



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

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**SALE NO.40 OF 13<sup>TH</sup>/14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020**

**COMMENTS**

There has been no letup in the showery conditions in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions with heavy falls experienced in the immediate past few days. Uva and Uda Pussellawa areas have however enjoyed bright weather conditions throughout the week. Low Grown plantations have recorded bright mornings with overcast evenings and occasional showers. The Department of Meteorology predicts heavy rainfall in the coming week across all planting districts. Meanwhile, maintained crop intakes have been reported across all regions.

This week's auction (Sale # 40) was conducted on October 13 & 14 (Tue/Wed) and the quantity 5.3 m/kgs was lower to the previous sale by 0.1 m/kgs. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.5 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category amounted to 0.6 m/kgs. The Ex Estate catalogue had 0.6 m/kgs.

The feature of the Ex Estate sale was the strong demand for teas at the lower end which gained Rs. 20/- to 30/- per kg. Best western BOP/BOPF's however, were irregular with BOP's easing up to Rs. 30/-, and their BOPF counterparts declining Rs. 30/- to 50/-. The small availability of Nuwara Eliya's were strongly competed for and sold at much dearer levels. Neater Uda Pussellawa BOP/BOPF's were Rs. 10/- to 20/- dearer but others were irregularly easier. Select Uva BOP's advanced substantially whilst others were Rs. 20/- lower. Uva BOPF's were much lower following quality. CTC PF1's commenced firm and gained up to Rs 20/- as the sale progressed, and closed with even higher advances. There was maintained demand from China but the "Tea Bag" sector operating for Russia was more active with "winter buying" in full force. Japan and Europe displayed good interest on the better liquoring teas. Hong Kong concentrated on the below-best teas for their buying standards.

Low grown leafy teas met with fair demand. Best OP1's were fully firm to selectively dearer while below best teas were irregular and lower. Better made OP/OPA's too were fully firm to dearer whilst poorer sorts were irregular. A small selection of the best available BOP1's were dearer following special enquiry whilst other well-made teas were barely steady. Stylish Pek/Pek 1's were fully firm but prices were irregular and lower for poorer teas. In the Tippy Catalogue, FBOP's in general were dearer whilst select best FBOPF1's were firm and others irregular. There was more selective interest from Germany for stylish BOP1's and OP1's but Saudi Arabia lent good support. Other Middle Eastern buyers from Syria, Jordan and the U. A. E. together the C.I.S and Turkey were active. Russia continued to engage in their pre-Christmas buying. Iran was active though selective.

This week's auction comprised of **10,038** lots with a total quantity of **5,316,207** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,942	814,870
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,573	743,830
Low Grown Tippy	1,751	893,574
High & Medium	1,381	663,154
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,073	1,135,038
Dust	410	395,990
Premium Flowery	366	63,524
Ex-Estate	<u>542</u>	<u>606,227</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,038</u></b>	<b><u>5,316,207</u></b>

**In Lighter Vein**

A man and his wife were driving through the country on his way from New York to California. Looking at his fuel gauge, he decided to stop at the next gasoline station and fill it up. About 15 minutes later, he spots a Mobil station and pulls over to the high octane pump. "What can I do for y'all?" asks the attendant. "Fill 'er up with high test," replies the driver. While the attendant is filling up the tank, he's looking the car up and down. "What kind of car is this?" he asks. "I never seen one like it before." "Well," responds the driver, his chest swelling up with pride, "This, my boy is a 1999 Cadillac DeVille." "What features does it have?" asks the attendant. "Well," says the driver, "It has everything. It's loaded with power steering, power seats, power sun roof, power mirrors, AM/FM radio with a 10 deck CD player in the trunk with 100 watts per channel, 8 speaker stereo, rack and pinion steering, disk brakes all around, leather interior, digital instrument package, and best of all, an 8.8 liter V12 engine." "Wow," says the attendant, "That's really something!" "How much do I owe you for the gasoline?" asks the driver. "That'll be \$30.17," says the attendant. The driver pulls out his money clip and peels off a \$20 and a \$10. He goes into his other pocket and pulls out a handful of change. Mixed up with the change are a few golf tees. "What are those little wooden things?" asks the attendant. That's what I put my balls on when I drive," says the driver. "Wow," says the attendant, "Those Cadillac people think of everything!"

