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SALE NO.15 OF 08TH & 09TH APRIL, 2019.

COMMENTS

This week's auction comprised of 11,852 lots and 6.9Mkgs – an improvement of 0.1Mkgs over the previous sale. Low Grown Leafy teas accounted for 2 Mkgs whilst Tippy/Small Leaf teas totaled 1.143 Mkgs and High Grown teas on offer in the Ex-Estate catalogue amounted 0.940 Mkgs.

The quality of Low Growns was mostly maintained, and leafy grades met with good demand whilst tippy teas encountered fair demand. Well-made BOP1's were a little irregular while OP1's were firm to selectively dearer. Pekoe descriptions with good make and style held firm. Russia and the CIS together with traditional Middle Eastern buyers were active. Syria and Turkey were more selective for Pekoes. Buyers for Iraq and Libya continued to operate forcefully for secondary type teas. Iran was again selective for tippy teas. There was some demand however from buyers for the UAE.

Diminishing demand from our traditional liquoring buyers as well as the "Tea Bag" sector operating for the vast Russian market saw prices reeling for Ex Estate teas on offer today resulting in a state of "depressus" for most offerings. A very limited range of better made westerns were firm to selectively dearer whilst others lost Rs. 20/- and more. Below best types eased Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/- and more. Plainer teas with poorer leaf were difficult of sale. CTC Teas continued to be a weak feature of the sale with poor leaf teas being unsalable. Japan was more selective. There appeared to be less orders from buyers for Hong Kong, China and Europe.

New challenges that affect market dynamics seem to now pose a threat to the stability of the Ex Estate market which needs more widespread demand drivers at this point in time.

This week's auction comprised of **11,852** lots with a total quantity of **6,956,195** Kgs. The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

| | Lot | Qty. (Kgs) |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Low Grown Leafy | 4,204 | 2,011,604 |
| Low Grown Tippy | 2,075 | 1,143,933 |
| High & Medium | 1,438 | 748,850 |
| Off Grade/BOP1A | 2,447 | 1,443,470 |
| Dust | 609 | 623,055 |
| Premium Flowery | 235 | 44,619 |
| Ex-Estate | 844 | 940,664 |
| Total | 11,852 | 6,956,195 |

In lighter vein

Bragging Boys

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging of how great their fathers are.

The first one says, "Well, my dad runs the fastest. He can fire an arrow, and start to run, I tell you, he gets there before the arrow."

The second one says, "Ha! You think that's fast! My dad's a ball player. He can throw a ball and be there before the ball lands on the ground."

The third one listens to the other two and shakes his head. He then says, "You two know nothing about fast. My dad is a civil servant. He stops working at 4:30 and he is home by 3:45."

LOW GROWNS – LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best invoices declined by Rs.40-50/- per kg and more as the sale progressed; balance too lost but up to a lesser extent. Teas at the lower end however maintained.
- OP1** : A few select best invoices held firm; balance declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and at times more. Stalky invoices too were generally lower.
- OP** : Best teas declined by Rs.20/- per kg; balance too were lower by Rs,10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too were irregularly lower.
- OPA** : Select best teas were barely steady; balance declined Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer sorts too were firm to lower by Rs.10/- per kg.
- PEK/PEK1:** Well made shotty invoices were generally firm; balance declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more as the sale progressed. Best bolder PEK's were firm to irregularly lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg; balance declined Rs.20/- per kg and at times more. Teas at the lower end held firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

| | 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 | 850-1000 | 900-1010 | 650-670 | 650-675 | 570-600 | 575-600 |
| OP1 | 950-1350 | 950-1400 | 740-770 | 750-800 | 440-470 | 450-480 |
| OP | 780-850 | 750-870 | 630-680 | 650-700 | 440-470 | 450-500 |
| OPA | 800-1015 | 830-1060 | 630-680 | 650-700 | 380-420 | 400-430 |
| PEK/PEK1 | 770-1100 | 800-1050 | 650-700 | 650-700 | 500-525 | 500-525 |

