



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD **TEA MARKET REPORT**

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SALE NO.35 OF 07TH/08TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 35) was conducted on September 07 & 08 (Tue/Wed), amidst a nation-wide COVID-19 lockdown which has been further extended up to September 13, 2021. The offer quantity of 6.7 mkg was higher to the previous week's total by 0.1 mkg. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.9 mkg, whilst Main Sale High & Medium had 0.8 mkg and, Ex Estate category had 0.94 mkg.

High Grown plantation districts have reported heavy precipitation throughout the week. The Low Grown areas too have reported dull and overcast skies with evening showers whilst the Department of Meteorology predicts showers within the next few days in all plantation districts. Crop intake in all regions has seen a decline for the second consecutive week.

The sharp rise in freight, shortage of containers and lesser vessels calling over at the Colombo Port together with the sharp strengthening of the US Dollar against the SL Rupee have all happened together, and these factors had a devastating impact on the High Grown Ex Estate market with only the well-made, select liquoring teas from both the Western and Eastern slopes commanding firm to dearer prices. Balance teas were largely irregular and easier with poor leaf types being neglected and difficult of sale. CTC Teas – The best available neater and cleaner leaf teas from all elevations were fully firm to Rs. 20/- dearer, whilst poor leaf teas were neglected and often remained unsold for want of bids. Bulk buying for Russia was quite evident, whilst quality buyers for Japan and Germany concentrated on the best liquoring Western's, Nuwara Eliya's and Uva's. The UK was moderately active. There was some interest from Hong Kong and China as well.

There was fair demand for Low Grown leafy and Tippy teas whilst Semi-Leafy teas continued to attract good interest. Selected OP1's were maintained but poorer sorts were barely steady. Select best OP's and OPA's as well as improved below-best teas held firm; others mostly were irregular and easier. BOP1's in the 'Best' category were fully firm. Well-made Pekoes and Pekoe1 grades maintained last levels while others were mostly easier. The best FBOP's/FBOPF1's, and, improved below-best types were firm while secondary types were irregularly easier. Middle Eastern and Russian buyers continued active. Turkey concentrated on the better Pekoe types while Iran 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 **12,218** lots with a total quantity of **6,722,251** kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,257	973,885
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,725	802,811
Low Grown Tippy	2,169	1081,215
High & Medium	1,698	829,002
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,589	1,443,361
Dust	585	584,235
Premium Flowery	361	59,022
Ex-Estate	834	948,720
Total	<u>12,218</u>	<u>6,722,251</u>

In Lighter Vein

Senior Doctor Vs Young Doctor

A young doctor had moved out to a small community to replace a doctor who was retiring. The older doctor suggested that the young one accompany him on his rounds, so the community could become used to a new doctor. At the first house a woman complains, "I've been a little sick to my stomach." The older doctor says, "Well, you've probably been overdoing the fresh fruit. Why not cut back on the amount you've been eating and see if that does the trick?" As they left, the younger man said, "You didn't even examine that woman? How'd you come to the diagnosis so quickly?" "I didn't have to. You noticed I dropped my stethoscope on the floor in there? When I bent over to pick it up, I noticed a half dozen banana peels in the trash. That was what probably was making her sick." The younger doctor said "Pretty clever. If you don't mind, I think I'll try that at the next house." Arriving at the next house, they spent several minutes talking with a younger woman. She said that she just didn't have the energy she once did and said, "I'm feeling terribly run down lately." "You've probably been doing too much for the Church," the younger doctor told her. "Perhaps you should cut back a bit and see if that helps." As they left, the elder doctor said, "I know that woman well. Your diagnosis is almost certainly correct, she's very active in the church, but how did you arrive at it?" "I did what you did at the last house. I dropped my stethoscope and, when I bent down to retrieve it, I noticed the minister under the bed.

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best invoices maintained last week levels; balance was irregularly lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too declined.
- OP1** : Teas in the select best category fully firm on last week levels; balance appreciated by Rs.10-20/- per kg. However stalky invoices declined Rs.10-15/- per kg.
- OP** : Select best teas were lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg; balance tended irregular. Teas at the lower end maintained.
- OPA** : Select best OPA's was barely steady; balance was maintained. Poorer sorts tended irregular.
- PEK/PEK1**: Well-made shotty invoices were fully firm on last week levels; balance declined Rs.20/- per kg and at time more. Best bold PEK's was barely steady; balance declined Rs.30-40/- per kg and at times were difficult of sale. Teas at the lower end too declined Rs.20/- per kg and at times more.

