



**LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD**  
**TEA MARKET REPORT**

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**SALE NO.21 OF 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019.**

**COMMENTS**

A lower quantity of 6.8 m/kgs was on offer this week which was a drop of 0.6 m/kgs over the previous sale. Low Grown Leafy teas totaled 1.9m/kgs whilst Tippy/Small Leaf teas accounted for 1.1m/kgs and High Grown teas on offer in the Ex-Estate catalogue amounted 1 m/kgs.

The quality of Low Growns continued irregular. Stylish leafy BOP1's/OP1's were mostly easier whilst OP/OPA's ruled irregularly lower. The availability of selected shotty Pekoes ruled firm to selectively dearer but all others were easier. FBOP's and FBOPF1's together with select best tippy teas were all easier with lower levels of participation seen from buyers purchasing teas for Russia and the C. I. S and also Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria and the U. A. E. Demand from Iran was again on a subdued note and Turkey was less active. However, there was fair interest for secondary teas from Iraq and Libya.

High Growns in the Ex Estate catalogue perhaps experienced the worst demand conditions seen so far this year, in consequence of which there was a sharp decline in prices across the board for all teas of rotorvane manufacture. Teas in the "best" and "below best" categories lost Rs.20/- to 30/- per kg whilst plainer sorts eased a further Rs.20/-.Buyers for Japan, Hong Kong, Germany and other European destinations were more selective. In sharp contrast however, teas of CTC manufacture received fair demand and buyers for the "tea bag" sector as well as bulk buyers were a little more active than the previous week. It is possible that this demand will continue in the short term in view of Kenyan tea factories that are currently reported to be only at 50% to 60% of their peak capacity on account of the stressing conditions their plants went through in March / April following a severe drought.

This week's auction comprised of **11,759** lots with a total quantity of **6,844,457** Kgs.  
 The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	4,084	1,948,923
Low Grown Tippy	2,154	1,170,878
High & Medium	1,556	821,705
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,272	1,336,611
Dust	486	487,611
Premium Flowery	309	61,597
Ex-Estate	<u>898</u>	<u>1,017,082</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,759</u></b>	<b><u>6,844,457</u></b>

*In lighter vein*

**WIFE FOR A SEASON TICKET**

Sarah was reading a newspaper, while her husband was engrossed in a magazine. Suddenly, she burst out laughing. "Listen to this," she said. "There's a classified ad here where a guy is offering to swap his wife for a season ticket to the stadium."

"Hmmm," her husband said, not looking up from his magazine.

Teasing him, Sarah said, "Would you swap me for a season ticket?"

"Absolutely not," he said.

"How sweet," Sarah said. "Tell me why not."

"Season's almost half over," he said.

**LOW GROWNS – LEAFY**

- BOP1** : Select best teas declined by Rs.40-50/- and at times more; balance were lower by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too declined.
- OP1** : Except for a few select best which were declined substantially; the balance too lower by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Stalky invoices were firm at the commencement but declined as the sale progressed.
- OP** : A few select best invoices held firm; balance declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were generally lower.
- OPA** : Select best invoices maintained; balance were easier by Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer sorts too declined by Rs.10-20/- per kg.
- PEK/PEK1**: Well made shotty invoices met with a good demand; balance tended irregular. Best bolder Pekoe's maintained; balance were declined by Rs.20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too were lower by Rs.20/- and at times more.

**Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
<b>BOP1</b>	850-940	900-1000	620-660	650-680	550-580	570-600
<b>OP1</b>	850-1200	850-1200	700-725	700-730	370-420	400-440
<b>OP</b>	630-800	660-780	540-570	550-600	380-420	400-430
<b>OPA</b>	650-880	650-860	540-570	560-580	360-400	380-420
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	770-1100	750-1000	575-625	570-620	425-475	450-500

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

- BOP/BOPSP** : Few select best BOP's maintained; others were lower. Cleaner teas at the lower end firm whilst balance eased.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : Few select best maintained; others were irregularly lower. Best and cleaner below best were firm on last; balance were irregular.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best and best FBOP's were easier. Below best and teas at the lower end too declined substantially. FBOP1's in general were lower.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very tippy teas tended irregular. Best were firm on last. Below best and teas at the lower end were irregular following quality. Select best and best together with below best FF1's declined whilst few cleaner teas at the lower end sold around last level; balance eased.
- FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Select best FFEKSP varieties declined in price on account of quality whilst the below best and other varieties maintained last levels.

**Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>
<b>BOP/BOPSP</b>	820-1350	850-1375	720-750	700-750	360-380	360-380
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	820-1400	830-1350	720-750	700-750	350-370	360-380
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	850-900	850-1050	550-600	620-680	450-500	500-550
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	900-1250	900-110	800-900	800-900	700-750	750-800
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	1000-2750	1000-3800	950-1460	950-1500	750-850	800-900

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**MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

**FBOP** : Well made neat FBOP's maintained last levels whilst the bold types were lower by Rs.10-20/-.  
Teas at the lower end too were firm to easier.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Clean leaf FBOPF types were firm on last levels whilst the better FBOPF1's maintained last levels. Secondary and poorer sorts were discounted.

**PEK/PEK1** : Neat well made Pekoe1 types sold well. Secondary and the mixed Pekoe types were firm to easier.  
Lower end teas lost Rs.10-20/- and more.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>FBOP</b>	820-980	840-940	740-820	750-840	480-740	500-750
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	720-840	740-860	625-720	650-740	500-625	500-650
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	720-920	740-860	625-720	650-740	480-625	500-650

**HIGH GROWNS**

**BOP:** Best Westerns declined Rs.20/-per kg and more following quality. In the below best category few select teas maintained whilst the others declined Rs.30-40/-per kg. Plainer sorts declined Rs.20/-per kg and more for the poor leaf teas. Nuwara Eliyas were irregularly easier and mostly unsold due to lack of any suitable bids. Udupussellawas were Rs.10-20/-per kg lower. Uvas-select high priced teas of last week were substantially lower whilst the others were Rs.20-30/-per kg lower.

**BOPF:** Best Westerns -few select teas were firm and tended dearer following special inquiry whilst the others declined Rs.20/-per kg and more. Teas in the below best category -brighter clean leaf teas were Rs.20/-per kg easier whilst the others declined Rs.30/-per kg and more. Plainer sorts were up to Rs.50/-per kg easier. Nuwara Eliyas declined Rs.20/-per kg and more. Udupussellawas declined Rs.10-20/-per kg and more following quality. Uvas declined Rs.30/-per kg and more following quality.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>BOP</b>		<b>BOPF</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	550-560	570-720	560-790	580-750
Below Best Westerns	500-540	530-560	500-550	520-570
Plainer Westerns	450-490	470-520	420-490	450-510
Nuwara Eliyas	430-480	430-435	400-460	420-480
Other Uda Pussellawas	380-400	400-430	370-400	400-445
Best Uva's	420-470	520-560	450-530	500-560
Other Uva's	380-400	420-450	380-470	420-490

**MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

**BOP:** Rs.20-40/-per kg easier.

**BOPF:** Rs.20-30/-per kg easier.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>BOP</b>		<b>BOPF</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	480-810	520-880	400-520	420-560

**CTC**

**PF1:** High & Medium PF1's were fully firm to Rs.30/- whilst Low Grown PF1's sold on last levels.

**BP1:** High Grown BP1's tended irregular whilst medium Low Grown varieties advanced Rs.20-30/-.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>PF1</b>		<b>BP1</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	420-540	410-560	430-480	Not Quoted
Medium	360-450	380-450	380-430	330-445
Low	360-800	370-720	380-600	500-560

**OFF GRADES**

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

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	300-450	300-460	270-330	270-330	270-330	270-330
Good Fannings (CTC)	290-320	290-320	270-320	270-320	270-310	270-310
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	260-320	260-320	260-320	260-320	270-330	270-330
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	320-350	320-350	340-380	340-380	340-410	340-410
Other BM's	280-320	280-320	280-320	280-320	280-320	280-320
Best BOPIAs	375-400	375-400	370-380	370-380	370-430	370-430
Other BOPIAs	310-330	310-330	310-330	310-330	300-330	300-330