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Select best maintained. Best and below best together with cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance maintained.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : Select best together with best and cleaner below best appreciated. Balance firm on last.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best and best together with well made below best FBOP's appreciated whilst the balance maintained. Cleaner teas at the lower end too were dearer. Others sold around last levels. FBOP1's in general were dearer.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1:** Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and cleaner below best together with cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance maintained. Select best FF1's appreciated whilst best and cleaner below best gained substantially. Balance together with cleaner teas at the lower end too were firm to dearer. Teas at the lower end sold around last levels.
- FBOPFSP/ EXSP:** Select best category appreciated whilst the balance maintained. FFSP small types gained. Others maintained. Cleaner teas at the lower end too appreciated.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

| | 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 | 800-980 | 780-1000 | 650-700 | 620-670 | 440-450 | 420-440 |
| BOPF /BOPFSP | 800-1200 | 780-1000 | 650-700 | 620-650 | 440-450 | 420-440 |
| FBOP/FBOP1 | 880-1200 | 850-1070 | 680-780 | 650-740 | 620-660 | 600-650 |
| FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 850-920 | 800-900 | 750-800 | 720-780 | 650-720 | 600-700 |
| FBOPFSP/EXSP | 900-2300 | 800-1850 | 800-880 | 800-850 | 700-750 | 700-800 |

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

- FBOP** : Best on offer declined once again whilst the bolder types met with fair demand, others were mostly lower.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Best on offer were irregularly lower to last levels whilst the others were Rs.20-30/- per kg easier.
- PEK/PEK1** : Select best Pekoe1's met with limited enquiry whilst the others were irregular and mostly unsaleable.

| <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 | 800-1000 | 800-1000 | 700-800 | 720-800 | 650-700 | 620-720 |
| FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 750-860 | 780-890 | 650-750 | 680-780 | 500-650 | 530-680 |
| PEK/PEK1 | 800-890 | 800-940 | 680-800 | 700-800 | 480-680 | 500-700 |

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Westerns declined Rs.20-40/- per kg and more following quality. In the below best category, better teas declined Rs.40-50/- per kg whilst the others were lower to a lesser extent. Plainer neat leaf types were Rs.10-20/- per kg easier whilst the others were difficult of sale. Nuwara Eliyas were barely steady. Udapussellawas were mostly unsold following quality. Uvas - few select teas maintained whilst the others declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more.

BOPF: Best Westerns - a small range of teas were firm with select invoices appreciating following special inquiry whilst the others were Rs.20/- per kg lower. In the below best category, better sorts were Rs.20-30/- per kg lower whilst the others together with the plainer sorts declined up to Rs.40/- per kg. Nuwara Eliyas were barely steady. Uda pussellawas were mostly unsold following poor quality. Uvas - few select invoices were substantially dearer following special inquiry whilst the majority declined Rs.20-40/- per kg.

| <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 | 610-730 | 640-730 | 620-760 | 630-780 |
| Below Best Westerns | 580-600 | 600-630 | 580-610 | 580-620 |
| Plainer Westerns | 490-550 | 510-580 | 500-570 | 500-570 |
| Nuwara Eliyas | 480-550 | 530-560 | 590-630 | 540-680 |
| Other Uda Pussellawas | 450 | 470-480 | 440-460 | 460-480 |
| Best Uva's | 590-600 | 590-630 | 530-690 | 500-530 |
| Other Uva's | 510-550 | 500-560 | 480-520 | 460-470 |

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Rs.30-40/- per kg lower.

BOPF: Better sorts were up to Rs.20/- per kg lower. Poorer sorts eased further.

| <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 | 650-840 | 620-780 | 460-570 | 470-580 |

CTC

PF1: High Growns were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Medium Grown brighter teas were marginally easier whilst the others were mostly unsold and where sold were Rs.20-30/- per kg easier. Low Growns were lower Rs.10-20/- per kg.

BP1: High Growns were mostly unsold and where sold were up to Rs.30/- per kg easier. Medium growns were up to Rs.20/- per kg lower whilst Low growns held 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 | 380-510 | 365-470 | 360-385 | 350-470 |
| Medium | 300-480 | 330-470 | 300-410 | NOT QUOTED |
| Low | 310-630 | 335-670 | 250-540 | 240-540 |

OFF GRADES

Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to easier by Rs.5-10/- per kg whilst the poorer types too followed a similar trend. Best BP's firm on last week levels. Well-made BM's lost Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer types were irregular. Select Best BOPIA's were irregular whilst poorer types lost Rs.20/- per kg.

