



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD **TEA MARKET REPORT**

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SALE NO.40 OF 11th/12th OCTOBER, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 40) was conducted on October 11 & 12 (Mon/Tue), and the offer quantity of 5.7 mkg's was 0.2 mkg's lower to the previous week's total. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy & Small Leaf/Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.48 mkg's, whilst Main Sale High & Medium had 0.7 mkg's and, Ex Estate category had 0.74 kgs.

The market was irregular for Ex Estate teas. Best Western BOP's/BOPF's of last week saw sharply lower prices barring a small range of BOP's which were irregularly dearer. Below best improved Western BOP's gained Rs. 20/- but their corresponding BOPF's were lower by a similar margin. Nuwara Eliya BOP's were firm while BOPF's were mostly unsold for want of suitable bids. Uda Pussellawa BOP's were irregular and easier while their BOPF's were about firm. Uva BOP's were lower up to Rs.20/-, and, their corresponding BOPF's were about firm. CTC Teas – Cleaner High Grown PF1's were fully firm as were Mediums. Low Grown sorts gained Rs. 10/- to 20/-. BP1's – There were hardly any offerings from the High and Medium elevations, while Low Grown sorts were maintained. Bulk buying for Russia was fairly widespread. Buyers of top-end quality teas for Japan, Germany and the UK were selective. There was some interest from Hong Kong, and China.

There was good demand following quality for Low Grown teas. The better OP1's were firm but a range of below-best, improved teas were dearer. Select best OP's and OPA's were maintained while others where quality was inferior were irregular and easier. BOP1's in the 'Best' category were fully firm, but, poorer teas were again lower. Well-made Pekoes and Pekoe1 grades with a range of improved bolder varieties were firm; mixed varieties were mostly easier. The best FBOP's/FBOPF1's, were selectively dearer, and, cleaner secondary types firm to dearer. Buyers for the Middle East, and Germany were active on well-made BOP1 types while the CIS bid a range of clean and well sorted leafy teas. Turkey was more active on the better Pekoes, but followed quality. Iran was strong on well-made Tippy descriptions. Iraq was active for bottom level teas.

This week's auction comprised of **10,796** lots with a total quantity of **5,743,832** kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,985	800,716
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,527	669,937
Low Grown Tippy	1,942	951,365
High & Medium	1,488	731,197
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,192	1,179,135
Dust	615	601,411
Premium Flowery	384	61,252
Ex-Estate	<u>663</u>	<u>748,819</u>
Total	<u>10,796</u>	<u>5,743,832</u>

In Lighter Vein

How to Turn Tomatoes Red

A woman's garden is growing beautifully but the tomatoes won't ripen. She goes to her neighbor and says, "Your tomatoes are ripe, mine are green. What can I do about it?"

The man replies, "Well, it may sound absurd but here's what to do. Tonight there's no moon. After dark go out into your garden and take all your clothes off. Tomatoes can see in the dark and they'll be embarrassed and blush. In the morning they'll all be red, you'll see."

She says to herself "Well, what the heck it can't hurt to try it." Next day her neighbor asks how it worked. "So so," she answers. "The tomatoes are still green but the cucumbers are all four inches longer."

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best teas were barely steady; balance was fully firm on last levels. Teas at the lower end too maintained.
- OPI** : Teas in the select best category appreciated; balance was firm. Stalky invoices advanced Rs.10-15/- per kg.
- OP** : Select best invoices declined Rs.20-30/- per kg; balance however maintained last week levels. Teas at the lower end were firm to Rs.5-10/- per kg dearer.
- OPA** : Select best were barely steady; balance declined Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer sort were firm to Rs.5-10/- per kg dearer.
- PEK/PEK1**: Well made PEKOE1 were fully firm on last week levels; balance declined Rs.20/- and at times more. Best bold PEKOE1 tended irregular; balance was lower by Rs.25/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too declined.

