

**SALE NO.44 OF 05<sup>TH</sup>/ 06<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

**C O M M E N T S**

The National Elevational Averages for October, 2019 have been released and a welcome improvement is seen in the combined Orthodox and CTC average which is recorded as Rs. 527.34 reflecting a gain of Rs. 14.51 over September. Out of the orthodox segment, the October western high average of Rs. 500.19 is a gain of Rs. 26.09 over the previous month whilst low grown elevation average of Rs. 572.36 is Rs. 19.64 higher. CTC teas too have shown increases across all three elevations, and, more details are given elsewhere in this report. In terms of the combined total orthodox and CTC volume sold up to end October, 2019 it will be noted that the weight of 255,663,174 kg is an improvement of 11.2 m/kg over the corresponding period last year.

An all-round moderate increase in crop intakes has been reported from the planting districts following the recent heavy showers experienced. Normal work has now resumed in the estates after the Deepavali Holidays amidst intermittent bursts of evening rainfall preceded by sunny mornings.

This week's quantity of 5.6 m/kg was mostly similar to last week's auction weight. Low Grown Leafy/Tippy/Premium Flowery Grades comprised of 2.5 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category teas totaled 0.6 m/kgs. Teas on offer in the Ex Estate catalogue amounted to 781,737 kgs.

Once again there was quite fair and widespread demand for leafy low grown teas. Well made BOP1's/OPI's as well as OP/OPA's were fully firm to dearer. Shotty and well-made Pekoes were selectively dearer whilst the balance was mostly firm. Buyers for Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern destinations were active whilst there was more absorption from buyers for Russia, and, the C. I. S. as well. Turkey was selective. In the "Tippy & Small Leaf" catalogue, there was maintained demand from Iran and the U. A. E. The better FBOP's and FBOPF1's were firm to dearer. The best available very tippy teas continued to sell well at higher prices.

There was improved demand for Ex Estate teas, particularly at the "below best" and "lower-end" of the market. Select high priced western BOP's however, eased up to Rs. 20/- per kg, whilst their BOPF counterparts eased up to Rs.50/- following more selective buying by buyers for Japan, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan and Europe. Plainer teas with acceptable leaf appearance were hotly pursued by bulk buyers operating for Russia and some Far Eastern countries. CTC teas too enjoyed robust demand from the "Tea Bag" sector with prices appreciating Rs. 20/- and more across all three elevations

This week's auction comprised of **10,142** lots with a total quantity of **5,567,722** Kgs.  
 The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows: -

	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	3,438	1,473,738
Low Grown Tippy	1,887	969,411
High & Medium	1,239	640,763
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,942	1,092,690
Dust	565	531,593
Premium Flowery	394	77,790
Ex-Estate	<u>677</u>	<u>781,737</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,142</u></b>	<b><u>5,567,722</u></b>

**In lighter vein**

**The Politician Mountain Climber**

A politician, 3 doctors and 3 engineers decided to climb Mount Everest. They arrive there and start climbing the long way up the tallest climb on Earth. It's a grueling climb and they have to stop many times to rest and pull each other up. Halfway into the climbing, the rope starts to break. The doctors say they should all hang on and wait for help. Nobody believes they will arrive on time. The engineers, with their quick physics skills tell everyone "One of us has to jump or else we all die!" Nobody wanted to jump. Everyone held onto the rope with their hands tightly. Then, the politician let out a sigh. "You people are valuable resources for the country. A doctor can save so many lives. An engineer can build so many innovative things. But what am I? A useless politician. What do I do for society? Nothing. I just give speeches and that's it." - he gives out a very heartfelt sigh. The speech was so good, everyone started clapping for the politician.

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**LOW GROWNS – LEAFY**

**BOP1** : Select best teas held firm; balance was appreciated by Rs.10-20/-per kg. Teas at the lower end were maintained.

**OP1** : Teas in the select best category were fully firm to selectively dearer; balance too advanced Rs.20/- per kg. Stalky invoices declined Rs.20-30/- per kg.

**OP** : A few teas in the select best category held firm; balance was irregularly lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower were maintained.

**OPA** : Select best category were declined by Rs.30-40/- and at times more; balance too lower by Rs.30-40/- and times were difficult of sale. Poorer sorts were barely steady.

**PEK/PEK1**: Well-made shotty invoices were fully firm on last week levels; balance tended irregular. Best bold PEKOE's were lower by Rs.20/- per kg; balance too irregularly lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were maintained.