**DUST**

Best liquoring High Grown D/D1's were firm to easier by Rs.50-70/- per kg and at times more whilst others were irregularly lower. Secondary and poorer types however held firm on last levels. Select best Low Grown D/D1's appreciated by Rs.40/- and at times more whilst others maintained last levels. CTC PD's firm to dearer by Rs30-40/-.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	650-840	700-910	430-540	400-520	550-700	500-660
Good Primary PD (CTC)	400-450	350-500	480-560	450-525	540-620	500-580
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	270-300	270-300	290-310	290-310	340-370	340-370
Other Primary Dust (CTC)	N/A	N/A	280-300	280-300	270-290	270-290
Secondary Dust	260-300	260-300	250-300	250-300	260-290	260-290
Poorer Dust	270-300	270-300	230-260	230-260	260-300	260-300

**World Crop Statistics (MKGS)**

Country	Month	2018	2019	Difference +/-	To-date 2018	To-date 2019	Difference +/-
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	<b>28.01</b>	<b>23.62</b>	<b>-4.39</b>	<b>102.35</b>	<b>97.05</b>	<b>-5.30</b>
BANGLADESH	Mar.	1.556	1.917	0.36	1.9	2.5	0.6
MALAWI	Mar.	7.7	6.4	-1.3	20.8	21.2	0.4
NORTH INDIA	Mar.	46.7	59.5	12.8	53.9	64.1	10.2
SOUTH INDIA	Mar.	14.3	15.1	0.8	38.3	39.5	1.20
KENYA	Mar.	30.98	26.46	-4.52	99.76	106.29	6.5