<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	850-1100	620-660	600-630	450-500	450-500
OPI	850-1000	800-900	620-650	610-640	350-400	340-360
OP	630-660	620-640	500-550	480-520	320-350	300-330
OPA	620-640	620-640	500-540	480-520	320-350	300-330
PEK/PEK1	700-800	700-800	580-620	580-600	380-430	380-420

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Well-made BOP's together with cleaner Below best appreciated, Balance held firm.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : Well-made BOPF were firm, whilst cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance sold around last levels.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best FBOP's firm to selectively dearer, whilst Best and cleaner Below Best appreciated. Cleaner teas at the bottom too followed a similar trend. Balance were firm on last, FBOP1's in general were firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and cleaner Below Best were firm to dearer. Balance were firm on last. Select Best FF1's were firm to selectively dearer, whilst Best and Below Best appreciated. Cleaner teas at the lower end too were dearer. Balance were firm on last.
- 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	900-1300	900-1250	700-750	700-750	380-400	360-400
BOPF /BOPFSP	800-900	800-880	650-700	650-700	360-400	360-400
FBOP/FBOP1	1000-1400	1000-1300	700-750	700-800	550-600	500-600
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1200-1400	1200-1350	700-800	750-850	550-600	550-600
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2500-3050	2500-3150	1300-1800	1300-1600	700-720	700-750

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Well made teas on offer met with a fair general demand. Below best and poorer sorts tended irregular.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Best on offer appreciated in value; below best types too met with fair demand. Poor sorts tended irregular.

PEK/PEK1 : Well made neat leaf PEKOE/PEKOE1 sold well; mixed and poor sorts lost in value.

<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	780-1000	780-980	640-780	650-780	520-640	550-650
FBOPF/FBOPF1	780-860	780-840	675-790	650-780	450-675	470-650
PEK/PEK1	800-920	800-940	625-800	650-800	480-625	500-650

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Western's - Select high priced teas were irregular whilst the others gained Rs.20/- per kg and more for select invoices. In the Below Best category a selection of improved teas gained Rs.20/- per kg and more, whilst the others were firm and at times easier. Teas at the lower end of the market declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell around last week's levels. Uda Pussellawa's were irregular. Uva's were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg lower following quality.

BOPF: Best Western's - Select high priced teas of last week were sharply lower whilst the others were up to Rs.20/- per kg easier. In the Below Best category teas in the higher price bracket were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg lower whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market continued to sell around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were mostly firm around last week's levels. Uva's sold around last week's levels.

<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	680-850	680-880	690-780	690-920
Below Best Westerns	610-670	580-670	600-680	610-680
Plainer Westerns	510-600	450-590	490-590	490-600
Nuwara Eliyas	640-780	620-750	N/A	N/A
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	520-620	500-540	560-610	550-600
Other Uda Pussellawas	430-500	N/A	540-550	500-540
Best Uva's.	540-610	560-660	550-640	580-650
Other Uva's	480-530	480-520	450-500	520-540

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Neat well-made teas were barely steady, whilst the others were irregular.

BOPF: Hardly any offerings for the better teas, whilst the poorer sorts were 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	410-830	510-860	N/A - 480	N/A - 450

CTC

High Grown : **BP1s** - Hardly any offerings.
PF1s – Best available were firm around last week's levels.

Medium Grown : **BP1s** - Hardly any offerings.
PF1s - Firm around last week's levels.

Low Grown : **BP1s** - Firm around last week's levels.
PF1s – Select invoices were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were 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	460-540	490-650	460-630	460-560
Medium	380-530	390-550	380-610	410-530
Low	420-680	430-720	410-750	435-690

OFF GRADES

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

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)	340-480	340-490	350-420	350-430	360-470	350-460
Good Fannings (CTC)	320-360	330-370	320-360	330-370	330-350	330-350
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	360-370	370-380	330-380	330-390	360-380	370-390
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	390-470	390-460	390-480	390-470	390-490	390-480
Other BM's	350-390	350-380	350-390	350-380	340-390	340-380
Best BOP1As	420-460	420-450	390-450	390-440	520-570	525-560
Other BOP1As	350-390	350-390	350-390	350-390	350-390	350-390

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's appreciated by Rs.10-20 and at times more whilst poor sorts too followed a similar trend. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's held on last levels whilst poorer varieties too gained Rs.50/-. PD's from High & Medium elevations witnessed an irregular demand whilst Low Grown PD's appreciated by Rs.10-20/-.