| 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) | 330-470 | 330-470 | 310-360 | 310-370 | 300-360 | 300-370 |
| Good Fannings (CTC) | 300-310 | 300-320 | 290-320 | 300-320 | 290-310 | 300-320 |
| Other Fannings (Orthodox) | 310-340 | 310-340 | 310-330 | 310-330 | 310-330 | 310-330 |
| Other Fannings (CTC) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Good BM's | 330-360 | 330-370 | 360-390 | 360-400 | 380-430 | 400-430 |
| Other BM's | 310-350 | 310-350 | 310-350 | 310-350 | 310-350 | 310-350 |
| Best BOPIAs | 400-410 | 400-410 | 400-420 | 410-420 | 400-480 | 400-450 |
| Other BOPIAs | 320-360 | 320-370 | 320-360 | 320-370 | 320-360 | 320-375 |

DUST

Best liquoring High Grown D/D1's were firm to easier by Rs.50-60/- per kg and at times more whilst others were irregularly lower. Secondary and poorer types however were firm on last levels. Select best Low Grown D/D1's met with good demand whilst the poorer sorts maintained last levels. CTC PD's too maintained last levels.

| 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) | 700-780 | 890-980 | 550-600 | 560-620 | 500-590 | 520-620 |
| Good Primary PD (CTC) | 430-450 | 520-560 | 560-620 | 550-610 | 500-600 | 520-640 |
| Other Primary Dust (Orthodox) | 290-300 | 290-300 | 300-320 | 300-320 | 380-390 | 380-390 |
| Other Primary Dust (CTC) | N/A | N/A | 300-310 | 300-310 | 280-300 | 280-300 |
| Secondary Dust | 300-320 | 300-320 | 290-300 | 290-300 | 270-300 | 270-300 |
| Poorer Dust | 300-320 | 300-320 | 230-280 | 230-280 | 290-320 | 290-320 |

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

| Country | Month | 2018 | 2019 | Difference +/- | To-date 2018 | To-date 2019 | Difference +/- |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| SRI LANKA | Feb. | 21.18 | 21.59 | 0.41 | 45.72 | 44.92 | -0.80 |
| BANGLADESH | Jan. | 0.331 | 0.495 | 0.16 | 0.331 | 0.495 | 0.2 |
| MALAWI | Jan. | 6.3 | 7.5 | 1.2 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 1.2 |
| NORTH INDIA | Jan. | 5.3 | 0.0 | -5.3 | 5.3 | 0.0 | -5.3 |
| SOUTH INDIA | Jan. | 12.4 | 14.0 | 1.6 | 12.4 | 14.0 | 1.57 |
| KENYA | Jan. | 40.83 | 48.39 | 7.56 | 40.83 | 48.39 | 7.6 |

| Country | Month | 2017 | 2018 | Difference +/- | To-date 2017 | To-date 2018 | Difference +/- |
|---------|-------|------|------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| UGANDA | Nov. | 5.63 | 3.06 | -2.6 | 47.67 | 52.95 | 5.28 |

THIS WEEK'S TOP PRICES

| <u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u> | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Nayapane | BOP | 840/- |
| Kenilworth | BOPSP | 840/- |
| Cooroondoowatte | BOPF/ BOPFSP | 660/- |
| Dartry Valley | BOP1 | 940/- |
| *Harangalla | BOP1 | 900/- |
| Dartry Valley | FBOP/FBOP1 | 1050/- |
| Nayapane | FBOP/FBOP1 | 1050/- |
| Craighead | FBOPF /FBOPF1 | 860/- |
| Deenside | OP/OPA | 780/- |
| Dartry Valley | OP1 | 980/- |
| *Harangalla | PEK/PEK1 | 890/- |
| Dartry Valley | PEK/PEK1 | 880/- |
| | | |
| <u>WESTERN HIGH</u> | | |
| Somerset | BOP | 730/- |
| Dessford | BOP | 730/- |
| Inverness | BOPSP | 600/- |
| Great Western | BOPF / BOPF SP | 760/- |
| Inverness | BOP1 | 1000/- |
| Inverness | FBOP/ FBOP1 | 960/- |
| Inverness | FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 780/- |
| Inverness | OP/OPA | 810/- |
| Weddemulla | OP1 | 750/- |
| Inverness | PEK/PEK1 | 780/- |
| | | |
| <u>NUWARA ELIYA</u> | | |
| Court Lodge | BOP | 550/- |
| Lovers Leap | BOPF/BOPFSP | 630/- |
| Lovers Leap | FBOP/ FBOP1 | 920/- |
| Lovers Leap | PEK / PEK1 | 900/- |
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| <u>CTC TEAS</u> | | |
| | | |
| <u>HIGH GROWN</u> | | |
| Dunsinane CTC | PF1 | 510/- |
| Dunsinane CTC | BP1 | 390/- |
| Mt. Vernon CTC | BPS | 450/- |
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| <u>MEDIUM GROWN</u> | | |
| Delta CTC | PF1 | 480/- |
| Rothschild | BP1 | 410/- |
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| <u>LOW GROWN</u> | | |
| Cee Tee Hills | PF1 | 690/- |
| Ceciliyan CTC | BP1 | 540/- |
| Ceciliyan CTC | BPS | 620/- |

