

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.38 OF 28TH/29TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 38) was conducted on September 28 & 29 (Tue/Wed), still amidst a further extended nation-wide COVID-19 lockdown which will be in force till October 01, 2021. The offer quantity of 5.9 mkgs was 0.3 mkgs lower to the previous week's total. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.72 mkgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium had 0.7 mkgs and, Ex Estate category had 0.77 4kgs.

Ex Estate teas met with an irregular market resulting in sharp price declines. Better Western BOP's lost Rs. 30/- to 50/- while their BOPF's counterparts eased up to Rs. 20/-. Below best Western BOP's with neat leaf held firm, but their corresponding BOPF's were lower by Rs. 20/-. Nuwara Eliya BOP's were irregularly easier, and their BOPF's were mostly unsold for want of satisfactory bids. Uda Pussellawa BOP's were sharply lower; and BOPF's with neater leaf were fully firm although poor leaf teas were easier. Uva's were substantially lower following quality. CTC Teas – Cleaner teas from High and Medium elevations were fully firm to Rs. 20/- dearer, whilst poor leaf teas were barely firm. Low Grown PF1's were firm. Bulk buying for Russia was maintained. Buyers of topend quality teas for Japan and Germany were very selective. The UK was moderately active, but, selective. There was some demand from Hong Kong, Taiwan and China.

There was fair demand for Low Grown teas. The better OP1's as well as improved below-best teas were fully maintained whilst poorer teas were easier. Best available OP's and OPA's held firm while poorer teas were easier. BOP1's in the 'Best' category were selectively dearer, while others held firm. Well-made Pekoes and Pekoe1 grades maintained last levels; mixed varieties continued to decline as in the previous sale. The best FBOP's/FBOPF1's, and, improved below-best types were fully firm to dearer. Buyers for the Middle East and Germany were active on well-made BOP1 types while the CIS and Russia continued to actively operate across most clean and well sorted leafy teas. Turkey was more active on the better Pekoes. Iran did not miss to 'cherry pick' the well-made Tippy descriptions. Iraq was active for bottom level teas.

This week's auction comprised of 11,300 lots with a total quantity of 5,940,903 kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,094	858,080
Low Grown Semi Leaf	y 1,774	781,106
Low Grown Tippy	2,126	1,024,236
High & Medium	1,581	773,250
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,141	1,183,707
Dust	516	512,920
Premium Flowery	408	63,593
Ex-Estate	660	744,011
Total	11,300	5,940,903

In Lighter Vein

The Photo in Her Purse

A young couple gets married and go on their honeymoon, the following morning the bride walks out of the shower, naked. The husband says, "Stop." Grabs his camera and takes a quick photo. She asks him why he took a photo when he can see her naked anytime? He says, "So I can carry it in my wallet, close to my heart." She smiles.

He goes to have his shower, as he comes out and she is waiting with the camera and takes his photo. He says, "Is that so you can carry my picture with you always?" "No, it's so I can have it enlarged."

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1: Select best BOP1's were maintained; balance was irregularly lower. Teas at the lower end declined.

OP1: A few select best teas held firm, balance declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Stalky invoices were maintained.

OP: Select best invoices tended irregular; balance however maintained last week levels. Teas at the lower end were firm.

OPA: Teas in the select best category held firm; balance too maintained. Poorer sorts held firm.

PEK/PEK1: Well-made PEK1's were lower by Rs.30-40/- per kg; balance too tended substantially easier. Best bold PEK's were lower by Rs.30-40/- per kg. Balance too lower by Rs.30-40/- per kg and at times were difficult of sale. Poorer teas too declined.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Belov	v Best	Others		
	This Week Last Week		This Week	This Week Last Week		Last Week	
BOP1	850-1100	850-1100	600-640	600-650	450-500	450-500	
OP1	820-920	820-950	620-650 620-660		350-370	350-380	
OP	620-650	600-650	500-530	500-530 500-530		320-350	
OPA	620-650 600-650		500-530	500-530 500-530		320-350	
PEK/PEK1	720-820	730-850	600-620	600-620 600-620		400-440	

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Well-made BOP's sold around last levels whilst cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end

appreciated. Balance irregular following quality.