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)	660-1020	660-940	510-520	500-570	550-630	550-730
Good Primary PD (CTC)	560-690	560-640	500-660	500-620	550-690	550-660
Secondary Dust	310-340	310-340	360-400	350-400	330-390	330-390

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2020</i>	<i>To-date 2021</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
SRI LANKA	July	26.48	26.16	-0.32	156.94	187.78	30.84
BANGLADESH	July	12.10	12.50	0.40	33.90	38.30	4.4
KENYA	June	46.37	43.46	-2.91	300.67	274.07	-26.6
SOUTH INDIA	July	20.40	21.80	1.4	119.00	144.20	25.20
NORTH INDIA	July	141.20	157.2	16.00	392.00	478.70	86.70
MALAWI	June	1.30	2.10	0.80	31.20	34.50	3.3
TANZANIA	June	1.67	1.80	0.13	17.52	16.56	-1.0
UGANDA	Mar	5.55	2.89	-2.7	15.87	13.50	-2.37

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WESTERN MEDIUM

Harangalla	BOP	880/-
Doombagastalawa	BOPSP	760/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	750/-
Nayapane	BOPF/BOPFSP	480/-
Craighead	BOP1	1000/-
Harangalla	FBOP/FBOP1	1000/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	860/-
Harangalla	OP/ OPA	650/-
Harangalla	OP1	920/-
Doombagastalawa	PEK/PEK1	940/-
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	920/-

WESTERN HIGH

Alton	BOP	850/-
Gouravilla	BOPF/BOPFSP	780/-
Bambrakelley	BOP1	900/-
Bogahawatte	FBOP/ FBOP1	870/-
Bogahawatte	FBOPF/FBOPF1	810/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	740/-
Venture	OP1	810/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Mahagastotte	BOP	780/-
Kenmare	BOPF/BOPFSP	500/-
Court Lodge	BOP1	750/-
Kenmare	FBOPF/FBOPF1	720/-
Kenmare	PEK /PEK1	720/-

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN

Dunsinane CTC	PF1	630/-
UlugedaraCTC	BP1	540/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC	PF1	610/-
*Rothschild CTC	PF1	580/-
Strathdon CTC	BP1	530/-

LOW GROWN

Suduwelipothahena CTC	PF1	750/-
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	680/-

UVA MEDIUM

Elteb	BOP	520/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPSP	780/-
Elteb	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-
Demodara S	BOP1	840/-
Halpewatte Uva	FBOP/FBOP1	920/-
Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	820/-
Shawlands	OP/OPA	670/-
Telbedde	OP1	1000/-
Dickwella	PEK /PEK1	880/-
*Halpewatte Uva	PEK /PEK1	870/-

UVA HIGH

Aislaby	BOP	770/-
Uva Highlands	BOPF/BOPFSP	800/-
Glenanore	BOP1	980/-
Aislaby	FBOP/ FBOP1	980/-
Glenanore	FBOPF/FBOPF1	810/-
Glenanore	OP/OPA	900/-
Uva Highlands	PEK /PEK1	900/-
Battawatte	PEK /PEK1	800/-

UDA PUSSELLAWA

Blairlomond	BOP	620/-
Luckyland	BOPF/BOPFSP	610/-
Liddesdale	BOPF/BOPFSP	610/-
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	610/-
Gordon	FBOP/BOPSP	610/-
Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1	770/-
*Delmar	OP/OPA	630/-
Delmar	OP1	740/-
*Delmar	PEK/PEK1	710/-