<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	850-1100	880-1100	600-650	620-660	450-490	450-490
OP1	830-1000	800-940	620-670	600-660	360-400	360-420
OP	620-660	620-670	520-550	520-570	330-380	330-390
OPA	620-670	630-680	500-530	510-530	330-380	330-380
PEK/PEK1	740-850	760-880	600-640	600-650	420-470	440-480

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Select Best and Best BOP's held firm 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 firm whilst 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	900-1180	1100-1250	700-750	680-770	380-400	400-420
BOPF /BOPFSP	750-1080	690-890	600-700	600-710	350-380	300-430
FBOP/FBOP1	900-1350	940-1250	750-750	740-880	500-550	500-600
FBOPF/FBOPF1	900-1300	940-1200	700-800	700-780	450-550	420-550
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2500-3350	2900-3150	900-1500	850-1300	600-650	550-650

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best types lost Rs.30-40/- per kg whilst the others were fully firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Best on offer gained Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst the others were fully firm on last levels.

PEK/PEK1 : Best on offer lost Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst the others were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- 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	760-920	800-980	660-760	700-800	550-660	580-700
FBOPF/FBOPF1	750-860	680-830	650-750	580-680	460-650	480-580
PEK/PEK1	800-920	800-960	700-800	670-800	580-700	500-670

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Western's - Select invoices gained Rs. 20-40 per kg and substantially more following special inquiry, whilst the others were firm and at times lower following quality. In the Below Best category, a selection of improved teas gained Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the others were firm. At the lower end of the market, clean leaf teas were firm and Rs. 10 per kg dearer, whilst the poorer sorts were barely steady. Nuwara Eliya s continued to sell well. Uda Pussellawa's - Better teas were Rs. 10-20 per kg lowest whilst the others declined further and were often difficult of sale. Uva's - High priced seasonal teas were irregularly easier whilst the other non-seasonal types were Rs. 20 per kg lowest on average.

BOPF: Best Western's - Select invoices gained Rs. 10-20 per kg on average, whilst the others were irregular and lower by a similar margin. In the Below Best category, improved sorts were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer, whilst the others which were barely steady at the commencement and at times dearer declined towards the close of the sale and remained unsold due to lack of suitable bids.. Plainier clean leaf types too followed a similar trend and appreciated up to Rs. 20 per kg by the close. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's - Better sorts were firm, whilst the others declined Rs. 20 per kg and more following quality. Uva s - Seasonal teas were neglected and mostly unsold, whilst the other non-seasonal types were irregularly firm following quality.

<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	640-750	600-680	680-790	650-750
Below Best Westerns	530-630	510-590	580-670	550-640
Plainier Westerns	430-520	470-500	480-560	500-540
Nuwara Eliyas	740-850	720-800	500-670	650-660
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	520-590	520-570	510-570	500-570
Other Uda Pussellawas	440-510	450-500	480-500	470-490
Best Uva's.	560-1160	560-1550	560-700	590-1400
Other Uva's	500-550	N/A	520-550	490-580

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Neat leaf well-made teas were firm whilst the others were Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.

BOPF : Better teas - hardly any offerings, whilst the others were irregular and Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.

<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-830	N/A-850	420-540	440-530

CTC

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

PF1s - Best available were up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst the other neat leaf coloury sorts at the lower end appreciated Rs.20/- per kg and more selectively.

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

PF1s - Clean leaf coloury sorts – select invoices were up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst the others continued to sell around last week levels.

Low Grown : **BP1s** – Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer.