BOPF/BOPFSP: Select best BOPF appreciate. Balance were firm on last.

FBOP/FBOP1: Well-made FBOP's were firm to selectively dearer whilst cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end

appreciated. Balance were firm on last. FBOP1's in general firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and below best together with cleaner teas at the bottom appreciated. Balance were firm on last, Well-made FF1's were firm to selectively dearer. Cleaner

below best and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance sold around last levels.

FBOPFSP/EXSP: Best Tippy teas on offer held firm whilst below best were firm whilst the lower end teas appreciated,

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Belov	v Best	Others	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
BOP/BOPSP	900-1400	880-1200	650-750	650-760	360-380	360-380
BOPF/BOPFSP	800-920	750-940	650-750	650-750 600-700		360-380
FBOP/FBOP1	1000-1350	900-1300	700-750	750-850	500-550	500-550
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1100-1400	1100-1400 1000-1350		700-800	500-520	450-550
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2500-3400	2500-3200	1000-1500	1000-1500	600-650	600-650

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP: The best on offer appreciated on last levels and poorer sorts lost Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Well-made neat leaf lost Rs.10-20/- per kg, balance on offer too declined further. **PEK/PEK1**: Well-made shotty PEK1's tended irregular and balance too were lost in value.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Ве	est	Below	v Best	Others	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
FBOP	770-980 760-920		640-770	650-760	530-640	550-650
FBOPF/FBOPF1	760-840	770-900	630-760	650-770	450-630	460-650
PEK/PEK1	790-1140	800-920	625-790 650-800		500-625	530-650

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Western's - Select high priced teas of last week declined Rs. 30-50 per kg and more, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category brighter sorts were firm, whilst the others together with the teas at the lower end of the market were irregular. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular and easier. Uda Pussellawa's - Better sorts were sharply lowel whilst the others were irregular and sold around lastweek's levels. Uva's were mostly firm,

BOPF: Best Western's - Select invoices gained Rs. 20 per kg and substantially more for select invoices following special inquiry whilst the others were often firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. In the Below Best category, a selection ofimproved teas appreciated Rs. 20 per kg and substantially more for select invoices, whilst the others were irregular. Lighter thinner liquoring types were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower, Plainer sorts which commenced firm appreciated Rs. 20 per kg by the close. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular and barely maintained. Uda Pussellawa's were irregular following quality. Uva's - the limited availability of seasonal teas continued to be neglected, whilst the non-seasonal coloury types - select invoices were Rs. 20-30 per kg deareS, whilst the others were lower by a similar margin following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	В	OP	BOPF		
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	
Best Westerns	660-850	680-810	650-750	680-800	
Below Best Westerns	570-650	580-670	580-640	600-670	
Plainer Westerns	480-560	540-570	480-570	500-590	
Nuwara Eliyas	800	720-840	770	540-600	
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	520-560	540-590	550-660	550-660	
Other Uda Pussellawas	480-510	460-510	490-540	500-540	
Best Uva's.	550-630	540-870	580-820	550-640	
Other Uva's	460-540	480-520	500-570	500-540	

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

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

BOPF: Better teas - hardly any offerings whilst the poorer sorts were Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BO	P	BOPF		
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	
Best Westerns	N/A-850	420-830	440-510	N/A-520	

CTC

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

PF1s - Best available were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst a selection of coloury sorts at the lower end of

the market appreciated by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others sold around last week's levels.

Medium Grown: BP1s - Hardly any offerings.

PF1s - Irregular,

Low Grown: **BP1s** – Firm and tended marginally dearer.

PF1s – Firm around last week's levels.