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

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## THIS WEEK'S TOP PRICES

<b><u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>UVA MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u></b>		
Craighead	BOP	810/-	Demodara S	BOP	690/-	A C U Super	BOP1	940/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>780/-</b>	Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	760/-	Gunawardena	BOP1	930/-
Craighead	BOPSP	770/-	<b>*Halpewatte Uva</b>	<b>BOPF/BOPFSP</b>	<b>700/-</b>	Matuwagala Super	BOP1	930/-
Nayapane	BOPF/ BOPFSP	710/-	<b>*Halpewatte Uva</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>1100/-</b>	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>920/-</b>
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>1100/-</b>	Maratenne	FBOP /FBOP1	830/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OP1	1200/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	980/-	Pettigala	FBOPF/FBOPF1	790/-	Gunawardena	OP1	1200/-
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	840/-	<b>*Halpewatte Uva</b>	<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>770/-</b>	Navinda	OP	800/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>810/-</b>	Telbedde	OP/OPA	800/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OPA	880/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>780/-</b>	Telbedde	OP1	850/-	A C U Super	OPA	880/-
Craighead	OP/OPA	780/-	Aruna Passara	PEK /PEK1	760/-	<b>*Makandura</b>	<b>OPA</b>	<b>870/-</b>
Dartry Valley	OP1	880/-	<b><u>UVA HIGH</u></b>			Liyonta	PEKOE	1110/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>870/-</b>	Aislaby	BOP	530/-	<b>*Makandura</b>	<b>PEKOE</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	920/-	Glenanore	BOPSP	570/-	Matuwagala Super	PEKOE1	1050/-
<b><u>WESTERN HIGH</u></b>			Mahadawa	BOPF/BOPFSP	530/-	Nilrich	PEKOE1	990/-
Mattakelle	BOP	670/-	Uva Highlands	BOPF/BOPFSP	530/-	<b>*Arbour Valley</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>980/-</b>
Ranaya	BOPSP	600/-	Odoowerre	BOP1	810/-	<b><u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u></b>		
Mattakelle	BOPF/ BOPFSP	790/-	Odoowerre	FBOP/ FBOP1	800/-	Ceciliyan	BOP	1250/-
Inverness	BOP1	780/-	Glenanore	FBOP/ FBOP1	800/-	Kelani	BOP	920/-
Inverness	FBOP/ FBOP1	810/-	Odoowerre	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	770/-	<b>*New Hopewell</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>880/-</b>
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	800/-	Odoowerre	OP1	790/-	Kelani	BOPSP	1350/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	900/-	<b>*Battawatte</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>730/-</b>	New Vithanakanda	BOPSP	1225/-
Inverness	OP1	760/-	Spring Valley	OP/OPA	730/-	Berubeula	BOPSP	1200/-
Torrington	PEK/PEK1	620/-	Battawatte	PEK/PEK1	800/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
<b><u>NUWARA ELIYA</u></b>			<b><u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u></b>			Pothatuwa	BOPF	1400/-
Kenmare	BOP	480/-	Kirklees	BOP	570/-	Dellawa	BOPF	1400/-
Court Lodge	BOPF/BOPFSP	460/-	Lucky land	BOPSP	450/-	New Hopewell	BOPF	1000/-
Mahagstotte	FBOP/ FBOP1	1050/-	Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	540/-	Mulatiyana Hills	BOPFSP	1400/-
Lovers Leap	PEK /PEK1	1000/-	Alma	BOP1	750/-	Sithaka	FBOP	900/-
Mahagstotte	PEK /PEK1	1000/-	Alma	FBOP/ FBOP1	700/-	Golden Leaf	FBOP1	840/-
<b><u>CTC TEAS</u></b>			Alma	FBOPF/FBOPF1	680/-	<b>*L. Pinnaduwa</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1250/-</b>
<b><u>HIGH GROWN</u></b>			Alma	OP/OPA	610/-	Hedigalla	FBOPF	1150/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	540/-	<b>*Alma</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>600/-</b>	<b>*Nawalakanda Sup</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1100/-</b>
Florence	BP1	480/-	Alma	OP1	620/-	<b>*New Galagawa</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
Dunsinane CTC	BPS	400/-	Alma	PEK /PEK1	740/-	Uruwala	FBOPF1	860/-
<b><u>MEDIUM GROWN</u></b>			<b><u>OFF GRADES</u></b>			Sithaka	FBOPF1	840/-
<b>*Rothschild CTC</b>	<b>PF1</b>	<b>450/-</b>	<b>*Aldora</b>	<b>BM</b>	<b>490/-</b>	Adams View	FBOPF1	840/-
<b>*Carolina CTC</b>	<b>BP1</b>	<b>430/-</b>	Tini Oya	BP	610/-	<b><u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u></b>		
Strathdon CTC	BPS	370/-	Norwood	FNGS/FNGS1	490/-	Mulatiyana Hills	FBOPFSP	2700/-
<b><u>LOW GROWN</u></b>			Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	590/-	Karagoda	FBOPFSP	2375/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	800/-	Chandrika Estate	BOPIA	550/-	New Vithanakanda	FBOPFEXSP	2750/-
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	600/-	<b><u>DUST</u></b>			Nilgiri	FBOPFEXSP	2700/-
Ceciliyan CTC	BPS	530/-	Mattakelle	DUST1	840/-	K.D.U. Super	FBOPFEXSP 1	2500/-
			New Vithanakande	DUST1	700/-	Deerwood Sup	FBOPFEXSP 1	2000/-
			Ceciliyan CTC	PD	620/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOPFEXSP 1</b>	<b>1650/-</b>

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+++ All Time Record Price

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**COLOMBO AUCTION – GROSS SALE AVERAGES**SALE NO.20 OF 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 2019.

		<b>2019</b>		<b>2018</b>	
	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Month to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Month to Date</b>
Uva High Grown	458.25	476.94	501.04	511.27	541.96
Western High Grown	514.97	528.05	574.56	537.45	566.09
High Grown	496.27	510.60	553.98	529.58	558.96
Uva Medium	492.00	509.13	529.59	524.85	549.26
Western Medium	448.92	460.64	491.34	514.34	535.46
Medium Grown	463.31	477.04	501.80	517.79	539.46
Low Grown (Orthodox)	574.64	585.69	616.54	624.21	630.53
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	563.00	574.52	603.51	617.82	627.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>531.57</b>	<b>545.00</b>	<b>577.43</b>	<b>579.81</b>	<b>598.22</b>

**DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES**

	<b><u>Sale of 03<sup>rd</sup> /04<sup>th</sup> June'19</u></b>		<b><u>Sale of 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> June'19</u></b>	
	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	4,491	2,275,281	3,867	1,869,890
Low Grown Tippy	2,211	1,268,900	1,817	1,018,169
High & Medium	1,768	974,187	1,713	939,255
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,324	1,350,642	2,192	1,302,400
Dust	604	640,940	639	673,868
Premium Flower	298	64,467	229	50,282
Ex-Estate	<u>915</u>	<u>1,038,943</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>1,144,439</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,611</u></b>	<b><u>7,613,360</u></b>	<b><u>11,458</u></b>	<b><u>6,998,303</u></b>

Weekly Private Sale Figures (From 20/05/2019 – 25/05/2019) - 128,941.00 Kgs

Cumulative - 2,432,990.15 Kgs

**CROP & WEATHER**For the period 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

**Western / Nuwara Eliya Regions:** Both regions reported mostly bright mornings and dull evenings with occasional showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology predicts heavy showers in the days ahead in the Central Province.

**Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** Dry weather with scattered showers reported during the week in the regions. Showers with localized strong winds can be expected in the week ahead according to The Department of Meteorology.

**Low Growns:** Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions experienced dull mornings with afternoon and evening showers throughout the week. Rainfall above 100 mm can be expected in the Sabaragamuwa Region in the days to come.

**Crop Intake:** All planting regions show a moderate crop intake.

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**CATALOGUES**

**Sale No. 23 of 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.**

**Sale No. 24 of 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots are reached.

**Sale No. 25 of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **6<sup>th</sup> June, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots are reached.

**BROKER'S ORDER- SALE NO.22**

**Auction of 03<sup>rd</sup>/04<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 - Main Sale**

**Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium**

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

**High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust**

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

**Auction of 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 - Ex-Estate**

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

**LCBL APPROXIMATE SELLING TIME**

**Tuesday 03<sup>rd</sup> June'19**

Low Grown Tippy : 10.45 a.m.  
Premium Flowery : 12.00 noon  
Low Grown Leafy : 12.15 p.m.  
High & Medium : 12.15 p.m.  
BOP1A : 05.15 p.m.

**Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> June'19**

Ex-Estate : 11.50 a.m.  
Off Grades : 02.30 p.m.  
Dust : 03.00 p.m.

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## OTHER MARKETS

### BANGLADESH AUCTION

**Sale No.05 held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.**

**CTC LEAF:** 38,556 packages of Current Season & 330 packages of Old Season Teas on offer met with much improved demand but at easier rates.

**BROKENS:** A handful of well made Brokens sold well although prices declined by Tk.10/- over last. Medium varieties generally met with only a fair demand and there were several withdrawals.

**FANNINGS:** A handful of improved liquoring invoices attracted fair competition and sold well often at easier rates. Medium varieties were well supported but eased by Tk.10/- over last. However, plain types were difficult of sale and only a few sold at a greater discount.

**CTC DUST:** 7,975 packages of Current Season Teas on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring varieties particularly CDs met with a good competition and sold well in line with quality. Others were barely steady to easier with quite fair withdrawals.

#### QUOTATIONS – THIS WEEK– (IN TAKA)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This week	Last Week
Large	202-207	NQTA	Best	220-230	230-245	PD	193-212	212-214
Medium	195-205	200-220	Good	205-215	215-225	RD	149-283	197-238
Small	200-210	205-225	Medium	195-200	200-210	D	164-306	200-229
Plain	170-180	185-195	Plain	180-200	190-200	CD	199-320	263-308
BLF	150-170	140-170	BLF	150-170	140-170	BLF	149-173	150-193

*Courtesy: NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED*

### MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

**SALE NO.22 OF THE 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019.**

There was fairly good general demand for the 128,600 packages (8.32m/kgs) in the market with 24.23% neglected especially towards the close.

The Best **BP1s** on offer held firm to USC26 easier with Brighter sorts steady to USC38 below previous levels where sold while Medium categories saw an irregular enquiry ranging between USC5-USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC9 with a few invoices neglected. Plain types ranged between USC20 dearer to easier by up to USC6 and some teas were unsold.