PF1s – Firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer for select invoices following special inquiry.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	460-630	480-600	460-490	Not quoted
Medium	420-530	400-530	430-460	410-440
Low	410-750	430-760	430-650	420-610

OFF GRADES

Select best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 firm on last week whilst others firm on last levels. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s held firm. Best BP's irregular. Well-made BM's lost Rs.10/- per kg. Best and below best teas lost Rs.20/- 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	330-530	340-420	340-420	330-450	330-450
Good Fannings (CTC)	330-400	330-400	330-390	330-390	330-380	330-380
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	370-390	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	390-420	390-430	380-440	390-440	380-460	390-460
Other BM's	330-350	330-370	330-350	330-370	330-350	330-380
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 also followed a similar trend whilst poorer varieties lost Rs.10-20/- per kg. PD's from High & Medium elevations declined by Rs.20/- per kg and at times more whilst Low Grown PD's 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 Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	600-880	600-870	480-570	480-540	500-640	500-620
Good Primary PD (CTC)	500-630	500-640	480-530	500-560	520-700	500-630
Secondary Dust	300-330	320-330	320-400	340-400	320-380	300-380

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	830/-	St.James	BOP	1140/-	New Vithanakande	BOP1	1800/-
*Dartry Valley	BOP	820/-	Telbedde	BOPSP	760/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	1650/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	780/-	*Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	750/-	*Sithaka	BOP1	1550/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSP	540/-	St.James	BOPF/BOPFSP	700/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OP1	1650/-
Dartry Valley	BOP1	870/-	Demodara S	BOP1	870/-	Liyonta	OP1	1650/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	920/-	Halpewatte Uva	FBOP/FBOP1	890/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OP	880/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOP/FBOP1	920/-	Shawlands	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1020/-	Liyonta	OP	880/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	860/-	Shawlands	OP/OPA	690/-	Green Lanka	OPA	1140/-
Cooroondoowatte	OP/ OPA	710/-	Glen Alphin	OP1	860/-	Liyonta	PEKOE	1350/-
Weralugolla	OP1	860/-	St.James	PEK /PEK1	1060/-	Deerwood Super	PEKOE1	1300/-
New Fernland	PEK/PEK1	980/-				Allerton	PEKOE1	1300/-
*Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	920/-				*K D U Super	PEKOE1	1250/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			<u>UVA HIGH</u>			<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u>		
Somerset	BOP	750/-	Aislaby	BOP	1160/-	Golden Garden	BOP	1180/-
Gouravilla	BOP	750/-	Ranaya	BOPSP	640/-	*Kanneliya	BOP	1100/-
Bearwell	BOPSP	690/-	Aislaby	BOPF/BOPFSP	700/-	Sudugahahena	BOPSP	1000/-
Somerset	BOPF/BOPFSP	800/-	*Battawatte	BOP1	790/-	*Peak Paradise	BOPSP	980/-
Glenloch	BOP1	780/-	Oodoowerre	FBOP/ FBOP1	800/-	Sudugahahena	BOPF	1080/-
Bambarakelly	FBOP/ FBOP1	790/-	Oodoowerre	FBOPF/FBOPF1	810/-	*K.D.U Super	BOPFSP	860/-
Bogahawatte	FBOP/ FBOP1	790/-	Glenanore	FBOPF/FBOPF1	810/-	Kiruwanaganga	BOPFSP	850/-
Bambarakelly	FBOPF/FBOPF1	750/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	680/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BOPFSP	840/-
Glenloch	OP/OPA	640/-	Glenanore	OP1	830/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	1350/-
Venture	OP1	750/-	Uva Highlands	PEK /PEK1	1180/-	Pothotuwa	FBOP	1300/-
Bogahawatte	PEK/PEK1	810/-				Kiruwanaganga	FBOP	1300/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			*Hidellana	FBOP	1250/-
Mahagastotte	BOP	850/-	Kirklees	BOP	500/-	*Hidellana	FBOP1	1200/-
Kenmare	BOPF/BOPFSP	670/-	Kirklees	BOPSP	590/-	*Hidellana	FBOPF	1300/-
Lovers Leap	FBOP/FBOP1	750/-	Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	570/-	*Goorookoya	FBOPF1	1200/-
Court lodge	OP/OPA	480/-	Blairlomond	BOPF/BOPFSP	570/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	FBOPF1	980/-
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	580/-	Delmar	FBOP	750/-	Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	980/-
Lovers Leap	PEK/PEK1	580/-	*Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-	*Hidellana	FBOPF1	940/-
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			Delmar	OP/OPA	600/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u>		
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			Gordon	OP/OPA	600/-	Parakaduwa	FBOPFSP	3350/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	630/-	Delmar	OP1	550/-	New Laksakanda	FBOPFSP	2900/-
Ulugedara	BP1	490/-	Blairlomond	PEK/PEK1	730/-	*New Galagawa	FBOPFSP	2700/-
Dunsinane CTC	BPS	520/-	Delmar	PEK/PEK1	700/-	Lickra	FBOPFEXSP	2900/-
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>			<u>OFF GRADES</u>			Sunrise	FBOPFEXSP1	2650/-
Rothschild CTC	PF1	530/-	Wanaraja	FNGS/FNGS1	580/-	*KDU Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2350/-
Strathdon CTC	BP1	460/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PF	510/-	<u>DUST</u>		
Aultmore CTC	BP1	460/-	Kiruwanaganga	BP	610/-	Mattakelle	Dust1	880/-
*Donside CTC	BPS	440/-	Waturawila	BM	640/-	Cecilayan CTC	PD	700/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	440/-	Rajuruwatte	BOPIA	660/-			
<u>LOW GROWN</u>			*Arbour Valley	BOPIA	650/-			
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	750/-						
Cecilayan CTC	BP1	650/-						