OFF GRADES

Strathdon CTC	PF	550/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF	550/-
*Ranwin	BP	700/-
Rajjuruwatte Sup	BM	690/-
Morowakkorale	BM	690/-
Waltrim	FNGS/FNGS1	590/-
Holyrood	FNGS/FNGS1	590/-
Rilhena Special	BOP1A	750/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Sithaka	BOP1	1550/-
Pothatuwa	OP1	1750/-
Liyonta	OP	860/-
Liyonta	OPA	1020/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	1650/-
Suduwelipothahena	PEKOE1	1450/-
*Hidellana	PEKOE1	1400/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Brombil	BOP	1250/-
Wathurawila	BOP	1250/-
Golden Garden	BOP	1250/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1200/-
*Kanneliya	BOP	1100/-
Suduwelipothahena	BOPSP	890/-
*K.D.U Super	BOPSP	860/-
*Ihalapanapitiya	BOPFSP	900/-
Golden Garden	BOPFSP	890/-
* K.D.U Super	BOPFSP	870/-
*Peak Paradise	BOPFSP	830/-
*Hidellana	BOPF	880/-
Pothatuwa	FBOP	1450/-
Gunawardena	FBOP	1400/-
*Hidellana	FBOP	1300/-
*Hidellana	FBOP1	1250/-
*Athukorala Super	FBOPF	1400/-
Himara	FBOPF	1400/-
H.P.P TEA	FBOPF	1400/-
Andaradeniya	FBOPF	1400/-
*Sanasa	FBOPF1	1250/-
Sadhri	FBOPF1	1250/-
New Rekadahena	FBOPF1	1250/-
*Hidellana	FBOPF1	1100/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Biyolta	FBOPFSP	2800/-
New Vithanakande	FBOPFEXSP	3050/-
Ivy Hills	FBOPFEXSP	3050/-
Nilgiri	FBOPFEXSP	3000/-
Lickra	FBOPFEXSP	3000/-
New Falcon Lanka	FBOPFEXSP	3000/-
Golden Garden	FBOPFEXSP	3000/-
*Peak Paradise	FBOPFEXSP	2950/-
Sachitha	FBOPFEXSP1	2500/-

DUST

Mattakelle	DUST1	1020/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	690/-

NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES - SEPTEMBER 2021

Elevation	MONTH		TO-DATE	
	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS.-	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS.-
ORTHODOX				
UVA-HIGH	1,480,422.50	517.59	13,739,004.29	554.00
WESTERN-HIGH	2,391,057.00	605.36	29,262,346.10	615.21
HIGH GROWN TOTAL	3,871,479.50	571.80	43,001,350.39	595.65
UVA-MEDIUM	1,274,765.50	533.88	12,755,365.00	567.95
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,853,549.00	502.36	20,633,399.90	554.44
MEDIUM GROWN TOTAL	3,128,314.50	515.20	33,388,764.90	559.60
LOW	12,660,060.00	632.68	130,015,355.00	655.15
TOTAL	19,659,854.00	602.00	206,405,470.29	627.30
CTC				
HIGH	374,279.00	534.16	3,972,045.50	530.19
MEDIUM	686,060.00	452.46	7,661,757.00	499.46
LOW	793,734.00	477.93	9,496,293.50	505.46
TOTAL	1,854,073.00	479.86	21,130,096.00	507.93
OTH/CTC (Combined)				
UVA-HIGH	1,562,096.50	518.35	14,490,297.29	553.05
WESTERN-HIGH	2,683,662.00	597.65	32,483,098.60	606.65
HIGH GROWN TOTAL	4,245,758.50	568.48	46,973,395.89	590.12
UVA-MEDIUM	1,274,765.50	533.88	12,755,365.00	567.95
WESTERN-MEDIUM	2,539,609.00	488.88	28,295,156.90	539.55
MEDIUM GROWN TOTAL	3,814,374.50	503.92	41,050,521.90	548.38
LOW	13,453,794.00	623.55	139,511,648.50	644.96
TOTAL	21,513,927.00	591.47	227,535,566.29	616.22

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.39 OF 06TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

	2021			2020	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	521.46	522.34	548.29	558.12	542.33
Western High Grown	616.79	623.97	599.16	619.11	588.82
High Grown	580.93	585.61	583.42	598.64	574.48
Uva Medium	539.57	537.59	566.44	576.17	582.08
Western Medium	490.42	492.68	536.76	546.51	528.29
Medium Grown	521.46	522.34	545.79	554.17	545.17
Low Grown (Orthodox)	627.53	627.53	654.50	675.28	683.78
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	621.02	619.51	646.26	666.02	668.08
Total	594.75	594.49	615.69	635.22	627.47

Private Sale Figures (04.10.2021 – 09.10.2021) - 118,686.00 Kgs
 Cumulative - 4,680,923.59 Kgs

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Our Office will be closed on **19th & 20th October 2021** (Both days inclusive) on account of
Holy Prophet Mohamed's Birthday & Poya Day respectively

Our Warehouse located at **No.46, Aniyakanda Raod, Peralanda, Ragama** will be kept
 open **until 12.00 noon on 19th October 2021** for the collection of teas only.