| <u>UVA MEDIUM</u> | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Demodera S | BOP | 740/- |
| *Halpewatte Uva | BOPSP | 700/- |
| Shawlands | BOPSP | 700/- |
| Aruna Passara | BOPF/BOPFSP | 650/- |
| Demodara S | BOP1 | 1000/- |
| Sarnia Plaiderie | FBOP /FBOP1 | 830/- |
| Halpewatte Uva | FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 740/- |
| Pettiagala | FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 740/- |
| Shawlands | OP/OPA | 810/- |
| Telbedde | OP1 | 900/- |
| Aruna Passara | PEK / PEK1 | 840/- |
| | | |
| <u>UVA HIGH</u> | | |
| Ranaya | BOP | 680/- |
| Spring Valley | BOPSP | 710/- |
| Bandaraeliya | BOPF/BOPFSP | 690/- |
| Aislaby | BOP1 | 810/- |
| Ranaya | BOP1 | 810/- |
| Battawatte | FBOP/ FBOP1 | 780/- |
| Ranaya | FBOPF / FBOPF1 | 730/- |
| Spring Valley | OP1 | 850/- |
| Spring Valley | OP/OPA | 770/- |
| *Battawatte | OP/OPA | 740/- |
| Ranaya | PEK/PEK1 | 780/- |
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| <u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u> | | |
| Lucky Land | BOP | 500/- |
| Lucky Land | BOPSP | 500/- |
| *-High Forest | BOPF/BOPFSP | 530/- |
| Mool Oya | BOPF/BOPFSP | 520/- |
| *Alma | BOP1 | 760/- |
| Alma | FBOP/ FBOP1 | 880/- |
| *Alma | FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 700/- |
| Delmar | FBOPF/FBOPF1 | 700/- |
| Alma | OP/OPA | 710/- |
| Alma | OP1 | 800/- |
| *Alma | OP1 | 790/- |
| Alma | PEK / PEK1 | 870/- |
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| <u>OFF GRADES</u> | | |
| Gunawardena | BM | 580/- |
| Nandana | BP | 620/- |
| Kottiyagalla | FNGS/FNGS1 | 540/- |
| Ceciliyan CTC | PFGS | 500/- |
| Morawakkorale | BOP1A | 680/- |
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| <u>DUST</u> | | |
| Mattakelle | DUST1 | 900/- |
| *Rothschild CTC | PD | 620/- |