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.34 OF 31ST AUGUST, 2021

	2021			2020	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	568.35	541.64	553.14	527..42	542.66
Western High Grown	573.31	578.20	599.33	549.03	588.39
High Grown	571.43	564.59	585.34	541.87	574.46
Uva Medium	572.47	568.65	571.58	562.63	584.11
Western Merdium	494.27	501.77	542.89	503.19	527.97
Medium Grown	518.08	523.22	551.52	522.74	545.68
Low Grown (Orthodox)	636.91	628.98	657.57	657.37	684.72
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	630.72	620.46	649.15	648.50	668.11
Total	598.23	591.71	618.73	606.68	627.15

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 14th/15th Sept, 2021</u>		<u>Sale of 21st/22nd Sept, 2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,185	917,133	2,089	850,985
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,683	768,876	1,642	752,640
Low Grown Tippy	2,060	1,003,616	2,131	1,055,914
High & Medium	1,627	801,232	1,542	776,133
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,443	1,336,689	2,311	1,280,917
Dust	648	653,852	633	641,402
Premium Flowery	386	62,240	398	67,446
Ex-Estate	<u>757</u>	<u>846,344</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>775,939</u>
Total	<u>11,789</u>	<u>6,389,982</u>	<u>11,439</u>	<u>6,201,376</u>

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CATALOGUES

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

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **02nd September, 2021..**

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.39 of 05th/06th October, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **16th September, 2021 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.36

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER **Auction of 14th/15th September, 2021**

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Private Sale Figures (30.08.2021 – 04.09.2021) - 75,212.00 Kgs

Cumulative - 4,101,222.59 Kgs

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Crop & Weather

For the period 30th August to 05th September, 2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions - The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported overcast weather conditions and rain throughout the week. Scattered showers and strong winds are expected in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead by the Department of Meteorology.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions - The Uva Region reported overcast weather conditions with scattered showers, whilst the Udapussellawa Region reported dull weather conditions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects scattered showers in both regions in the week ahead.

Low Grown - Overcast weather conditions with heavy evening showers were reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. Scattered showers are expected in the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

Western, Uva, Udapussellawa and Low Grown regions reported a decline in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region maintained.

OTHER MARKETS -

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.17 HELD ON MONDAY 06TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

CTC LEAF : 441,735 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with little improved demand.

BROKENS : Well made good liquoring Brokens were a good market and tended dearer. Medium varieties were well competed for and were also dearer. Plain and BLF teas were again an easier market with a lot of withdrawals.

FANNINGS : Good liquoring Fannings once again met with good demand and were mostly firm. Medium varieties followed a similar trend and were occasionally a little dearer. Plain and BLF teas were again an easier market with a lot of withdrawals.

CTC DUST : 11,269 packages of Current Season and 25 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with quite a good demand. Well made good liquoring Dusts were a good market and were fully firm to slightly dearer. Medium varieties met with a good competition and sold at around last levels except for CDs which were easier by Tk.10/- to Tk.15/-. Plain and BLF teas were again an easier market with a lot of withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Market witnessed some improvement in demand this week with buyers showing more interest and competing more freely. Both Blenders and Loose tea buyers were more active. Higher valued teas once again declined in prices in line with quality.

CDs once again were a weak feature of the sale.