**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>
<b>BOP1</b>	870-1100	850-1100	670-730	650-720	520-550	500-550
<b>OP1</b>	950-1300	900-1300	600-650	570-620	200-230	200-225
<b>OP</b>	620-780	630-780	500-530	500-540	300-330	300-340
<b>OPA</b>	600-830	620-850	500-530	500-540	240-270	240-280
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	800-950	800-950	650-700	630-700	475-500	475-500

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : Select best maintained. Best and below best were dearer. Teas at the lower end too appreciated.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : Few select best on offer maintained. Best and below best appreciated. Teas at the lower end maintained.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best and best appreciated Rs.20/- per kg and more. Well made teas in the below best together with the cleaner teas at the lower end gained Rs.30/- per kg and more. Others maintained. FBOP1's in general were dearer.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very tippy teas attracted good demand and were substantially dearer. Best and well made below best sorts too appreciated. Cleaner teas at the lower end gained Rs.40/- per kg and more. Others maintained. Select best and best FF1's were dearer. Below best together with cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Others maintained.

**FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best category sold on last week's levels whilst below best and the other sorts were appreciated Rs.50/- per kg.

**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>
<b>BOP/BOPSP</b>	820-1250	800-1100	650-700	650-750	450-500	400-500
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	8000-920	750-850	650-700	640-720	380-450	350-500
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	900-1060	900-1050	700-750	700-750	650-680	620-700
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	900-1250	800-1100	750-850	700-820	550-650	525-650
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	2200-3000	2000-3000	900-1100	800-1000	700-800	600-650

**MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

**FBOP** : Best on offer gained Rs.10-20/- whilst the others were fully firm to dearer.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1**: Select best type gained Rs.20/- whilst the others were fully firm on last levels.

**PEK/PEK1** : Best on offer maintained last levels whilst the others were irregularly dearer by Rs.10-20/-.

<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>	860-1100	860-1060	740-860	720-860	580-740	600-720
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	730-820	750-800	660-730	680-750	520-660	500-680
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	820-920	840-920	730-820	760-840	520-730	540-760

**HIGH GROWN**

**BOP**: Best Westerns -Select high priced teas were Rs.10-20/-per kg lower whilst the others gained Rs.30-50/-per kg. Teas in the below best category gained by Rs.50/-per kg whilst the plainer sorts appreciated further. Nuwara Eliyas were irregular and difficult of sale. Udupussellawas -select invoices gained Rs.20-30/-per kg and more following special inquiry whilst the others sold around last. Uvas continued to sell well.

**BOPF**: Best Westerns declined by up to Rs.50/-per kg. Teas in the below best category were firm and selectively dearer. Plainer sorts were firm and Rs.20-30/-per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas were Rs.10-20/-per kg easier. Udupussellawas were Rs.30-50/-per kg dearer. Uvas -clean leaf teas were Rs.20-30/-per kg dearer whilst the poorer sorts were lower by a similar margin.

<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	520-660	530-770	650-740	610-800
Below Best Westerns	470-500	450-520	570-640	530-600
Plainer Westerns	370-450	330-430	450-550	370-520
Nuwara Eliyas	420-550	420-660	470	470-500
Other Uda Pussellawas	410-610	400-440	450-470	405
Best Uva's	710-860	700-850	500-580	510-540
Other Uva's	680	650	480-490	400-490

**MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

**BOP** : Irregular and Rs.10-20/-per kg lower.

**BOPF**: Gained Rs.30-40/-per kg and substantially more for the poorer sorts.

<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	520-880	420-770	350-520	370-460

**CTC**

**PF1**: High Growns gained Rs.20-30/-per kg and more whilst Medium Growns which commenced Rs.20-30/-per kg dearer, appreciated up to Rs.50/-per kg by the close. Low Grown declined Rs.20-30/-per kg and more following quality.

**BP1**: High & Medium Growns gained Rs.20-30/-per kg and substantially more as the sale progressed. Low Growns sold around last levels.