| <u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u> | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sithaka | BOP1 | 1000/- |
| Sithaka | OP1 | 1350/- |
| Ceyenta | OP1 | 1350/- |
| Golden Garden | OP1 | 1350/- |
| Ivy Hills | OP | 850/- |
| *New Galagawa | OP | 840/- |
| Sunrise | OPA | 1015/- |
| *Makandura | OPA | 1010/- |
| Liyonta | PEKOE | 1100/- |
| Matuwagala Super | PEKOE1 | 1000/- |
| Nilgiri | PEKOE1 | 980/- |
| Kuttapitiya Super | PEKOE1 | 980/- |
| Guanawardena | PEKOE1 | 980/- |
| *Makandura | PEKOE1 | 970/- |
| | | |
| <u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u> | | |
| *L.Hiniduma | BOP | 820/- |
| Pothotuwa | BOP | 820/- |
| *Wikiliya | BOP | 810/- |
| *L.Pinnaduwa | BOP | 800/- |
| *Wikiliya | BOP | 800/- |
| *Arbour Valley | BOP | 800/- |
| Sithaka | BOP | 800/- |
| Kelani | BOPSP | 980/- |
| Dellawa | BOPF | 1200/- |
| Kurupanawa SH | BOPFSP | 960/- |
| Pothotuwa | FBOP | 1200/- |
| Adams Veiv | FBOP | 1000/- |
| Waturawila | FBOP | 1000/- |
| N.Vithanakanda | FBOP | 1000/- |
| *Hidellana | FBOP | 980/- |
| *L.Pinnaduwa | FBOP | 980/- |
| Sithaka | FBOP | 980/- |
| Aruna | FBOP1 | 860/- |
| New J.S.P | FBOP1 | 860/- |
| *L.Kottawa | FBOPF | 920/- |
| Waturawila | FBOPF | 920/- |
| Pothotuwa | FBOPF1 | 860/- |
| Adams Veiv | FBOPF1 | 860/- |
| *L.Pinnaduwa | FBOPF1 | 850/- |
| *L.Kottawa | FBOPF1 | 850/- |
| *Wikiliya | FBOPF1 | 830/- |
| | | |
| <u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u> | | |
| Lions | FBOPFSP | 2150/- |
| Kirimetiya | FBOPFSP | 2050/- |
| Bulathsinghala Tea | FBOPFEXSP | 2300/- |
| Sirimewana | FBOPFEXSP | 1950/- |
| *Dishan Valley | FBOPFEXSP | 1900/- |
| *Peak Paradise | FBOPFEXSP1 | 1600/- |

* Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd

+++ All Time Record Price

++ Equal All Time Record Price

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COLOMBO AUCTION – GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.14 OF 3RD APRIL 2019.

| | 2019 | | | 2018 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Weekly | Month to Date | Year to Date | Weekly | Month to Date |
| Uva High Grown | 516.91 | 530.25 | 507.42 | 559.84 | 570.56 |
| Western High Grown | 570.06 | 573.74 | 592.60 | 566.32 | 569.69 |
| High Grown | 554.39 | 560.33 | 570.59 | 564.77 | 569.90 |
| Uva Medium | 560.41 | 561.28 | 532.43 | 591.22 | 591.01 |
| Western Medium | 484.56 | 486.30 | 499.66 | 544.09 | 550.64 |
| Medium Grown | 504.11 | 505.64 | 507.82 | 560.27 | 562.86 |
| Low Grown (Orthodox) | 627.36 | 627.36 | 622.52 | 647.40 | 642.27 |
| Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC) | 614.50 | 614.75 | 609.45 | 640.91 | 640.41 |
| Total | 585.34 | 586.37 | 585.38 | 614.70 | 615.82 |

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

| | <u>Sale of 23rd/24th April'19</u> | | <u>Sale of 29th/30th April'19</u> | |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | Lot | Qty. (Kgs) | Lot | Qty. (Kgs) |
| Low Grown Leafy | 4,167 | 2,018,927 | 4,222 | 2,025,248 |
| Low Grown Tippy | 2,069 | 1,150,808 | 2,068 | 1,145,845 |
| High & Medium | 1,525 | 816,514 | 1,637 | 881,502 |
| Off Grade/BOP1A | 2,444 | 1,431,365 | 2,527 | 1,512,893 |
| Dust | 642 | 650,745 | 620 | 639,706 |
| Premium Flowery | 228 | 45,448 | 253 | 48,152 |
| Ex-Estate | <u>913</u> | <u>1,026,343</u> | <u>916</u> | <u>1,043,177</u> |
| Total | <u>11,988</u> | <u>7,140,150</u> | <u>12,243</u> | <u>7,296,523</u> |

Weekly Private Sale Figures (From 01/04/2019 – 06/04/2019) - 134,009.55 Kgs
 Cumulative - 1,752,491.80 Kgs

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CATALOGUES

Sale No.17 of 29th & 30th April, 2019.

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **04th April, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.18 of 07th & 08th May, 2019.

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **11th April, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots is reached.

Sale No.19 of 14th & 15th May, 2019.