Our catalogue (Sale 17): Avg: Tk 200.97, Sold 74.0% & (Sale 16) Avg: Tk 200.00, sold 78.3%.

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	180-190N	180-190N	Best	204-209	203-208	PD	180-243	182-207
Medium	190-202	190-200	Good	193-200	193-199	RD	160-280	151-275
Small	192-202	192-201	Medium	189-192	188-192	D	172-285	157-279
Plain	175-180	175-180	Plain	175-180	175-180	CD	173-406	170-406
BLF	150-170	150-175	BLF	150-170	150-175	BLF	160-173	151-170

NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.36 of the 6th/7th September, 2021

There was good but irregular demand for the 128,659 packages (8.39m/kgs) on offer closely following quality and 28.94% remained unsold

Best **BP1s** on offer were better absorbed advancing by USC12 - USC26 closely following quality and Brighter varieties USC3 - USC4 dearer with quality while Medium categories held firm to USC23 above previous week's levels and some lines remained unsold. Lower Medium types saw an irregular interest ranging between firm to USC14 dearer to easier by USC4 - USC18 and some invoices remained without bids. Plainer descriptions varied between USC5 - USC13 dearer to easier by a similar rate and some teas remained unsold.

The Best **PF1s** in the market held firm to USC10 dearer with quality while Brighter types were steady to USC28 following quality. Medium categories were irregular with quality varying between firm to USC22 above previous week's levels to easier by USC2 - USC7 and some invoices remained unsold. Lower Medium varieties were irregular with improved lines gaining USC4 - USC10 but others eased by USC2 - USC13 where sold while Plainer sorts ranged between USC10 - USC14 above last prices to easier by USC2 - USC22 and some teas were unsold.

The Best **PDUSTs** on offer appreciated by USC4 - USC17 with Brighter types USC4 - USC8 above last levels while Mediums were irregular varying between firm to USC4 dearer to easier by a similar level and a few lines remained without bids. Lower Medium varieties met an irregular enquiry ranging between steady to USC13 above previous week's rates to easier by USC2 - USC26 and a few invoices were unsold. Plainer descriptions varied between firm to USC12 dearer to easier by USC3 - USC15 with some teas unsold.

Best **DUST1s** available saw better absorption and advanced by USC6 - USC28 with Brighter categories steady to USC10 below last similar DUSTs firm. Other Fannings week's levels. Medium types met an irregular support ranging between firm to USC18 above last prices to easier by USC11 - USC24 and many invoices remained unsold due to price limits while Lower Medium types varied between steady to USC10 above last rates to easier by USC8 - USC14 with some invoices unsold Plainer categories were irregular varying between USC2 - USC10 dearer to easier by a similar level and some teas remained without bids.

In the secondary catalogues, Best BPs were dearer with others steady while PFs gained. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings held value but best appreciated with similar DUSTs firm. Other Fannings were steady with DUSTs firm. BMFs were well absorbed.

Kazakhstan, other CIS states and Sudan lent more and strong support while Egyptian Packers, Bazaar, Yemen and other Middle Eastern Countries were active. Pakistan Packers reduced interest while UK were active but selective with less activity from Russia. There were some purchases from Iran with Afghanistan quiet. Local Packers showed good interest in line with price. Somalia lent good support at the lower end of the market.

	BP1	PF1	PD
Best	280-650	290-346	292-336
Good Medium	245-300	270-312	266-310
Lower Medium	130-198	124-220	100-238
Plainer	108-170	090-206	090-179

SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 04TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

KOCHI

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Prices realized were fully firm to occasionally dearer for all varieties.

Buying Pattern : Middle East shippers operated with some support from CIS.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Market for the popular marks and better liquoring sorts sold around last levels whilst the others are tending irregularly lower with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Popular marks witnessed good support from Blenders, internal & regional packeteers. Upcountry buyers operated on bolder grades.

CTC LEAF

COONOR

Demand: Strong.