**LOW GROWNS - LEAFY**

**BOP1** : Select best teas were firm on last week levels; balance too was irregularly lower. Teas at the lower end were generally firm.

**OP1** : Select best teas advanced Rs.40-50/- per kg; balance declined by Rs.20-30/- and at times more. Stalky invoices tended irregular.

**OP** : Teas in the select best category appreciated by Rs.10-20/- per kg; balance maintained. Teas at the lower end were irregular.

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

**PEK/PEK1**: Well-made shotty invoices were generally lower; balance too was lower. Best bold Pekoes maintained; balance declined Rs.10-20/- and at times more. Teas at the lower end however gained Rs.20/- 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>BOP1</b>	1000-2200	1000-2200	650-720	670-740	550-600	570-600
<b>OP1</b>	1200-3000	1200-3000	750-820	770-840	380-400	380-410
<b>OP</b>	770-820	770-830	600-630	600-640	370-400	380-420
<b>OPA</b>	800-880	800-940	500-600	510-620	350-380	350-400
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	850-1100	870-1200	630-700	650-720	530-600	550-600

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : Select Best BOP's appreciated. Best and cleaner teas at the lower end too gained. Others tended irregular.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : Few select Best were firm to dearer. Best and cleaner teas at the lower end were maintained. Others were irregular.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best and Best FBOP's appreciated. Bolder varieties with the cleaner teas at the lower end too appreciated. Others tended irregular. FBOP1's in general were dearer.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1**: Leafy - tippy teas varieties met with good demand whilst the smaller varieties were easier. Best and Below Best appreciated. Select best FF1's were firm to dearer. Best and Below Best too gained. Cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Others were irregular.

**FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Well made very tippy teas with a good show of tip maintained on last levels. Leafier types appreciated. Best and below best declined. Cleaner teas at the lower end maintained; others eased.

**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>	900-980	900-1000	650-680	650-680	550-600	550-600
<b>BOPF/BOPFSP</b>	730-820	700-720	600-650	600-650	550-600	550-600
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	900-1200	900-1400	700-750	700-800	600-650	600-650
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	900-1250	900-1300	700-750	700-750	600-650	600-620
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	2000-3050	2000-3200	900-1500	900-1300	700-750	700-750

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**MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

**FBOP** : Best well made FBOP's met with fair demand; whilst the secondaries and the poorer sorts too met with fair demand.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made teas appreciated Rs.20-30/-; below best and the poorer sorts were firm to easier.

**PEK/PEK1** : Bold neat PEKOE types met with fair demand; better PEKOE1's were firm on last levels. Secondaries and the poorer sorts tended irregularly lower.

<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>	730-870	720-840	670-730	650-720	550-670	540-650
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	770-860	760-840	670-770	650-760	600-670	570-650
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	850-940	850-920	750-850	740-850	650-750	620-740

**HIGH GROWN**

**BOP:** Best Westerns - select high priced teas were irregular, whilst the others were Rs. 20-30 per kg easier. Teas in the Below Best category were generally firm. At the lower end teas were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas - hardly any offerings. Uda Pussellawas were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer. Uvas - select high priced teas were substantially easier, whilst the others were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg lower.

**BOPF:** Best Westerns declined Rs. 30-50 per kg. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and up to Rs. 20 per kg easier. At the lower end, clean leaf coloury teas, which commenced around last weeks levels, moved up Rs. 10-20 per kg by the close. Nuwara Eliyas continued to sell well at attractive levels in comparison. Uda Pussellawas - Few select clean leaf teas were Rs.10-20 per kg dearer whilst the others declined by a similar margin and more following quality Uvas - majority of the teas were substantially lower mostly following quality, whilst at the lower end prices remained around last week s levels.

<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	700-790	680-750	690-750	700-750
Below Best Westerns	650-690	650-670	650-680	650-690
Plainer Westerns	570-640	560-640	570-640	570-640
Nuwara Eliyas	600	600	700-980	540-980
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	600-650	560-630	580-660	600-690
Other Uda Pussellawas	590	N/A	540-570	500-590
Best Uva's.	620-660	670-730	610-650	600-700
Other Uva's	N/A	620-650	520-570	520-560

**MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

**BOP** : Irregular.

**BOPF** : Commenced barely steady and appreciated by Rs. 20 per kg by the close.

<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	500-830	620-820	460-640	440-620

**CTC**

**PF1:** High Grown PF1's up to Rs, 20 per kg dearer. whilst Medium Grown commenced firm gained up to Rs. 20 per kg and appreciated further as the sale progressed. Low Grown PF1's firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer.