	P	F1	BP1			
Quotations (Rs./Kg)	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week		
High	470-630	470-650	460-560	450-490		
Medium	380-560	400-530	410-530	430-440		
Low	400-720	430-790	435-690	410-680		

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OFF GRADES

Select best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 firm on last week, best and below best types little lower. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s firm on last levels. Best BP's irregular. Well-made BM's appreciated Rs.20/- per kg. Best and below best teas advanced Rs.10-20/- per kg. Select best BOP1A's firm. Best types a little irregular and lower end teas dearer by Rs.20/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MED	DIUM	LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	330-540	330-530	340-400	340-400	330-430	330-430
Good Fannings (CTC)	330-370	330-380	330-370	330-380	330-350	330-360
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	370-380	370-390	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	390-460	390-440	390-470	380-450	390-480	390-470
Other BM's	340-370	330-350	340-370	330-350	340-370	330-350
Best BOP1As	420-450	420-450	390-440	390-440	525-560	530-590
Other BOP1As	350-370	350-360	340-380	330-360	340-380	330-360

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's maintained last levels whilst below best types gained Rs.10/- per kg and at times more. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's appreciated Rs.20/- per kg whilst poorer varieties also followed a similar trend. PD's from High & Medium witnessed an irregular demand and lost Rs.10/- per kg whilst Low Grown PD's held firm.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	нісн		MEI	DIUM	LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	650-900	650-920	500-560	500-560	590-700	590-630
Good Primary PD (CTC)	580-640	590-630	480-620	470-550	500-620	550-660
Secondary Dust	300-330	300-310	350-400	350-380	320-390	320-370

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	Мау	47.00	45.32	-1.68	254.20	230.60	-23.6
SOUTH INDIA	Мау	20.73	24.36	3.6	46.65	97.15	50.50
NORTH INDIA	Мау	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

[&]quot;Africa Tea Brokers Bulletin of Statistics"

