



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

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**SALE NO.32 OF 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020.**

**COMMENTS**

Weather reports from the western region indicate dull and overcast conditions, whilst there is a likelihood of some showers in the week ahead as predicted by the Department of Meteorology. Mostly clear conditions have prevailed in the Nuwara Eliya and Uva/Uda Pussellawa districts. Plantations in the low grown elevation have had bright and sunny conditions. Crop intakes from the high grown areas are mostly similar to the previous week, but low grown plantations have seen a decline.

This week's auction (Sale # 32) was conducted on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of August (Tue/Wed) with a weight of 6.9 m/kgs. The Low Grown Leafy/Semi leafy/Tippy/Premium Flowery Grades comprised of a weight of 3.1 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High Medium category teas amounted to 0.9 m/kgs. Ex Estate offerings totalled 0.9 m/kgs.

There was less demand and consequently an easier market for Ex Estate teas. A limited range of the best western BOP's were about firm but others eased Rs. 30/- to 50/- per kg whilst at the lower end prices shed up to Rs. 20/-. The better western BOPF lost Rs. 30/- 40/- and much more for last week's top range teas. Below best and plainer teas declined Rs. 10/- to 30/- per kg. A small selection of improved Uva BOP's gained on last following special demand whilst others were barely firm. Uva BOPF generally lost Rs. 30/- to 40/- per kg. CTC PF1's from the High and Medium elevations were barely steady and often lower with low grown teas also following a similar trend. There was more selective demand from Hong Kong, China and other Far Eastern markets. Subdued interest was seen from buyers for Europe.

Low grown leafy teas continued to encounter fair demand. Stylish, wiry OP1's were fully firm to dearer, but lower quality offerings were irregular. Better OP/OPA's were firm to at times easier, though secondary teas held firm. In the semi leafy category, there was good demand and select high priced BOP1's were fully firm whilst Pek/Pek1's followed a similar trend. In the Tippy Catalogue, well-made FBOP's were a little easier as were their corresponding FBOPF1's. The best tippy FBOPF's were firm. There was good demand from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Libya, Jordan, Kuwait and the U. A. E. whilst Russia, the C.I.S and Turkey were also forceful.

This week's auction comprised of **11,764** lots with a total quantity of **6,946,838** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,174	989,773
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,791	934,604
Low Grown Tippy	2,073	1,152,075
High & Medium	1,721	909,902
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,115	1,242,618
Dust	649	680,653
Premium Flowery	442	90,862
Ex-Estate	<u>799</u>	<u>946,351</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,764</u></b>	<b><u>6,946,838</u></b>

***In Lighter Vein***

***Her Italian Vacation***

"A woman has to go to Italy for a conference, so her husband drives her to the airport.

"Thank you honey," she says, "Is there anything I can bring back for you?"

He laughs, and says, "An Italian girl!"

When the conference is over, he meets her up at the airport and asks, "How was the trip?"

"Very good," she replies.

"And what happened to my present?"

"Which present?" she asks.

"The one I asked for - an Italian girl!"

"Oh, that. I did what I could.

We'll just have to wait 9 months to see if it's a girl."

**LOW GROWNS – LEAFY**

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

**OPI** : Select best invoices held firm; balance was barely steady. Stalky teas appreciated by Rs.20/- per kg and at times more.

**OP** : Best teas were firm to dearer by Rs.10/- per kg, balance held firm. Teas at the lower end advanced Rs.10-15/- per kg..

**OPA** : Select best teas were barely steady; balance was fully firm on last week levels. Poorer sorts tended irregular.

**PEK/PEK1**: Well-made shotty PEK's were fully firm to dearer by Rs.20/- per kg. Balance too gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best bold PEK's were firm on last levels; balance declined Rs.20/- per kg and more particularly towards the latter part of the sale..

