619.32	623.06	627.78

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 07th/08th Sept, 2021</u>		<u>Sale of 14th/15th Sept, 2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,257	973,885	2,185	917,133
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,725	802,811	1,683	768,876
Low Grown Tippy	2,169	1,081,215	2,060	1,003,616
High & Medium	1,698	829,002	1,627	801,232
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,589	1,443,361	2,443	1,336,689
Dust	585	584,235	648	653,852
Premium Flowery	361	59,022	386	62,240
Ex-Estate	<u>834</u>	<u>948,720</u>	<u>757</u>	<u>846,344</u>
Total	<u>12,218</u>	<u>6,722,251</u>	<u>11,789</u>	<u>6,389,982</u>

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CATALOGUES

Sale No.36 of 14th/15th September, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on 26th August, 2021..

Sale No.37 of 21st/22nd September, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 02nd September, 2021 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached

Sale No.38 of 28th/29th September, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 09th September, 2021 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.35

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER **Auction of 07th/08th September, 2021**

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

1. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
2. John Keells PLC
3. Bartleet Producing Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Eastern Brokers Ltd.
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

1. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
5. John Keells PLC
6. Eastern Brokers Ltd
7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
8. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**

Ex-Estate

1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Eastern Brokers Ltd
5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. John Keells PLC
7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
8. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**

Private Sale Figures (23.08.2021 – 28.08.2021)	- 126,718.00 Kgs
Cumulative	- 4,026,010.59 Kgs

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Crop & Weather

For the period 23rd to 29th August, 2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions - Both regions reported overcast weather conditions with showers throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, scattered showers are expected in both regions, whilst strong winds are expected in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions - Sunny mornings and overcast evenings with scattered showers were reported in both regions throughout the week.

Low Grown - Overcast weather conditions with evening showers were reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects scattered showers in the Sabaragamuwa and Ruhuna regions in the week ahead.

Crop Intake - All regions reported a decline in the crop intake.

- OTHER MARKETS -

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.16 HELD ON TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2021

CTC LEAF : 44,145 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a fairly good demand.

BROKENS : Well made good liquoring small Brokens met with a fairly good market and were a little easier. Other varieties followed a similar trend whilst Plain and BLF teas were much less in demand with a quite lot of withdrawals.

FANNINGS : Good liquoring Fannings met with a good demand and mostly sold at around last levels with the very best declining in value. Medium types were a good market and generally sold at around last levels. Plain and BLF teas met with less demand and were easier with a lot of withdrawals.

CTC DUST : 131776 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with quite a good demand. Good liquoring Dusts were in good demand and sold at around last levels. Medium sorts were a good market and were generally firm to slightly dearer closely following quality except for CDs which were easier by Tk.10/- to Tk.15/- with quite a lot of withdrawals. Plain and BLF teas were much less in demand and saw a lot of withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Market opened to a good demand but slackened a little as the sale progressed. Blenders once again were the mainstay of the market but the Loose tea buyers were a little less active As a result, higher valued teas declined in value.

CD were a weak feature of the sale.

Our catalogue (Sale 16): Avg: Tk 201.01, Sold 77.6% & (Sale 15) Avg: Tk 200.87, sold 78.7%.

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	180-190N	190-200N	Best	203-208	205-210	PD	182-207	185-215
Medium	190-200	190-200	Good	193-199	193-200	RD	151-275	170-284
Small	192-201	192-201	Medium	188-192	188-192	D	157-279	167-282
Plain	175-180	175-180	Plain	175-180	175-180	CD	170-406	167-405
BLF	150-175	150-175	BLF	150-175	150-175	BLF	151-170	167-182

NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.35 of the 30th/31st August, 2021

Good general demand prevailed for the 132,399 packages (8,67m/kgs) available at irregular levels. 24.30% were unsold.

The Best **BP1s** in the market met an irregular enquiry varying between USC26 - USC62 dearer to easier by USC11 - USC66 while Brighter types held firm to USC30 above last week's levels with Medium varieties ranging between steady to USC6 dearer to easier by USC2 - USC23 and a few invoices were unsold. Lower Medium sorts were irregular and varied between USC2 - USC12 above last levels to easier by USC8 - USC23 and some lines remained unsold while Plainer varieties ranged between USC2 - USC32 dearer to easier by up to USC18 with some teas unsold.