<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	430-540	400-500	440-570	390-480
Medium	300-550	370-490	370-600	470-510
Low	370-920	350-1000	370-570	440-560

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**OFF GRADES**

Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 firm on last week levels. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1 advanced by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best BPs' on offer were firm on last week levels. Best BMs advanced Rs.25-50/- per kg. Poorer types too gained Rs.10-20/-. Well made BOP1A's firm on last week levels whilst poorer types too were dearer Rs.10/- 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)	250-400	250-380	200-310	200-290	220-340	220-330
Good Fannings (CTC)	210-240	220-240	210-240	220-240	220-250	220-240
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	210-270	210-260	210-280	210-260	210-280	210-250
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	325-420	300-370	325-420	300-370	350-500	300-430
Other BM's	220-270	210-250	220-270	210-250	220-280	210-270
Best BOP1As	250-330	240-310	230-340	230-320	325-600	325-580
Other BOP1As	220-260	210-230	220-270	210-230	220-280	210-230

**DUST**

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's declined by Rs.10/- per kg and at times more whilst the secondary and below best types however gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg. The poor varieties maintained last levels. Low Grown clean D/D1s gained Rs.20-40/-per kg whilst the balance too met with good demand but up to a lesser extent. CTC Low Grown PD's advanced by Rs.40-50/- whilst High and Medium teas were fully firm to dearer.

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)	550-980	560-990	480-610	440-610	500-650	480-610
Good Primary PD (CTC)	420-530	420-630	490-630	440-575	600-720	550-610
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	260-280	260-280	260-280	260-280	310-330	310-330
Other Primary Dust (CTC)	N/A	N/A	260-290	260-290	260-290	260-290
Secondary Dust	240-280	240-280	240-280	240-280	250-280	250-280
Poorer Dust	240-270	240-270	230-260	230-260	240-270	240-270

**World Crop Statistics (MKGS)**

Country	Month	2018	2019	Difference +/-	To-date 2018	To-date 2019	Difference +/-
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>Sep.</b>	<b>19.38</b>	<b>21.73</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>223.03</b>	<b>232.72</b>	<b>9.69</b>
BANGLADESH	Sep.	12.00	13.40	1.40	54.9	65.9	11.0
MALAWI	Sep.	3.6	2.1	-1.5	40.6	39.8	-0.8
NORTH INDIA	Sep.	155.4	167.8	12.4	820.7	852.4	31.7
SOUTH INDIA	Sep.	19.4	16.9	-2.5	158.5	153.9	-4.60
KENYA	Aug.	37.43	37.20	-0.23	303.70	281.26	-22.4
UGANDA	May	7.30	6.10	-1.2	28.18	21.95	-6.23