**BP1:** High Grown Up to Rs, 20 per kg dearer. whilst Mediums Gained up to Rs. 20 per kg. Low Growns generally 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	490-650	470-530	520-550	480-520
Medium	400-610	310-580	440-590	420-580
Low	410-850	400-860	490-690	440-670

**OFF GRADES**

Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 advanced Rs.20-30/-. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s were firm. Best BP's firm to irregularly easier by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Well-made BM's firm on last levels and others lower by Rs.10-20/-. Select best BOPIA's firm. Others were a little irregular whilst at the lower end the poor sorts lost Rs.5-10/-.

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)	370-560	370-530	330-420	330-420	320-420	320-440
Good Fannings (CTC)	330-480	330-480	330-400	330-400	320-410	320-410
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	250-320	250-320	300-330	300-330	300-320	300-320
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	330-390	330-390	420-500	420-500	420-530	420-530
Other BM's	330-350	330-360	330-350	330-360	330-350	330-360
Best BOP1As	450-520	450-520	490-630	490-630	500-730	500-730
Other BOP1As	330-360	330-370	330-350	330-370	330-360	330-380

**DUST**

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's declined by Rs.30-40/- and at times more whilst the secondary and below best types eased by Rs.40-50/- Poor varieties however maintained last levels. Low Grown Clean Dust met with fair demand. PD's from High & Medium Grown elevations declined by Rs.30-40/- per kg and at times more whilst Low Grown PD's however met with good demand by Rs.30-40/-.

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)	710-760	740-1000	560-650	550-640	570-670	550-640
Good Primary PD (CTC)	540-680	550-740	560-700	570-740	550-660	570-700
Secondary Dust	340-410	360-430	370-420	360-430	360-420	360-430

**World Crop Statistics (MKGS)**

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Aug.	26.20	22.42	-3.78	211.01	179.19	-31.82
BANGLADESH	July	11.10	12.18	1.08	39.05	33.99	-5.1
KENYA	July	31.45	36.55	5.10	244.06	337.23	93.2
SOUTH INDIA	July	21.7	20.3	-1.4	122.2	118.7	-3.50
NORTH INDIA	July	154.5	140.7	-13.8	527.0	390.5	-136.5
MALAWI	June	1.61	1.39	-0.2	34.65	31.28	-3.4
UGANDA	June	4.92	4.58	-0.3	33.50	28.28	-5.22