Best **PF1s** available saw an irregular interest and varied between USC10 - USC28 above previous rates to easier by up to USC10 but Brighter categories advanced by USC14 - USC30. Medium varieties were steady to USC26 dearer but a few invoices remained unsold while Lower Mediums saw an irregular enquiry ranging between USC4 - USC13 above last prices to easier by USC3 - USC16 with some invoices unsold. Plainer descriptions were irregular and varied between USC5 - USC14 dearer to easier by USC2 - USC16 with some lines remaining without bids.

Best **PDUSTs** available held steady to USC16 above last levels while brighter categories were better absorbed advancing by USC16 - USC18. Medium varieties were well-competed for at firm to USC28 dearer with Lower Medium types irregular varying between steady to USC10 above previous week's rates to easier by USC2 - USC14 and some invoices were unsold. Plainer sorts met an irregular activity following quality and ranged between USC3 - USC19 dearer to easier by USC3 - USC8 with some teas remaining without bids.

The Best **DUST1s** in the market appreciated by USC15 - USC20 while Brighter types saw improved enquiry and gained USC20 - USC26 with Medium varieties steady to USC28 above previous rates but a few lines were unsold. Lower Medium categories met an irregular interest and varied between firm to USC10 dearer to easier by a similar level. Plainer descriptions ranged between steady to USC4 above last prices to easier by USC6 - USC8 and some teas remained unsold.

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs gained while PFs were firm. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings were dearer with similar DUSTs advancing. Other Fannings appreciated with DUSTs steady. BMFs were well absorbed at dearer rates.

Pakistan Packers lent strong support and were dominant with strong enquiry from Sudan and Bazaar while Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries and UK showed more interest. Egyptian Packers were active with Kazakhstan, other CIS nations and Russia selective while Afghanistan were quiet with Iran subdued.. Local Packers showed more and useful activity on account of price. Somalia were more active at the lower end of the market.

	BP1	PF1	PD
Best	254-638	290-346	288-319
Good Medium	246-284	248-314	262-314
Lower Medium	130-202	126-223	090-237
Plainer	110-194	092-210	095-179

SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28TH AUGUST, 2021

KOCHI

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Orthodox leaf grades witnessed fair demand at prices which were fairly steady. Some withdrawals were in evidence especially on the mediums and fannings grade. Buying Pattern : Middle East shippers operated with some support from CIS. Upcountry buyers lent support on whole leaf grades.

CTC LEAF

COONOR

Demand: Strong general demand.

Market : Market opened on a steady note and sold around last levels, as the sale progressed it had gained momentum and went on to be sold at fully firm to dearer levels across all grades and categories, including the common and Plainers which were rather less or ignored for couple of weeks. Bopf's witnessed rather less enquiry and were sold comparatively low.

The overall sale percentage is 92% at an average of Rs. 90.74.

Buying Pattern ; Major Blenders continued their support on the Best, Better and Medium Categories alongwith the other Regional Packeteers. Fairly good Internal participation was witnessed whilst Girnar Food and Beverages was seen with an impressive buying along with Siewart and Dholakia on the Export front. Vikrama Impex had been lending good support on the larger Broken of the common Plainers.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Sluggish

Market: An irregular market with the Broken selling at steady to firm and occasionally dearer levels. Others were irregularly lower. The sale had witnessed a considerable amount of withdrawals across all grades.

The overall sale percentage is 47% at an average of Rs.122.73.

Buying Pattern: Fair Export enquiry was forthcoming with Shah Brothers being active and were equally supported by the Internal buyers in which Kailash Associates seem to be covering fair quantity.

CTC DUST

Demand: Strong general demand.

Market: Barring a small percentage of Best liquoring types which have traded irregularly lower, the bolder Dust grades of the other types were fully firm to dearer by Rs.3/- to 5/- and upto Rs.10/- sometimes. However the finer dust grades were selling at barely steady to occasionally dearer levels. **The overall sale**

Buying Pattern : Strong enquiry was forthcoming from all quarters of the buyers with a Girnar Food and Beverages looking very strong on the Better and Medium types.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fairly good

Market: Though the sale percentage was slightly better the market wasn't impressive as it was trading irregularly with the Primary Dust grades selling at fully firm to dearer levels and others were easier by Rs.4/- to 5/-. The sale had also witnessed fair withdrawals on the Tertiaries. **The overall sale percentage is 71% at an average of Rs. 101.54.**

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Internal operations with Tea & Sip being active on the Primary High-grown dust. On the export front Madhu Jayanti and IPL were lending some support.

CTC LEAF

COIMBATORE

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Better medium and popular marks were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-. Medium blacker grainy teas were fully firm to occasionally dearer. Others barely steady. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: All sections were active.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Irregular and lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active.

01st September, 2021.

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