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<b><u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>UVA MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u></b>		
Craighead	BOP	800/-	El Teb	BOP	860/-	New Vithanakande	BOP1	+++ 1700/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>770/-</b>	Dickwella	BOPSP	740/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	1250/-
Doombagastalawa	BOPSP	740/-	Aruna Passara	BOPF/BOPFSP	720/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>1150/-</b>
Craighead	BOPF/ BOPFSP	640/-	Telbedde	BOP1	1000/-	New Vithanakande	OP1	1600/-
Craighead	BOP1	1150/-	Telbedde	FBOP/ FBOP1	840/-	Gunawardena	OP1	1550/-
Craighead	FBOP/ FBOP1	1100/-	Telbedde	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	780/-	<b>* Sithaka</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>1500/-</b>
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	820/-	Telbedde	OP/ OPA	680/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OP	820/-
<b>*Ancoombra</b>	<b>FBOPF/ FBOPF1</b>	<b>780/-</b>	Telbedde	OP1	780/-	Himara	OPA	860/-
<b>*Orange Field</b>	<b>OP/ OPA</b>	<b>650/-</b>	Aruna Passara	PEK/ PEK1	870/-	Ransevana	PEKOE	1100/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>OP/ OPA</b>	<b>650/-</b>	<b><u>UVA HIGH</u></b>			<b>*Nawalakanada Sup</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>1200/-</b>
Craighead	OP1	900/-	Bandareliya	BOP	820/-	Nilrich	PEKOE1	1150/-
<b>*Dartry valley</b>	<b>PEK/ PEK1</b>	<b>920/-</b>	Spring Valley	BOPSP	720/-	<b>*Hidellana</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>1100/-</b>
<b><u>WESTERN HIGH</u></b>			Uva Highlands	BOPSP	720/-	<b><u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u></b>		
Queensberry	BOP	730/-	Mahadowa	BOPF/ BOPFSP	530/-	Brombil	BOP	920/-
Somerset	BOPSP	510/-	Oodoowerre	BOP1	790/-	<b>*Geekiyannahena</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>900/-</b>
Mattakelle	BOPE/ BOPFSP	740/-	Craig	FBOP/ FBOP1	790/-	Berubeula	BOPSP	1250/-
Weddemulla	BOP1	800/-	Battawatte	FBOP/ FBOP1	790/-	Kelani	BOPSP	1200/-
Queensberry	FBOP/ FBOP1	770/-	Oodoowerre	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	750/-	Dellawa	BOPF	920/-
Glenloch	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	700/-	Aislaby	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	750/-	Kelani	BOPFSP	850/-
Weddemulla	OP/ OPA	520/-	Uva Highlands	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	750/-	Sunrise	FBOP	1060/-
Queensberry	OP1	690/-	Battawatte	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	750/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1050/-</b>
Bearwell	PEK/ PEK1	770/-	<b>*Batawatte</b>	<b>OP/ OPA</b>	<b>590/-</b>	Brombil	FBOP1	880/-
Weddemulla	PEK/ PEK1	770/-	Oodoowerre	OP1	810/-	Gunawardena	FBOPF	1250/-
<b><u>NUWARA ELIYA</u></b>			Ranya	PEK/ PEK1	800/-	<b>*Geekiyannahena</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1150/-</b>
Court Lodge	BOP	550/-	<b><u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u></b>			New Vithanakande	FBOPF1	940/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF/ BOPF SP	470/-	Kirklees	BOP	820/-	<b><u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u></b>		
Lovers Leap	FBOP/ FBOP1	570/-	Lucky Land	BOP	820/-	Mulathiyana Hills	FBOPFSP	3000/-
Lovers Leap	PEK/ PEK1	635/-	Kirklees	BOPSP	400/-	<b>*Geekiyannahena</b>	<b>FBOPFSP</b>	<b>2950/-</b>
<b><u>CTC TEAS</u></b>			Liddesdale	BOPF/ BOPFS	530/-	Lickra	FBOPFEXSP	2900/-
<b><u>HIGH GROWN</u></b>			Mooloya	BOPF/ BOPFS	530/-	Kamarangapitiya	FBOPFEXSP 1	3200/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	540/-	Gordon	FBOP/ FBOP1	590/-			
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	570/-	Gonapitiya	FBOP/ FBOP1	590/-			
Dunsinane CTC	BPS	480/-	Gonapitiya	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	640/-			
<b><u>MEDIUM GROWN</u></b>			Delmar	OP/ OPA	530/-			
Carolina	PF1	550/-	Delmar	OP1	680/-			
Carolina	BP1	600/-	Delmar	PEK/ PEK1	700/-			
Aultmore CTC	BPS	440/-	<b><u>OFF GRADES</u></b>					
<b><u>LOW GROWN</u></b>			New Vithanakande	FNGS/ FNGS1	560/-			
Cee Tee Hills	PF1	920/-	Cee Tee Hills	PFGS	640/-			
Cecilayan CTC	BP1	570/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	640/-			
			Gunawardena	BM	620/-			
			IronFord	BP	670/-			
			<b>*Chandrika Estate</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>670/-</b>			
			<b><u>DUST</u></b>					
			Mattakelle	Dust1	980/-			
			Kalubowitiyana	CTC PD	720/-			

**\* Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**

**+++ All Time Record Price**

**++ Equal All Time Record Price**

**MONTHLY AVERAGE – OCTOBER, 2019**

Elevation	Orthodox		CTC		Orth. & CTC Combined	
	Month	To-date	Month	To-date	Month	To-date
Uva High	435.72	464.33	-	-	435.72	464.33
Western High	500.19	528.31	458.34	452.59	496.72	522.15
Uva Medium	469.09	491.84	-	-	469.09	491.84
Western Medium	425.28	460.97	417.20	426.66	423.31	452.78
Low Grown	572.36	582.72	461.63	428.70	563.04	572.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>535.84</b>	<b>551.23</b>	<b>447.43</b>	<b>431.08</b>	<b>527.34</b>	<b>541.16</b>

**COLOMBO AUCTION – GROSS SALE AVERAGES**  
**SALE NO.43 OF 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019.**

	2019		2018		
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	
Uva High Grown	452.14	437.29	458.46	509.27	526.58
Western High Grown	512.95	499.15	518.46	614.66	593.02
High Grown	498.77	483.41	501.57	590.21	574.64
Uva Medium	495.06	469.63	489.08	559.97	526.19
Western Medium	444.48	426.77	452.13	544.58	515.59
Medium Grown	456.35	437.15	462.21	548.13	518.92
Low Grown (Orthodox)	595.59	572.08	582.77	628.95	607.64
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	583.70	563.88	572.07	615.37	600.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>546.61</b>	<b>528.64</b>	<b>540.49</b>	<b>596.73</b>	<b>582.57</b>

**DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES**

	<u>Sale of 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.'19</u>		<u>Sale of 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.'19</u>	
	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	3,594	1,560,563	3,403	1,427,746
Low Grow	2,015	1,035,434	1,833	927,822
High & Medium	1,298	666,794	1,159	621,007
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,866	1,034,692	1,660	900,434
Dust	586	556,803	462	436,094
Premium Flower	410	84,425	377	75,473
Ex-Estate	<u>683</u>	<u>786,237</u>	<u>569</u>	<u>662,129</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,452</u></b>	<b><u>5,724,948</u></b>	<b><u>9,463</u></b>	<b><u>5,050,705</u></b>

Weekly Private Sale Figures (From 28/10/2019 – 02/11/2019) - 64,160.25 Kgs  
 Cumulative - 4,878,470.30 Kgs

**Crop & Weather**

**For the period 28<sup>th</sup> October to 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**

**Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions :** Overcast mornings with heavy afternoon and evening showers were reported from both regions throughout the week. Afternoon showers are expected to continue in the Central Province in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

**Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** Both regions reported bright mornings and heavy evening showers during the week.

**Low Grown :** Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions experienced dry mornings and evening showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology forecasts afternoon showers in the week ahead in the Sabaragamuwa Region.

**Crop Intake :** All planting regions showed a moderate increase in the crop intake.

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**CATALOGUES**

**Sale No.46 of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.**

**Sale No.47 of 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **07<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

**Sale No.48 of 03<sup>rd</sup> & 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

**SALE NO.45**

**BROKER'S ORDER**

**Auction of 11<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

**Leafy/Tippy/BOPIA/ Premium**

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

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

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

**Ex-Estate**

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**LCBL APPROXIMATE SELLING TIMES**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November '19**

- High & Medium : 11.50 a.m.
- Low Grown Tippy : 12.15 p.m.
- Low Grown Leafy : 02.15 p.m.
- Premium Flowery : 02.20 p.m.
- BOPIA : 03.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, '19**

- Ex-Estate : 11.00 a.m.
- Off Grades : 12.15 p.m.
- Dust : 02.20 p.m.

***- HOLIDAY NOTICE-***

Please note that our Tea Sample Room, Asia Siyaka Warehousing Complex and No.46 Aniyakanda Stores will be closed for business on **Saturday, November 16, 2019** on account of the **Presidential Election**.

## OTHER MARKETS

### MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

#### SALE NO.45 OF THE 04<sup>th</sup> & 05<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019.

Improved demand for the 144.039 packages (9.54m/kgs) on offer at irregular levels and prices followed quality. 10.61% remained unsold.

Best **BP1's** In the market were strongly competed for and appreciated by USC 56-USC80 following quality with Brighter sorts a strong feature gaining up to USC5t3 but a few invoices shed up to USC20 with quality while Medium categories met an irregular interest ranging between firm to USC25 dearer to easier by up to USC4 and some lines remained without bids. Plainer types were about firm to USC10 below last prices.

The Best **PF1s** on offer held firm to USC3 dearer while Brighter categories were steady to USC2 dearer with Mediums irregular varying between firm to USC2 above last levels to easier by USC6-USC8. Plainer descriptions irregular ranging between firm to USC28 dearer to easier by up to USC10.

Best **PDUSTs** in the market were irregular varying between firm to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC06 with brighter varieties discounted by USC9-USC17 while Medium types were irregular and caries between USC2-USC8 dearer to easier by USC10- USC12. Plainer sorts irregular and varies between firm to USC18 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

The Best **DUSTs** available advanced by USC6-USC8 with Brighter types irregular varying between firm to USC06 dearer to easier by up to USC5 while Medium categories ranged between firm to USC52 above last week's levels to easier by up to USC2. Plainer varieties were irregular varying between firm to USC8 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

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

Pakistan Packers showed strong enquiry and were dominant with strong and useful activity form Kazakhstan, other CIS states. Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries. There was more support from Afghanistan and Sudan with good but reduced interest from Egyptian Packers while Bazaar were selective UK and Russia were more selective with Iran subdued. Somalia showed good activity at the lower end of the market.