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DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 18th Oct, 2021</u>		<u>Sale of 26th /27th Oct, 2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,677	658,678	2,253	957,912
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,216	516,098	1,880	857,905
Low Grown Tippy	1,622	775,512	2,336	1,180,837
High & Medium	1,098	512,297	1,692	820,781
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,585	816,486	2,322	1,261,798
Dust	371	360,240	588	588,394
Premium Flowery	343	54,616	472	78,119
Ex-Estate	<u>526</u>	<u>597,847</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>798,498</u>
Total	<u>8,438</u>	<u>4,291,774</u>	<u>12,250</u>	<u>6,544,244</u>

CATALOGUES

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

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed as at **07th October, 2021**.

Sale No.43 of 02nd /03rd November, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed **14th October, 2021** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

Sale No.44 of 09th /10th November, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **22nd October, 2021** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.41

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

Auction of 18th October, 2021

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

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Crop & Weather

For the period 04th - 10th October 2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions: Overcast weather with occasional spells of bright weather was reported in the Western Region, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region reported dull and rainy weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects sporadic showers in both regions and strong winds in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead. **Uva/Udapussellawa Region:** The Udapussellawa Region reported dull weather with occasional showers mostly during the morning hours and spells of bright weather towards the evening hours. Clear mornings and overcast evenings were reported in the Uva Region throughout the week. Rain is expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead by the Department of Meteorology.. **Low Grown:** The Ruhuna Region reported overcast weather conditions and rain with occasional spells of bright weather, whilst the Sabaragamuwa Region reported overcast weather with showers throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, scattered showers with occasional strong winds are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead. **Crop Intake:** The Western and Uva regions reported a decline in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya, Udapussellawa and Low Grown regions maintained.

- OTHER MARKETS -

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.22 HELD ON MONDAY 11th OCTOBER, 2021.

CTC LEAF : 53,448 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a good demand..

BROKEN : Well made good liquoring Broken were a good market and mostly sold at around last levels. Their Mediums were a little easier following quality. Plain varieties were firm to slightly easier. BLF teas once again met with a good market and were fully firm.

FANNINGS : Good liquoring Fannings continued to be a good market and were about steady. Medium types met with a fairly good demand but were a little easier. Plain sorts once again were an easier market. BLF teas were a fairly good market at around last levels..

CTC DUST : 13,064 packages of Current Season and 1 package of Old Season tea on offer met with a good demand. Select best liquoring teas met with a good competition and advanced by Tk.8/- to Tk.10/-. Other good and Medium varieties sold at around last with better, well made teas gaining Tk.2/- to Tk.4/- closely following quality. Plain and BLF Dusts were slightly easier and saw quite fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Good liquoring teas continued to be well supported by all sections of the market. Blenders were once again the mainstay of the market with Loose tea buyers lending fairly good support. As a result, prices remained quite firm despite a large offerings in this sale. Good liquoring Dusts were the strong feature of the sale.

Our catalogue (Sale 22): Avg: Tk 203.50, Sold 81.9% & (Sale 21) Avg: Tk 204.78, sold 82.9%.

Broken	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	180-195N	180-195N	Best	206-212	207-213	PD	176-259	180-241
Medium	192-203	192-203	Good	195-201	195-202	RD	168-270	174-278
Small	193-208	193-208	Medium	188-192	188-193	D	175-273	182-278
Plain	183-188	183-188	Plain	182-186	182-187	CD	170-340	187-361
BLF	160-180	155-180	BLF	160-180	155-180	BLF	168-182	174-182

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 02ND OCTOBER, 2021

CTC LEAF

KOCHI

Demand: Fair Demand Prices were irregular and tending lower with some withdrawals.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Good Demand

Market: Prices realized were barely steady to easier for all varieties.