**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>	900-1300	850-1300	620-660	620-670	525-550	525-575
<b>OPI</b>	900-1200	900-1200	670-720	670-720	380-430	370-410
<b>OP</b>	760-800	750-790	620-670	620-660	370-420	350-400
<b>OPA</b>	750-790	750-790	620-650	600-630	320-350	330-360
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	840-900	850-920	680-730	680-730	525-575	500-550

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : Select best and best BOP's declined. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end were firm. Others were easier.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : In general were easier.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best and best FBOP's were easier. Few cleaner below best maintained. Others too were irregular and mostly lower. However, teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance were firm. Select best and best FBOP1's were easier. Balance were firm.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very Tippy teas continue to attract good demand. However, all others were lower. Select best and best FF1's declined. Few cleaner below best maintained. Others were easier. Teas at the lower end were fully firm.

**FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Select best Tippy teas were firm on last week levels, however all others were an easier feature. A Few Cleaner below best teas however 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>BOP/BOPSP</b>	800-900	800-960	650-700	650-700	450-500	500-550
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	700-840	750-820	600-650	600-650	450-500	500-550
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	850-1000	900-1250	680-720	700-750	600-650	600-650
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	900-1250	900-1350	750-800	800-900	600-650	600-620
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	2000-2850	2000-3050	1000-1500	1300-1700	700-800	700-850

**MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

**FBOP** : Select best types gained Rs10-20/- per kg whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1**: Around showed an irregular market condition and declined by Rs.30-40/- per kg and at times more.

**PEK/PEK1** : Select best types maintained last levels whilst the others Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

<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>	800-900	800-870	650-800	680-800	550-650	580-680
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	800-870	830-920	650-800	680-830	530-650	550-680
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	800-890	780-880	700-800	700-780	600-700	580-700

**HIGH GROWN**

**BOP**: Best Westerns, where quality was maintained, were firm and selectively dearer following special inquiry whilst the others declined Rs. 30-50 per kg. In the Below Best category, a few select brighter sorts were barely steady, whilst the others declined Rs. 20-30 per kg. At the lower end, cleaner sorts declined up to Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the others eased up to Rs. 40 per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were barely steady. Uva's - few select seasonal teas were substantially dearer whilst the others were barely steady.

**BOPF**: Best Westerns declined Rs. 20-40 per kg with select high priced teas easing further. Teas in the Below Best category declined Rs. 20-30 per kg. Plainer sorts were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower. Uva's declined Rs. 30-40 per kg.

<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	560-720	600-670	580-620	580-660
Below Best Westerns	530-550	550-590	550-570	540-570
Plainer Westerns	480-520	510-540	520-540	500-530
Nuwara Eliyas	580-610	550-570	550-650	550-650
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	490-520	500-510	500-540	510-530
Other Uda Pussellawas	440-460	470-480	470-490	490-500
Best Uva's.	600-840	590-640	500-530	520-590
Other Uva's	490-560	520-550	470-480	460-510

**MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

**BOP** : Irregular.

**BOPF** : Better sorts were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier, whilst the poorer sorts were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

<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	660-740	550-870	460-550	430-570

**CTC**

**PF1** : High Grown PF1's barely steady and often irregular following quality. Medium Growns were irregular. Low Grown better sorts were firm and selectively dearer following special inquiry, whilst the others were Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.

**BP1**: High Growns were Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer. Medium Growns gained Rs.20/- per kg and more. High Grown BP1's firm.

<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	430-550	480-550	530-600	500-540
Medium	390-520	390-540	450-550	450-540
Low	330-650	400-630	490-650	480-650

**OFF GRADES**

Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 were dearer by Rs.10-20/-. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s tended irregular. Best BP's eased Rs.25/-per kg. Well-made BMs tended irregular whilst poorer type were slightly lower by Rs.10-20/-. Select best BOP1A's held firm whilst at the lower end and the poor sorts lost by Rs.10-20/- 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)	370-540	350-530	320-380	320-380	310-410	310-410
Good Fannings (CTC)	340-420	340-420	320-380	320-380	310-380	310-380
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	250-310	250-310	290-310	290-310	290-320	290-320
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	420-470	420-510	410-470	420-500	410-490	410-520
Other BM's	320-360	320-380	320-360	320-380	310-360	310-380
Best BOP1As	470-530	470-530	480-580	480-580	500-720	500-720
Other BOP1As	320-360	320-380	320-360	320-380	320-360	320-390

**DUST**

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's were lower by Rs.30-40/- per kg whilst the secondary and below best types maintained last levels. Poor varieties too held last levels. Low Grown Clean Dust met with less demand and eased Rs.20-30/- per kg and at times more. PD's from High & Low Grown elevations were lower by Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst Medium Grown PD's too witnessed had an irregular market.