WESTERN ME	DIUM		UVA MEDIUM			LOW GROWN	LEAFY GRAD	ES
*Dartry Valley	BOP	850/-	Demodera S	BOP	800/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	1650/-
*Ancombra	BOP	830/-	Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	820/-	*Arbour Valley	BOP1	1300/-
Doombagastalawa		790/-	Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	760/-	Kelani	BOP1	1300/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	750/-	*Halpewatte Uva		730/-	Cecliyan	BOP1	1300/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	740/-	Demodara S	BOP1	980/-	*Hidellana	BOP1	1200/-
Orange Field	BOPF/BOPFSP	580/-	Aruna Passara	FBOP/FBOP1	840/-	Gunawardena	OP1	1350/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	860/-	Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	840/-	Liyonta	OP1	1350/-
*Dartry Valley	BOP1	850/-	Telbedde	OP/OPA	740/-	Millawitiya Super	OP	870/-
Doombagastalawa		980/-	Demoder S	OP1	870/-	Liyonta	OPA	1040/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	840/-	Roseland Uva	PEK /PEK1	890/-	*Makandura	OPA	1020/-
*Upper Glouster		720/-	110001111111111111111111111111111111111	I DIL / I DILI	0,50,	Liyonta	PEKOE ++	1800/-
*Uplands	OP/ OPA	710/-	UVA HIGH			*Andaradeniya S		1300/-
*Hatale	OP1	940/-		BOP	620/-	Tea Lanka	PEKOE1	1300/-
Uplands	PEK/PEK1	1140/-	Aislaby			T Cu Eurika	LIKOLI	1300/
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	980/-	Aislaby	BOPF/BOPFSP	820/-	LOW CROWN	TIDDY CDADE	: e
*Uplands	PEK/PEK1	960/-	Glenanore	BOP1	920/-	LOW GROWN		
Opianus	I EK/I EKI	700/-	Aislaby	FBOP/ FBOP1	1000/-	Brombil	BOP	1250/-
WEOTERN 1116			Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	790/-	*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1200/-
WESTERN HIG	 '		Haputale Super	OP/OPA	720/-	*Kanneliya	BOP	1200/-
Somerset	BOP	850/-	Aislaby	OP1	790/-	Ceciliyan	BOPSP	1400/-
Venture	BOPSP	620/-	Glenanore	PEK/PEK1	820/-	*KDU Super	BOPSP	980/-
Gouravilla	BOPF/BOPFSP	750/-				*Peak Paradise	BOPSP	960/-
Inverness	BOP1	850/-	UDA PUSSEL	<u>LAWA</u>		*Ihalapanapitiya	BOPFSP	920/-
Bogahawatte	FBOP/ FBOP1	820/-	Liddesdale	BOP	560/-	*Athukorala Sup	erBOPFSP	890/-
Bogahawatte	FBOPF/FBOPF1	790/-	Liddesdale	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	*Allen Valley	BOPFSP	880/-
Venture	OP/OPA	690/-	*Delmar	FBOP	760/-	*Hidellana	BOPF	900/-
			Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-	*Sithaka	BOPF	840/-
NUWARA ELIY	<u> </u>		*Delmar	OP/OPA	610/-	Pothatuwa	FBOP	1350/-
Lovers Leap	BOP	800/-	Delmar	OP1	550/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	1300/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	770/-	*Delmar	PEK/PEK1	760/-	Kiruwanaganga	FBOP	1300/-
Kenmare	BOP1	650/-	*Delmar	PEK/PEK1	610/-	Sithaka	FBOP1	980/-
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	880/-		1 212/1 2121	010,	Diyakaduwa	FBOP1	980/-
Kenmare	FBOPF/FBOPF1	780/-	OFF GRADES			*Katanwila	FBOPF	1400/-
			*Chandrika Estat	- ENGQÆNGG1	590/-	Ransegoda	FBOPF1	1250/-
CTC TEAS				PF	550/-			
	_		Hingalgoda CTC Falcon Lanka	BP		PREMIUM FLO	WERY	
HIGH GROWN	='				650/-	Maddakande	FBOPFSP	2450/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	630/-	Wathurawila	BM	670/-	Nilrich	FBOPFEXSP	3400/-
DunsinaneCTC	BP1	560/-	*Andardeniya Hi		620/-	Thundola Ella	FBOPFEXSP1	3100/-
			Garden Leaf	BOP1A	720/-	Thundora Ena	TBOTTEASTT	3100/-
MEDIUM GRO	<u>WN</u>					DUCT		
New Peacock CTC	PF1	560/-				DUST		
Strathdon CTC	BP1	530/-				Mattakelle	DUST1	900/-
						Dunsinane CTC	PD	640/-
LOW GROWN								
New Galbode CTC	PF1	720/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	690/-						
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COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.37 OF 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2021

		2021	2020		
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	507.33	516.26	549.74	528.63	541.59
Western High Grown	605.65	594.51	598.79	590.34	587.75
High Grown	570.45	566.79	583.77	568.30	573.56
Uva Medium	532.66	531.38	568.14	565.52	582.56
Western Merdium	481.66	485.23	538.64	524.96	527.39
Medium Grown	498.14	500.50	547.57	537.36	544.81
Low Grown (Orthodox)	640.94	628.34	655.36	681.59	683.87
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	632.26	619.32	647.06	671.70	667.86
Total	596.84	587.86	616.48	630.81	626.92

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	Sale of 05	Sale of 05th/06th Oct, 2021		1/12 th Oct, 2021
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,171	904,193	1,985	800,716
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,609	720,538	1,527	669,937
Low Grown Tippy	2,115	1,044,443	1,942	951,365
High & Medium	1,526	765,574	1,488	731,197
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,382	1,289,630	2,192	1,179,135
Dust	540	506,848	615	601,411
Premium Flowery	376	58,865	384	61,252
Ex-Estate	631	707,894	663	748,819
Total	11,350	<u>5,997,985</u>	10,796	5,743,832

CATALOGUES

Sale No.40 of 11th/12th October, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on 23rd September, 2021..