Buying Pattern: Middle East and CIS buyers operated \

DUST

Demand: Fair General Demand

Market: Prices for good liquoring popular varieties have witnessed a slight improvement. Enquiry & Prices realized were fully firm. Medium categories were irregular and was lowered by Rs 1 and & Rs. 2

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

CTC LEAF

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Demand: Fairly good

Market: Market opened generally lower by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- on the better Mediums and Mediums with fair to heavy withdrawals on the Best and Better types. As the sale progressed the Common and Plainer types have had better enquiry thereby witnessed a better sale percentage.

The overall sale percentage is 68% at an average of Rs. 85.75.

Buying Pattern: Yet again the Major Blenders did the bulk of the teas sold followed by the Internal buyers.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Fairly good.

Market: Market generally had been good for the cleaner and well made types, as prices were ruling firm to dearer which had contributed to the overall price average. Other open and dis-coloured leaf teas have been either discounted in prices or suffered outlots. Outlot percentage was more on the Fannings.

The overall sale percentage is 67% at an average of Rs.119.50.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Internal participation was witnessed with equally good Export support.

CTC DUST

Demand: Fair

Market: Though the sale percentage had improved considerably in comparison to last week, the prices continued to be lower by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/-. However the Best and better types have had better enquiry by selling at fully firm to dearer by Rs. 3/- and Rs. 5/- and more upto Rs. 10/-**The overall sale percentage is 62% at an average of Rs. 87.27.**

Buying Pattern: Fair participation from all quarters of the buyers..

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fairly good

Market: Market was irregular with the Cleaner Primary dusts having sold at steady to fully firm levels. Others have traded mostly lower. **The overall sale percentage is 77% at an average of Rs. 97.33.**

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export enquiry in which Madhu Jayanthi and IPL were active. Internal has been selective..

CTC LEAF

COIMBATORE

Demand: Fair general demand.

Market: Better medium and popular sorts were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with heavy withdrawals. Medium and plainer teas were lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- with few withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Blenders and packeteers were active. Internal and exporters were selective.

ORTH LEAF:

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Whole leaf lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.15/-. Broken were lower by Rs.5/-. Fannings suffered heavy withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Not quotable

CTC DUST

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Better medium and popular marks were barely steady to occasionally dearer. Medium teas were lower by Rs.5/-. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- with some withdrawals particularly on finer grades.

Buying Pattern: Blenders & packeteers were selective Exporters active. Internal buyers very selective

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fair general demand.

Market: Barely steady with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Exporters selective.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.

12th October, 2021.

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Sri Lanka High Commission organizes a Ceylon Tea Tasting session at the Royal Hospital Chelsea



As a gesture of goodwill to appreciate the service rendered by the iconic veterans of the British Army, a Ceylon tea tasting session was organized by the Sri Lanka High Commission in London at the Royal Hospital Chelsea on 30 September 2021. The Royal Hospital Chelsea established in 1692 is a retirement home and nursing home for some 300 veterans of the British Army including those who have served in Korea, the Falkland Islands, Cyprus, Northern Ireland and World War II. The tea tasting was conducted by Manuja Peiris, previously a tea taster in Sri Lanka and currently with the International Tea Committee. The participants explored the unique flavours, aroma and textures of Ceylon Tea from the seven regions of Sri Lanka namely, Nuwara Eliya, Uda Pussellawa, Dimbulla, Uva, Kandy, Sabaragamuwa and Ruhuna. They also tasted a freshly brewed cup of tea of their liking.

During the event, Sri Lanka was projected as the next holiday destination and the range of features it offers to tourists were also showcased. Ceylon tea packs, tea masks and tourism souvenirs were gifted to the participants. High Commissioner Saroja Sirisena and the diplomatic officers of the High Commission were taken on a tour around the hospital explaining its historical significance by the veterans John Byrne and Jim Little. Tea drinking was a long-established tradition in the British Army, with reports that tea was liberally distributed among the men on the morning of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. When the British Government bought all the tea on the market in 1942, they made the tradition official. The tea the British Government bought for the Army was strong black tea from Ceylon, Assam, and Africa. The event is emblematic of Sri Lanka's commitment to the longstanding bilateral relations with the UK.