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)	660-900	680-940	520-560	520-580	400-500	420-530
Good Primary PD (CTC)	580-650	580-690	520-570	540-590	700-800	700-820
Secondary Dust	300-330	300-330	300-330	300-330	300-330	300-330

**World Crop Statistics (MKGS)**

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>27.28</b>	<b>26.84</b>	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>157.63</b>	<b>129.04</b>	<b>-28.59</b>
BANGLADESH	June	11.67	8.96	-2.71	27.95	21.81	-6.1
KENYA	June	42.42	46.37	3.95	212.60	300.67	88.1
SOUTH INDIA	June	25.0	22.0	-3.0	100.5	98.4	-2.10
NORTH INDIA	June	125.5	116.5	-9.0	372.3	249.8	-122.5
<b>MALAWI</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>27.28</b>	<b>26.84</b>	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>157.63</b>	<b>129.04</b>	<b>-28.59</b>

<b><u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>UVA MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u></b>		
Craighead	BOP	850/-	Halpewatta Uva	BOP	750/-	New Vithanakande	BOP1	2050/-
<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>780/-</b>	Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	720/-	Susantha	OP1	2100/-
Naypane	BOPSP	740/-	<b>* Halpewatta Uva</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>710/-</b>	Susantha	OP	860/-
Craighead	BOPF/BOPFSP	560/-	Aruna Passara	BOPF/BOPFSP	740/-	Lakvinka	OP	860/-
Craighead	BOP1	1300/-	<b>*Halpewatta Uva</b>	<b>BOPI</b>	<b>960/-</b>	Liyonta	OP	850/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	900/-	<b>* Halpewatta Uva</b>	<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	<b>870/-</b>	<b>*New Galagawa</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>840/-</b>
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	870/-	Ury	FBOPF/FBOPF1	800/-	<b>*Wikiliya</b>	<b>OPA</b>	<b>860/-</b>
Harangalla	OP/OPA	810/-	Tellbedde	OP/OPA	750/-	A C U Super	OPA	850/-
<b>* Dartry Valley</b>	<b>OPI</b>	<b>1020/-</b>	Dickwella	OP1	1250/-	<b>*Makandura</b>	<b>OPA</b>	<b>840/-</b>
<b>* Dartry Valley</b>	<b>PEK/ PEK1</b>	<b>900/-</b>	Aruna Passara	PEK/ PEK1	900/-	Liyonta	PEKOE	1250/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEK/ PEK1	900/-	<b><u>UVA HIGH</u></b>			New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	1300/-
<b><u>WESTERN HIGH</u></b>			Aislaby	BOP	840/-	<b>*K D U Super</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>1180/-</b>
Weddemulla	BOP	800/-	Aislaby	BOPSP	680/-	<b>*K D U Super</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>1180/-</b>
Mattakelle	BOPSP	720/-	Spring Valley	BOPF/BOPFSP	590/-	<b><u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u></b>		
Glentilt	BOPF/BOPFSP	620/-	Aislaby	BOPF/BOPFSP	590/-	New Panilkanda	BOP	920/-
Glenloch	BOP1	800/-	Battawatte	BOP1	760/-	<b>*Wikiliya</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>900/-</b>
Weddemulla	FBOP /FBOP1	790/-	Glenanore	FBOP /FBOP1	760/-	Cee Tee Hills	BOPSP	850/-
Queensberry	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	Ranaya	FBOPF/FBOPF1	780/-	<b>*Ihalapanapitiya</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>840/-</b>
Torrington	OP/OPA	740/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	790/-	<b>*Hidellana</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>860/-</b>