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<b><u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>UVA MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u></b>		
*Harangalla	<b>BOP</b>	<b>850/-</b>	Halpewatte Uva	BOP	810/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	2200/-
*Dartry Valley	<b>BOP</b>	<b>850/-</b>	Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	710/-	Pothotuwa	OP1 ++	3000/-
Dombagastalawa	BOPSP	780/-	Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	760/-	Wathurawila	OP	890/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-	Ury	BOP1	830/-	*Makandura	<b>OPA</b>	<b>880/-</b>
Kenilworth	BOP1	1300/-	Aruna Passara	FBOP/FBOP1	810/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OPA	880/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	870/-	Wewesse	FBOPF/FBOPF1	790/-	Brombil	PEKOE	1020/-
*Dartry Valley	<b>FBOP /FBOP1</b>	<b>840/-</b>	Dickwella	OP/OPA	810/-	Green House	PEKOE	1020/-
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	860/-	Halpewatte Uva	OPI	870/-	Nilvin View	PEKOE1	1100/-
*Dartry Valley	<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>820/-</b>	Aruna Passara	PEK/ PEK1	960/-			
* Harangalla	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>810/-</b>				<b><u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u></b>		
*Dartry Valley	<b>OP1</b>	<b>920/-</b>	<b><u>UVA HIGH</u></b>			Suduwelipothahena	BOP	980/-
*Dartry Valley	<b>PEK/ PEK1</b>	<b>940/-</b>	Ranaya	BOP	780/-	Peak View Sup	BOP	960/-
*Harangalla	<b>PEK/ PEK1</b>	<b>940/-</b>	Uva Highlands	BOPSP	620/-	Karagoda	BOP	960/-
Craighead	PEK/PEK1	940/-	Nayabedde	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	New Hopewell	BOP	960/-
			Uva Highlands	BOP1	830/-	*N. Mount Carmel	<b>BOP</b>	<b>920/-</b>
			*Battawatte	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>780/-</b>	*Wikiliya	<b>BOP</b>	<b>920/-</b>
<b><u>WESTERN HIGH</u></b>			Oodoowerre	FBOP /FBOP1	780/-	*Garden Leaf	<b>BOP</b>	<b>900/-</b>
Somerset	BOP	790/-	*Battawatte	<b>FBOP /FBOP1</b>	<b>770/-</b>	*Kehewela	<b>BOP</b>	<b>900/-</b>
Mattakelle	BOPSP	720/-	Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	770/-	*N. Mount Carmel	<b>BOPA</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
Alton	BOPF/BOPFSP	750/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	730/-	*New Hopewell	<b>BOPA</b>	<b>980/-</b>
Inverness	BOP1	900/-	Uva Highlands	OPI	860/-	Kelani	BOPSP	920/-
Venture	FBOP /FBOP1	790/-	Aislaby	PEK/ PEK1	890/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>880/-</b>
Venture	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-				*Andaradeniya Sup	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>880/-</b>
Venture	OP/OPA	750/-	<b><u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u></b>			*Andaradeniya Sup	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>870/-</b>
Venture	OPI	830/-	Kirklees	BOP	650/-	*Hidellana	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>820/-</b>
Weddemulla	PEK /PEK1	870/-	Kirklees	BOPSP	650/-	Suduwelipothahena	BOPFSP	730/-
			LuckyLand	BOPSP	650/-	Gunawardena	FBOP	1200/-
<b><u>NUWARA ELIYA</u></b>			Liddesdale	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	Pothotuwa	FBOP	1100/-
Lovers Leap	BOP	890/-	Blairlomond	FBOP/ FBOP1	760/-	Liverpool Super	FBOP1	940/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	980/-	Gampha	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-	*Garden Leaf	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>900/-</b>
Lovers Leap	FBOP/FBOP1	960/-	Delmar	OP/OPA	610/-	Andaradeniya	FBOPF	1250/-
Tommagong	OP/OPA	730/-	Gordon	OPI	770/-	Talangaha	FBOPF1	1040/-
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	790/-	Gordon	PEK/PEK1	760/-	*Hidellana	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>980/-</b>
			Delmar	PEK/PEK1	790/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>960/-</b>
<b><u>CTC TEAS</u></b>						<b><u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u></b>		
<b><u>HIGH GROWN</u></b>			<b><u>OFF GRADES</u></b>			New Falcon Lanka	FBOPFSP	2800/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	650/-	Mahagastotte	FNG/FNG1	680/-	*Danawala	<b>FBOPFSP</b>	<b>2650/-</b>
Mt Vernon CTC	BP1	550/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	710/-	Pasgoda SH	FBOPFEXSP	3050/-
Mt Vernon CTC	BPS	530/-	Ransegoda Hills	BM +++	830/-	Muswenna	FBOPFEXSP1	3300/-
			*Ihalapanapitiya	<b>BM</b>	<b>790/-</b>			
<b><u>MEDIUM GROWN</u></b>			Court Lodge	BP ++	830/-			
Rothschild CTC	PF1	610/-	*Garden Leaf	<b>BOP1A</b>	<b>810/-</b>	<b><u>DUST</u></b>		
Delta CTC	BP1	590/-	*Chandrika Estate	<b>BOP1A</b>	<b>800/-</b>	Mattakelle	DUST1	960/-
*Carolina CTC	<b>BPS</b>	<b>530/-</b>	Aldora	BOP1A	800/-	Delta CTC	PD	700/-
			*Garden Leaf	<b>BOP1A</b>	<b>780/-</b>			
<b><u>LOW GROWN</u></b>			*Goorookoya	<b>BOP1A</b>	<b>780/-</b>			
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	850/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	690/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BPS	600/-						

**COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES**

**SALE NO.39 OF 07<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020.**

	2020			2019	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	558.12	560.39	542.33	425.40	460.41
Western High Grown	619.11	620.60	588.82	479.08	520.12
High Grown	598.64	600.15	574.48	463.87	503.15
Uva Medium	576.17	578.21	582.08	454.85	490.29
Western Medium	547.20	551.52	529.09	409.64	454.28
Medium Grown	554.65	558.40	545.62	420.52	464.20
Low Grown (Orthodox)	675.28	675.28	683.90	542.71	583.02
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	666.00	665.58	668.16	535.32	572.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>635.22</b>	<b>635.46</b>	<b>627.47</b>	<b>505.22</b>	<b>541.09</b>

**DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES**

	<u>Sale of 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> Oct'2020</u>		<u>Sale of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Oct'2020</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,054	869,110	1,887	783,446
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,683	824,972	1,581	756,046
Low Grown Tippy	1,734	890,550	1,621	821,473
High & Medium	1,588	756,677	1,353	638,329
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,114	1,160,635	1,863	1,070,490
Dust	481	470,980	393	388,486
Premium Flowery	442	81,010	411	74,291
Ex-Estate	<u>607</u>	<u>687,831</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>659,167</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,703</u></b>	<b><u>5,741,765</u></b>	<b><u>9,694</u></b>	<b><u>5,128,728</u></b>

Private Sale Figures (05/10/2020 - 11/10/2020) - 104,851.00 Kgs.  
 Cumulative - 3,717,084.85 Kgs.

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## CATALOGUES

### Sale No. 42 of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **08<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.**

### Sale No.43 of 03<sup>rd</sup>/04<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

### Sale No.44 of 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

## SALE NO.41

### BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

**Auction of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020**

#### Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

#### High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

#### Ex-Estate

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

## **Crop & Weather**

**For the period 05<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

**Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:** Dull and rainy weather was reported from the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions, whilst a few sub-districts reported bright mornings. The Department of Meteorology forecasts occasional showers in the Western Region and heavy rainfall in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead.

**Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** Bright weather was reported in the Uva/Udapussellawa regions throughout the week.

**Low Grown:** The Low Grown Region reported bright mornings and overcast evenings with occasional showers during the week. Heavy rainfall is expected in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

**Crop Intake:** All regions maintained the crop intake.

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## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

### Sale No.41 of the 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

Good general demand for the 136.822 packages (9.08m/kgs) in the market with improved absorption at generally lower levels. 17.42% were unsold.

The best **BP1's** on offer met less interest and eased by USC21-USC56 and more following quality while Brighter categories saw an irregular enquiry ranging between steady to USC10 above last levels to easier by a similar margin and some lines were unsold. Mediums were better absorbed at firm to USC12 easier with a few invoices remaining unsold. Plainer sorts carried between firm to USC09 above previous rates to easier by up to USC5.

Best **PF1s** available held steady to USC12 easier with brighter varieties better absorbed at USC7 to USC10 dearer while Medium categories met an irregular activity ranging between firm to USC10 above previous week's levels to easier by USC3-USC30 and a few invoices were unsold. Plainer descriptions ranged between steady to USC8 above previous prices to easier by up to USC3 with some teas remaining without bids.

The Best **PDUSTs** in the market shed USC12-USC34 with brighter varieties discounted by USC27-UCS34 while Medium types eased by USC8-USC28 and some invoices remained unsold. Plainer descriptions were firm to USC5 below last levels.

Best **DUST1s** on offer were firm to USC2 dearer while Brighter categories gained USC3-USC12 where sold with Mediums irregular and varied between steady to USC14 above previous week's levels to easier by USC4- USC20 Plainer sorts were firm to USC5 easier with some invoices remaining without bids.

In the **Secondary** Catalogues, better made BPs appreciated while other held value with PFs firm at last levels. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings eased while similar DUSTs were firm. Other fanning's were steady while DUSTs held value BMFs were well absorbed.

There was increased and strong enquiry from Pakistan Packers with useful support from Egyptian Packers but at lower levels while UK showed strong interest. Russia lent useful activity while Kazakhstan, other CIS states and Sudan were more active but at lower rates. Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries, Afghanistan and Bazaar reduced activity and were selective. Iran were quieter while Local Packers were active but at lower levels on account of price. Somalia maintained activity at the lower end of the market.

	<b>BP1</b>	<b>PF1</b>	<b>PD</b>
<b>Best</b>	212-349	210-337	<b>280-310</b>
<b>Good Medium</b>	220-296	170-235	<b>280-302</b>
<b>Lower Medium</b>	140-190	138-179	<b>130-209</b>
<b>Plainer</b>	<b>131-175</b>	<b>108-161</b>	<b>112-178</b>

14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

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