Sale No.41 of 18th October, 2021 (One Day Auction)

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 30th September, 2021 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached

Sale No.42 of 26th/27th October, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **07**th **October**, **2021** at **04.30 p.m**. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.39

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER Auction of 05th/06th October, 2021

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Private Sale Figures (21.09.2021 – 25.09.2021)

- 99,799.00 Kgs

Cumulative

- 4,416,713.59 Kgs

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Crop & Weather

For the period 20th to 26th September, 2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions - Overcast weather with sporadic showers were reported in the Western Region, whilst sunny mornings and overcast evenings with occasional showers were reported in the Nuwara Eliya Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects scattered showers in the Western Region and heavy showers in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Region - The Udapussellawa Region reported dull weather with occasional showers, whilst the Uva Region reported clear mornings and overcast evenings with scattered showers throughout the week. Heavy showers are expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Growns - Overcast weather with rain was reported in the Ruhuna Region, whilst the Sabaragamuwa Region reported clear weather with sporadic showers throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, scattered showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead.

Crop Intake - The Western, Udapussellawa and the Ruhuna regions reported a decline in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya, Uva and the Sabaragamuwa regions maintained.

- OTHER MARKETS-

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.20 HELD ON MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

CTC LEAF: 47,515 packages of Current Season and 147 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Well made good liquoring Brokens were a strong market and were mostly dearer by Tk.1/- to Tk.2/-. Their Medium types were fully firm to occasionally dearer. Plain and BLF teas met with a fair demand and were about steady.

FANNINGS: Good liquoring Fannings once again met with a good demand and tended dearer. Medium varieties were also a good market and were slightly dearer following competition. Plain and BLF teas met with a little more demand and were fully firm.

CTC DUST: 11,667 packages of Current Season and 43 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a good demand. Select best liquoring teas were around last levels. The remainder were fully firm to slightly dearer. Their mediums were also dearer by Tk.2/- to Tk.3/-. Plain and BLF Dusts were an easier market and witnessed fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Good liquoring teas continued to be well sought after and were generally a little dearer. Both Blenders and Loose tea buyers were more active this week. As a result, there were a little less withdrawals.

Dusts sold well.

Our catalogue (Sale 20): Avg: Tk 201.37, Sold 84.4% & (Sale 19) Avg: Tk 202.72, sold 84.7%.

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	180-195N	180-195N	Best	207-213	207-212	PD	180-242	179-225
Medium	192-203	190-203	Good	195-203	195-202	RD	162-268	164-264
Small	193-206	193-205	Medium	189-194	189-194	D	170-272	175-268
Plain	182-187	180-185	Plain	182-187	182-187	CD	162-371	175-395
BLF	155-178	155-175	BLF	155-175	155-175	BLF	162-179	164-175

NATIONAL BROKERS LTD

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.39 of 27th/28th September, 2021

Good but irregular demand prevailed for the 125,919 packages (8.34m/kgs) in the market closely following quality with 21.66% remaining unsold.

The Best **BP1s** available were discounted by USC11 - USC28 but a few invoices held steady with Brighter types about firm to USC16 below last week's levels while Medium categories eased by USC4 - USC6 and some lines remained without bids but a few improved invoices were steady. Lower Medium sorts met an irregular activity and ranged between firm to USC6 dearer to easier by USC2 - USC48 and many lines remained unsold. Plainer categories varied between USC2 - USC6 above last prices to easier by USC2 - USC10 with some invoices neglected.

Best **PF1s** on offer were irregular with quality varying between firm to USC28 dearer to easier by up to USC14 with Brighter varieties advancing by USC10 - USC22 and a few lines remained without bids. Medium categories held firm to USC10 above previous week's rates but a few invoices Mediums saw an irregular enquiry ranging between USC19 dearer to easier by a similar rate and some invoices were unsold. Plainer descriptions varied between firm to USC14 above last week's prices to easier by USC3 - USC9 with some lines neglected.