The Best **PF1s** in the market met better support gaining up to USC10 but a few lines eased following quality with Brighter types irregular varying between firm to USC28 dearer to easier by up to USC20 while Medium types ranged between USC2-USC16 above last levels to easier by up to USC5 with some invoices remaining without bids. Plain varieties irregular and ranged between firm to USC19 above last prices to easier by up to USC8 and Plainest were neglected.

Best **PDUSTs** available were irregular and varied between USC16 dearer to easier by up to USC18 while Brighter types ranged between USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC20 where sold with Mediums firm to USC26 easier and a few lines were unsold. Plain descriptions were difficult of sale varying between USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC6 and many teas neglected.

Best **DUST1s** on offer held steady to USC8 easier while Brighter sorts were firm to USC19 below previous prices with Medium catalogues of sale and were barely firm to USC46 easier and some invoices remained without bids. Plain types varied between USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC4 and many teas were neglected.

In the **Secondary Catalogues** BPs were steady with PFs firm. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings appreciated while similar DUSTs held value. Other Fannings eased while DUSTs were discounted. BMFs were absorbed at easier rates.

There was more and strong interest from Pakistan Packers with increased support from Afghanistan and UK, Egyptian Packers, Sudan, Yemen and other Middle Eastern Countries maintained activity with reduced enquires from Kazakhstan, other CIS states, Russia and Bazaar. Iran was operating at lower levels. Somalia showed reduced activity at the lower end of the market.

	BP1	PF1	PD
<b>Best</b>	235-486	258-331	338-390
<b>Good Medium</b>	222-262	236-271	330-344
<b>Lower Medium</b>	142-250	120-226	100-292
<b>Plainer</b>	110-190	042-187	080-220

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## SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019.

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand:** Good demand. Larger broken are selling at barely steady levels. Fannings ruled at dearer levels with selective demand from Internal and Upcountry buyers. Export buyers lent fair support.

#### LEAF-ORTHODOX:

**Demand:** Good demand.

**Market:** Market ruled at barely steady levels to occasionally dearer for the well-made selective whole leaf and bolder broken. However, Medium Broken and Fannings and Plain sorts were selling at easier levels.

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

#### DUST

**Demand:** Fair demand.

**Market:** Best liquoring popular finer grades selling at irregular and lower by Rs.1 to Rs.2 Better mediums are selling at around last levels. Plain bolder sorts were selling at barely steady with fair export enquiry.

**Buying Pattern:** Major blender AVT was active 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.

### COONOOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand:** Good.

**Market:** Generally an easier market by Rs. 2/- to Rs.3/- and more up to Rs.5/- overall with some withdrawals.

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good operation from the Major Blenders and Packeteers. Internal buyers were fairly supportive with Exporters being very selective.

#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand:** Fair.

**Market:** Irregularly lower by Rs. 5/- and more sometimes following quality with fair withdrawals on the Broken.

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with fair support from the Internal buyers.

#### CTC DUST

**Demand:** Fairly good.

**Market:** Market generally was on an easier trend with Bolder dusts selling at Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- lower and Finer dusts were Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- easier and steady at times with fair withdrawals.

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Export enquiry with reasonably good Internal participation. Major Blenders were seen buying comfortably at their levels.

#### ORTH DUST

**Demand:** Good.

**Market:** Steady to fully firm and dearer at times for the fairly black and cleaner primary dusts. Others were rather barely steady and irregularly easier at times with less percentage of outlists.

**Buying Pattern:** Select buying from Internal Buyers with slightly better participation from the Exporters.

### COIMBATORE

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand:** Fair general demand.

**Market:** Better medium smaller broken and BOPF's were fully firm to dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. Mediums were barely steady. Plainers lower by Rs.2/-.

**ORTH LEAF:** Fair demand. Whole leaf barely steady with some withdrawals. Secondaries lower by Rs.2/-.

#### CTC DUST

**Demand:** Good general demand.

**Market:** Better liquoring and popular marks were fully firm to occasionally dearer. Mediums lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals particularly on bolder grades. Plainers lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals.

**ORTH DUST** Good demand. Firm to dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-.

*Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.*

29<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.  
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