	<b>BP1</b>	<b>PF1</b>	<b>PD</b>
<b>Best</b>	330-772	278-343	308-374
<b>Good Medium</b>	270-377	245-280	308-347
<b>Lower Medium</b>	130-192	145-223	120-224
<b>Plainer</b>	122-160	118-174	100-192

### The Jakarta auction of 06<sup>th</sup> November 2019

#### Auction No. 43

Orthodox 5,200 Sacks (274,300 Kgs)  
 CTC 1,480 Sacks ( 85,620 Kgs )  
 Total 6,680 Sacks (359,920 Kgs )

Strong demand.

Russia active for Sumatra and Java teas.

Java Tea Bag types well competed for by Van Rees & Lipton at higher rates. USA showed interest. Japan/German buyers active for select chops. UK/Europe increased interest. Other traditional buyers mostly out priced. Pakistan operated.

**Java** - BOP withdrawn due to Sellers higher limits. Corresponding BOPF gained by 25-35 Cents on last. PF withdrawn wanting higher bids. PF2 4-8 Cents dearer. Dust increased by 3-6 Cents. Powdery sorts unquotable. BT none available other Off Grades 2-5 Cents more.

**Sum** - BOP sold 5-10 Cents higher. BOPF maintained last rates. PF often 1-2 Cents more. Dust none on offer. Powdery sorts mostly unsold due to higher limits but few sold 1-2 Cents above last. BT and other Off Grades steady.

**CTC** - BP1 gained by 8-12 Cents on last. Few PF1 sold at substantially dearer rates. PD and D1 were withdrawn mostly due to higher Sellers limits. Similarly, Fannings withdrawn. D2 sold at considerably higher rates.



## BANGLADESH AUCTION

### Sale 26 held on Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

**CTC LEAF:** 73,745 packages of Current Season and 125 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with an improved demand.

**BROKENS:** Good Brokens met with a strong demand and were a dearer market following competition. Medium Brokens met with a fairly good demand and sold at around last levels whilst plainer types eased with quite a lot of withdrawals. Poor types were a lower market but there were a little less withdrawals in this category.

**FANNINGS:** Good Fannings met with a good demand and tended dearer following competition. Medium varieties met with quite a fair demand and sold at around last levels. Plainer sorts were an easier market with fair withdrawals. Poor varieties were also easier with a little less withdrawals

**CTC DUST:** 11,969 packages of Current Season and 30 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with quite a good demand. Good liquoring teas sold well at firm to slightly dearer rates. Medium teas met with a good demand and sold at around last levels. Plain and BLF categories were an easier market with more withdrawals. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** After a hesitant start, market firmed up and buyers competed quite freely which resulted in well made good liquoring teas gaining in value with only a little withdrawal in this category. All others witnessed a little more interest although prices in general were firm to slightly easier. Reprinted teas, however, continued to suffer very heavy withdrawals. Blenders operated in good strength whilst there was more interest from the Loose tea buyers. Dusts sold well.

**Our catalogue (Sale 26): Avg: Tk 182.98, Sold 57.6% & ( Sale 25 ) Avg: Tk 183.69, sold 62.8%.**

### Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	165-180	175-185	Best	1901-198	191-195	PD	171-221	168-221
Medium	175-188	175-185	Good	185-190	184-189	RD	150-264	158-233
Small	178-188	175-185	Medium	175-180	175-180	D	110-274	132-252
Plain	120-140	120-150	Plain	120-140	120-150	CD	155-299	165-307
BLF	110-135	110-140	BLF	110-135	110-140	BLF	109-182	132-000

*Courtesy: NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED*

## LIMBE MARKET REPORT

### SALE 45 HELD ON 05/11/2019

There was selective demand at generally firm to easier rates for the 3780 packages on offer.

BP1 – Few available were barely steady.

PF1 met selective demand at firm to easier levels.

PD – Few bright invoices available were supported at firm to dearer rates, lesser sorts neglected.

D1 - Better lines were firm to dearer.

Secondary teas met less demand at easier rates.

### WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 03<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

Hot to very hot during the day and night with a four day heat wave experienced. Some bushes have been scorched more on young plants.

Crop intakes continued low.

*Courtesy: TEA BROKERS CENTRAL AFRICA LIMITED*

06<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

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