Market : Market had opened on a barely steady note selling around last levels across all grades and categories. As the sale progressed market had gained momentum and went on to be sold fully firm to dearer on the Broken by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/-, however the Fannings were rather irregularly easier and suffered some withdrawals. **The overall sale percentage is 91% at an average of Rs. 92.88.**

Buying Pattern ; Yet again strong enquiry was witnessed from the Major Blenders along with the other Regional Packeteers. The Internal was also lending good support in which Vikrama Impex was active on the Medium categories. Girnar Food and Beverages, Siewart and Dholakia were active on the Export front.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Fairly good,

Market: Though the percentage of sale improved considerably from last week, the market tended irregular and mostly easier with Broken and Whole leaf grades tending Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- sometimes upto Rs. 8/- lower. However the Fannings were barely steady and occasionally dearer. **The overall sale percentage is 73% at an average of Rs.117.46.**

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export enquiry was witnessed with Internal buyers also seen lending equal good support.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: An irregular market selling around last levels. However there has been a less enquiry for the Better Mediums which have sold lower by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- or suffered fair withdrawals on the Bolder dusts. Some of the blacker and cleaner types have moved in prices. **The overall sale percentage is 84% at an average of Rs. 97.52.**

Buying Pattern : Fairly good Internal enquiry was forthcoming with Tea Sip and Taste continued to support on the Best and Better liquoring types. Major Blenders were seen lending fair support. On the Export front there has been an overwhelming support from Girnar Food and Beverages.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fair.

Market: Market had shown an improvement in prices by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 10/- on the primary dust, more so on the popular cleaner types. The Tertiaries were rather irregular and sometimes occasionally dearer.

The overall sale percentage is 69% at an average of Rs. 104.

Buying Pattern: Both Internal and Export were operating at an equal quantity.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair general demand.

Market: Better medium BOPF's were steady. Others irregular with some withdrawals. Mediums were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Plainer sorts were fully firm to occasionally dearer by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Blenders, packeteers and internal buyers were active. Exporters selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Barely steady with heavy withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were selective.

TEA ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI

PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR MADE TEA (IN KILOGRAMS)

	AVERAGES				YEAR, 2019		Previous Year 2020		Current Year 2021	
Month	10 year by		5 Year by		Actual by					
	Month	Cumulative	Month	Cumulative	Month	Cumulative	Month	Cumulative	Month	Cumulative
January	6486234	6486234	6186830	6186830	7446625	7446625	6325776	6325776	7008428	7008428
February	6490809	13636513	6886514	13073344	7282858	14729483	7609720	13935496	7206809	14215237
March	7150279	20786792	7145678	20219022	6441811	21171294	6727868	20663364	7997397	22212634
April	6160576	26947368	6376206	26595228	7374647	28545941	6383233	27046597	6422709	28635343
May	4116984	31064352	3993177	30588405	4490354	33036295	2845190	29891787	3753705	32389048
June	1867575	32931927	1716743	32305148	1617585	34653880	1386937	31278724	2163156	34552204
July	1238451	34170378	1209441	33514589	1359254	36013134	1076998	32355722	1796747	36348951
August	1436547	35606925	1574873	33514589	1667125	37680259	1264253	33619975	2086928	38435879
September	2284906	37891831	2622154	36136743	2109550	39789809	2786664	36406639		
October	1961732	39853563	1907103	38043846	2301837	42091646	2126599	38533238		
November	1562167	41415730	1351818	39395664	1116555	43208201	1386304	39919542		
December	4641128	45397388	5562077	44957741	4983407	48191608	5253912	45173454		
TOTAL	45397388	45397388	46532614	46532614	48191608	48191608	45173454	45173454		

			PREVIOUS SEASON		CURRENT SEASON	
	2019/ 2020		2020 / 2021		2021 / 2022	
Month	Month	Cumulative	Month	Cumulative	Month	Cumulative
July	1359254	1359254	1076998	1076998	1796747	1796747
August	1667125	3026379	1264253	2341251	2086928	3883675
September	2109550	5135929	2786664	5127915		
October	2301837	7437766	2126599	7254514		
November	1116555	8554321	1386304	8640818		
December	4983407	13537728	5253912	13894730		
January	6325776	19863504	7008428	20903158		
February	7609720	27473224	7206809	28109967		
March	6727868	34201092	7997397	36107364		
April	6383233	40584325	6422709	42530073		
May	2845190	43429515	3753705	46283778		
June	1386937	44816452	2163156	48446934		
TOTAL	44816452	44816452	48446934	48446934		

SOURCE: TEA ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI, BLANTYRE.

08th September, 2021
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