Best **PDUSTs** available appreciated by USC16 - USC18 following quality while Brighter varieties met better absorption and gained USC7 - USC32 closely following quality with Medium categories steady to USC24 above previous week's levels. Improved Lower Medium types saw better interest advancing by USC3 - USC26 while others shed USC4 - USC18 and some invoices were unsold with plainer sorts irregular varying between firm to USC22 dearer following quality to easier by USC2 to USC8 and many lines were neglected.

The Best **DUST1s** on offer gained USC2 - USC16 with Brighter categories advancing by USC6 - USC22 with quality while medium varieties saw improved enquiry and were steady to USC45 above last prices closely following quality. Lower Medium types met an irregular activity ranging between firm to USC13 dearer to easier by USC2 - USC6 and some lines remained unsold. Plainer categories varied between USC2 - USC6 above last week's rates to easier by USC2 - USC42 and many invoices were unsold..

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

Pakistan Packers showed strong enquiry and were forceful with more and strong support from Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries and were dominant while UK lent more and strong interest. There was increased activity from Russia while Egyptian Packers and Sudan showed useful support with reduced interest from Kazakhstan, other CIS nations and Bazaar. Iran and Afghanistan were subdued while Local Packers operated in line with price. Somalia lent strong support at the lower end of the market.

	BP1	PF1	PD
Best	253-602	324-350	332-366
Good Medium	245-290	284-336	334-364
Lower Medium	120-192	140-232	105-282
Plainer	110-154	105-199	086-173

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 KOCHI

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Good demand.

Market: High growns met with better enquiry and prices appreciated in value. Good Medium whole leaf and larger brokens were fully firm. Smaller brokens & fannings however were irregular.

Buying Pattern: Middle East and CIS buyers operated.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Popular marks and better mediums teas are selling lower by Rs2 to Rs3. Plainer sorts also following the

same trend with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: A Major blender was active with useful support from other blenders. Best mediums witnessed fair support from internal & regional packeteers. Upcountry buyers operated selectively on bolder grades.

CTC LEAF COONOOR

Demand: Good.

Market: Irregular market with the Best and Better types have traded easier and suffered fair to heavy withdrawals. Others sold at barely steady levels. However there has been better enquiry for the Bolder Brokens and cleaner blacker varieties which have gone on to be sold at fully firm to dearer levels. The overall sale percentage is 80% at an average of Rs. 90.13.

Buying Pattern; Fairly good enquiry was forthcoming from the Major Blenders alongwith other Internal buyers. Export has been lending fair support with Girnar food and beverages being abstained.

ORTH LEAF Demand: Fair

Market: Market was irregular with the Whole Leaf grades and Brokens selling at easier levels by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/with fair withdrawals. The overall sale percentage is 68% at an average of Rs.119.85.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export enquiry was forthcoming with select internal operations.

CTC DUST Demand: Fair.

Market: Very irregular market with prices dropping by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 6/- and more on the Best and Better categories which has also witnessed fair withdrawals. The Medium and Plainer categories have been trading Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/- easier, however some of the blacker and cleaner types have sold occasionally dearer. The overall I sale percentage is 68% at an average of Rs. 94.04.

Buying Pattern: Fair Internal operation was forthcoming along with the Major Blenders who were also lending some support. Export has been very selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Only fair.

Market: Market had witnessed downward trend with the prices dropping by Rs. 4/- to Rs. 5/- across all categories and more on some of the Primary dust grades. The Tertiaries have suffered fair withdrawals. The overall l sale percentage is 59% at an average of Rs. 100.37.

Buying Pattern: Fair export enquiry was forthcoming with very selective Internal operations. Tea Slip and taste continued to support on the Primary and cleaner grades.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Better medium / popular marks were irregular / lower and suffered heavy withdrawals. Medium teas were barely steady. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more.

Buying Pattern: Blenders, packeeters and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Less demand.

Market: Barely steady and suffered heavy withdrawals..

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited

29th September, 2021

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