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **25th April, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots is reached

BROKER'S ORDER- SALE NO.16

Auction of 23rd/24th April, 2019 - Main Sale

Leafy/Tippy/BOPIA/ Premium

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Auction of 24th April, 2019 - Ex-Estate

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

LCBL APPROXIMATE SELLING TIME

Tuesday 23rd April'19

High & Medium : 11.20 a.m.
Low Grown Tippy : 12.10 p.m.
Premium Flowery : 02.15 p.m.
Low Grown Leafy : 03.15 p.m.
BOP1A : 05.10 p.m.

Wednesday 24th April'19

Off Grades : 11.45 a.m.
Ex-Estate : 12.20 p.m.
Dust : 03.15 p.m.

CROP & WEATHER
For the period 01st to 06th April 2019

Western Region - Most sub-districts reported bright weather, with heavy rains experienced in the Nanu Oya and Dickoya sub-districts during the evening hours throughout the week. Scattered showers are expected in the days ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Nuwara Eliya Region - Bright weather was experienced in the region during the week and the Department of Meteorology predicted misty mornings in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions - Dry weather was reported throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, heavy rain falls above 100 mm can be expected in both regions.

Low Grows - Severe drought was reported in both the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions. According to the Department of Meteorology, the sun is going to be directly over the latitudes of Sri Lanka from 5th -15th April and dry weather is expected to continue in both regions.

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

OTHER MARKETS

MOMBASA & JAKARTA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORTS

NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING

HOLIDAY NOTICE

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| Friday, 12 th April | - | Our Head-Office Accounts Dept. will be open to facilitate Buyers' Prompt Payments. The remainder of the Head-Office will be closed. |
| Saturday, 13 th April | - | Day Prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day |
| Sunday, 14 th April | - | Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day |
| Monday, 15 th April- | - | Special Holiday declared by the Government. |
| Tuesday, 16 th April- | - | Special Holiday for Head-Office, but Accounts Dept. will be open to facilitate Buyers' Prompt. |

Our Warehouses at **No.46, Aniyakanda, No.97 Muthurajawela & Sampling Dept.** will be closed on

- Monday, 15th April, 2019
- Tuesday, 16th April, 2019.

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6TH APRIL, 2019.

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair demand. Market tending barely steady for the brokens. Fannings ruled at fully firm level with fair support from Internal and Upcountry buyers. Export buyers lent fair support.

LEAF-ORTHODOX:

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Market ruled at dearer levels for the well-made whole leaf and smaller brokens, particularly for the best Nilgiri. However, Medium Brokens and Fannings and Plainers sorts witnessed good demand at fully firm levels.

Buying Pattern: CIS/Middle East exporters were selective. Upcountry buyers lent support on whole leaf grades.

DUST

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Best liquoring popular finer grades are barely steady better mediums selling lower by Rs.1 to 2. Plainers bolder sorts were selling at steady levels with fair export enquiry.

Buying Pattern: Major blender AVT and KSCSC were active on the best mediums with fair support from regional packeters. Domestic buyers were fairly active in their purchases. Exporters were active on their purchase.

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fairly good.

Market: High-priced teas had less demand and sold very selectively resulting in more out list without bids. Better mediums were lower by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/-. Mediums and Plainers were steady to occasional easier by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/-.

Buying Pattern: Packeteers and Blenders were selective. Exporters and Internal Buyers were active.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Good.

Market: Clean well-made Brokens were firm to dearer upto Rs. 5/-, sometimes more following quality and competition. Others were steady.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active and fairly supported by the Internal buyers.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: High priced teas witnessed less demand and were easier up to Rs. 5/- with some out list. Better Mediums were easier by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/-. Mediums were steady to easier by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/-, however more decline in price was noted on the finer grades with some out list. Plainers were steady to easier by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/-.

Buying Pattern: Fairly active participation from the Exporters and Internal Buyers, Packeteers

ORTH DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: Primary dusts were barely steady to occasional easier by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/-. Others were steady,

Buying Pattern: Good participation from the Exporters and Internal Buyers.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair general demand.

Market: Better medium smaller brokens were firm. BOPF's were barely steady with heavy withdrawals. Others Irregular and lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-.

ORTH LEAF: Fair demand. Secondaries were irregular and lower.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good general demand.

Market: Better liquoring and popular sorts were fully firm to occasionally dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. Medium sorts were fully firm. However the bolder grades suffered some withdrawals. Plainers sorts were fully firm.

ORTH DUST Fair demand. Barely steady.

09th April, 2019.

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Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.