Venture	OP1	790/-	Aislaby	OP1	810/-	Kelani	BOPFSP	720/-
Weddemulla	PEK /PEK1	920/-	Glenanore	PEK/ PEK1	920/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
<b><u>NUWARA ELIYA</u></b>			<b><u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u></b>			Cecilayan	FBOP1	1020/-
Loversleap	BOP	610/-	Liddesdale	BOP	520/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>830/-</b>
Loversleap	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Kirkless	BOP	520/-	<b>*Hidellana</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>820/-</b>
Mahagastotte	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	<b>*Mooloya</b>	<b>BOPF/BOPFSP</b>	<b>540/-</b>	Gangaboda	FBOPF	1250/-
Tommagong	FBOP/FBOP1	790/-	Gampaha	FBOP/ FBOP1	710/-	Fortune	FBOPF	1200/-
Kemare	FBOPF/FBOPF1	720/-	Delmar	FBOP/ FBOP1	710/-	<b>*Hidellana</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1140/-</b>
Kemare	OP/OPA	750/-	Gampaha	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	New Vithanakanda	FBOPF1	1100/-
Tommagong	PEK/PEK1	790/-	Delmar	OP/OPA	700/-	<b>*Ihalapanapitiya</b>	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
<b><u>CTC TEAS</u></b>			<b>*Delmar</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>690/-</b>	Himara	FBOPF1	1000/-
<b><u>HIGH GROWN</u></b>			Gordon	OP1	700/-	Wathurawila	FBOPF1	1000/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	550/-	Gampaha	OP1	700/-	<b><u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u></b>		
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	600/-	Gordon	PEK/ PEK1	770/-	A.C.U Super	FBOPFSP	2500/-
Mt. Vernon	BPS	540/-	<b><u>OFF GRADES</u></b>			Ivy Teas	FBOPFSP	2500/-
<b><u>MEDIUM GROWN</u></b>			Brunswick	FNG/FNG1	530/-	Lumbini	FBOPFEXSP	3000/-
Carolina CTC	PF1	520/-	Mousakellie	FNG/FNG1	530/-	<b>*K.D.U Super</b>	<b>FBOPFEXSP1</b>	<b>3050/-</b>
New Peacock CTC	PF1	520/-	Glentilt	FNG/FNG1	530/-	<b><u>DUST</u></b>		
Strathdon CTC	BP1	550/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	670/-	Mattakelle	DUST1	1000/-
Carolina CTC	BPS	540/-	<b>*Ihalapanapitiya</b>	<b>BM</b>	<b>720/-</b>	Dunsinane	PD	720/-
<b><u>LOW GROWN</u></b>			Tellebedde	BP	720/-			
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	900/-	Nilgiri	BP	700/-			
Suduwelipothahena	BP1	690/-	Gangaboda	BOPIA	780/-			
Cecilayan CTC	BPS	690/-						

**COLOMBO AUCTION – GROSS SALE AVERAGES**

**SALE NO.31 OF 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020**

	2020			2019	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
<b>Uva High Grown</b>	516.93	519.90	544.16	410.44	465.93
<b>Western High Grown</b>	556.01	558.06	591.88	465.61	532.25
<b>High Grown</b>	543.00	546.24	577.47	450.50	513.31
<b>Uva Medium</b>	573.32	567.31	585.77	455.00	496.95
<b>Western Medium</b>	522.72	528.39	529.36	425.06	42.04
<b>Medium Grown</b>	537.19	539.79	547.09	432.44	471.78
<b>Low Grown (Orthodox)</b>	676.59	678.55	686.04	547.84	590.37
<b>Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)</b>	662.05	664.26	668.74	540.22	579.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>618.91</b>	<b>620.26</b>	<b>628.08</b>	<b>504.75</b>	<b>548.39</b>

**DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES**

	<u>Sale of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020</u>		<u>Sale of 31<sup>st</sup> Aug/2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2020</u>	
	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	2,003	884,167	1,982	843,547
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,637	837,251	1,542	767,531
Low Grown Tippy	1,931	1,036,775	1,798	955,049
High & Medium	1,468	728,141	1,378	683,425
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,212	1,333,468	2,311	1,320,043
Dust	464	455,758	511	512,694
Premium Flowery	415	78,216	377	73,362
Ex-Estate	731	864,076	654	752,798
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,861</u></b>	<b><u>6,217,852</u></b>	<b><u>10,553</u></b>	<b><u>5,908,449</u></b>

Private Sale Figures (10/08/2020 - 15/08/2020)	-	87,926.00 Kgs.
Cumulative	-	2,932,954.10 Kgs.

**CATALOGUES**

**Sale No.34 of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on 13<sup>h</sup> August, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.

**Sale No.35 of 08<sup>th</sup> / 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

**Sale No.36 of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

**SALE NO.33**

**BROKER'S SELLING ORDER**

**Auction of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

**Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery**

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

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

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

**Ex-Estate**

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

**Crop & Weather**

**From 10<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

**Western Region** - The Western Region reported dull weather with occasional showers during the week. The Department of Meteorology predicts light showers in the week ahead.

**Nuwara Eliya Region** - Bright weather was reported throughout the week.

**Uva/ Udapussellawa Regions** - Clear weather was reported in the Uva and Udapussellawa regions. According to the Department of Meteorology, fair weather is forecast during the week ahead.

**Low Grown**s - Bright weather was reported throughout the week. Light showers are predicted in the Sabaragamuwa Region by the Department of Meteorology in the week ahead.

**Crop Intake** - Western and Nuwara Eliya regions maintained the crop intake, whilst the Uva, Udapussellawa and Low Grown regions showed a decrease.

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**- OTHER MARKETS -**

**BANGLADESH AUCTION**

**Sale # 12 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.**

**CTC LEAF:** 56,721 of Current Season and 70 packages of Old Season Teas on offer met with a strong demand at dearer rates.

**BROKENS:** Well made good liquoring BOPs and GBOPs were a strong feature of the market and process advanced by Tk.5/- to Tk 10/- over last. Their Medium varieties were a stronger market and appreciated by Rk.10/- to Tk.15/- and occasionally more. Plain varieties were also a dearer market but the plainest were mostly withdrawn without bids.

**FANNINGS:** Likewise, well made good liquoring Fannings were a strong market and were dearer by Rk.5/- to Tk.10/- whilst their Mediums were stronger and appreciated by Tk.10/- to Tk.15/-. Plainest sorts were again a selective market with quite fair withdrawals.

**CTC DUST:** 8861 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with good demand. Good liquoring Dusts particularly Ds met with a good completion and were dearer by Tk.5/- to Tk.7/- and sometimes more following quality. Medium and plain sorts were irregular around last. BLF Dusts also met with improved enquiry and sold around last levels with less withdrawal. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** Demand was stronger this week with more competition from the Blenders which resulted in substantially higher prices than last week. Loose tea buyers continued to operate actively. Withdrawals are much less than last week. Dusts sold well.

**Our catalogue (Sale 12): Avg: Tk 193.65, Sold 76.6% & (Sale 11) Avg: Tk 184.35, sold 65.5%.**

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

<b>Brokens</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Fannings</b>	<b>This week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Dust</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Last Week</b>
<b>Large</b>	170-180	165-175	<b>Best</b>	205-210	200-205	<b>PD</b>	140-251	143-251
<b>Medium</b>	170-195	165-180	<b>Good</b>	185-200	185-195	<b>RD</b>	125-302	110-307
<b>Small</b>	180-210	175-205	<b>Medium</b>	160-175	150-1655	<b>D</b>	171-300	140-296
<b>Plain</b>	130-155	125-150	<b>Plain</b>	125-150	120-145	<b>CD</b>	200-321	180-330
<b>BLF</b>	125-150	115-140	<b>BLF</b>	125-145	110-140	<b>BLF</b>	149-200	110-241

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**19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.**

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