



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD
TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.49 OF 15TH/16TH DECEMBER 2020

COMMENTS

This week's auction (Sale # 49) was conducted on December 15 & 16 (Tue/Wed) and, the quantity 6.3 m/kgs was 1.1 m/kgs higher than the previous sale. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.78 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category amounted to 0.8 m/kgs. The Ex Estate catalogue had 0.97 m/kgs.

Ex Estate teas met good general demand albeit at easier rates. Selected Western BOP's/BOPF's were lower by Rs. 20/- to 30/- and a further Rs. 10/- as the sale progressed, whilst teas in the "below-best" category eased to a lesser extent. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell at attractive levels. Uva/Uda Pussellawa BOP's were barely steady whilst their corresponding BOPF's eased Rs. 10/- to 20/-. High Grown CTC PF1's were lower up to Rs. 20/- following quality. Neater Mediums were fully firm to irregularly lower, whilst selected Low Grown PF1's sold at firm rates which was in sharp contrast to their poor leaf counterparts which were difficult of sale. BP1's from all elevations in general, were easier. There was sustained demand from China and Taiwan, whilst Japan and the "Tea Bag" sector operating for Russia were more selective. Europe and North America displayed subdued interest.

Low grows met with fair demand. Leafy OP1's in general were once again of an irregularly lower market with the exception of the best teas which were barely steady. OP/OPA's too mostly followed a similar trend. Poorer teas however ruled firm with plenty of interest at the bottom level. Demand for stylish BOP1's was on the vane as anticipated, with a lot of overseas markets having completed their annual purchases prior to the holiday season. The true to grade Pekoes and Pekoe1 grades ruled firm whilst others were irregular and easier. In the "Tippy" segment, all well-made FBOP's/FBOPF1's were firm to selectively dearer, whilst others were irregular. There was sustained demand from the Middle Eastern buyers whilst Turkey showed a little more interest. The C.I.S. and Russia were less active.

This week's auction comprised of **11,395** lots with a total quantity of **6,351,405** kgs.
 The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,256	964,850
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,726	848,049
Low Grown Tippy	1,765	909,372
High & Medium	1,674	828,551
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,122	1,130,759
Dust	614	628,052
Premium Flowery	380	65,220
Ex-Estate	858	796,552
Total	<u>11,395</u>	<u>6,351,405</u>

In Lighter Vein

The Photo in her Purse

A young couple gets married and goes on their honeymoon. The following morning the bride walks out of the shower, naked.

The husband says, "Stop." Grabs his camera and takes a quick photo. She asks him why he took a photo when he can see her naked anytime?

He says, "So I can carry it in my wallet, close to my heart." She smiles.

He goes to have his shower, as he comes out and she is waiting with the camera and takes his photo.

He says, "Is that so you can carry my picture with you always?"

"No, it's so I can have it enlarged."

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best teas in general firm; balance declined by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.

OP1 : A few select best invoices were irregular; balance declined substantially and at times were difficult of sale. Stalky invoices tended irregular.

OP : Best teas declined by Rs.30-40/- per kg; balance were irregular. Teas at the lower end were generally dearer.

OPA : Select best teas were barely steady; balance declined Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer sorts were firm.

PEK/PEK1: Well made Pekoe1's were maintained; balance were maintained. Best bold Pekoe's appreciated by Rs.20-30/- per kg; balance too were barely steady. Teas at the lower end was barely steady.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP1	870-1400	870-1300	650-670	650-680	500-520	500-525
OP1	780-1100	800-1200	620-650	620-660	300-330	320-350
OP	660-760	680-780	530-570	560-600	340-380	350-400
OPA	660-770	670-780	530-570	560-590	330-360	340-380
PEK/PEK1	880-1100	880-1100	760-820	750-800	550-580	520-550

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Select best teas were barely steady.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Select best and best together with cleaner below best were firm; others were irregular following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best FBOP's in general firm. Best and cleaner below best irregular following quality. Cleaner teas at the bottom end too were firm to selectively dearer; others sold around last levels. FBOP1's in generally firm, stalky invoices tended irregular.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Select best FF1's in general firm. Best together with below best sold around last levels. However, Cleaner teas at the lower end were firm; others irregular following quality. Very tippy teas Sold around last levels. Well made teas in the best category maintained. All others were lower.

FBOPFSP/EXSP : Except for few Invoices in the top category which sold well others declined and below best varieties held firm. Teas at the lower end sold at last week levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	850-1000	800-1160	650-700	650-750	500-550	500-550
BOPF /BOPFSP	700-860	750-860	600-650	600-700	450-500	450-500
FBOP/FBOP1	900-1160	950-1200	650-750	700-750	600-640	600-650
FBOPF/FBOPF1	900-1040	900-1040	600-700	650-700	500-550	550-600
FBOPFSP/EXSP	1500-2750	1500-2350	900-1000	900-1000	600-700	600-700

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best few invoices gained Rs.40-50/- per kg whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best on offer declined by Rs.10/- per kg whilst the others were Rs.30-40/- per kg lower.

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

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>
FBOP	800-1020	750-840	650-800	630-750	580-650	520-630
FBOPF/FBOPF1	730-850	740-860	580-720	560-740	500-580	500-560
PEK/PEK1	840-940	820-900	700-840	680-720	580-700	525-680

HIGH GROWN

BOP: Best Westerns declined Rs. 20-30 per kg and more for select high priced teas of last week. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg easier following quality, whilst the Plainer sorts were Rs. 10 per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's sold around last week's levels.

BOPF: Best Westerns declined Rs. 30-40 per kg. Teas in the Below Best category declined Rs. 10-20 per kg, whilst the Plainer sorts were irregularly firm. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well. Uda Pussellawa were firm and Rs. 10 per kg lower. Uvas declined Rs.10-20 per kg and more following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	700-790	700-820	680-770	700-760
Below Best Westerns	660-680	670-690	650-670	670-690
Plainer Westerns	630-650	630-660	620-640	610-660
Nuwara Eliyas	780-980	580-960	770-940	810-980
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	630-650	660-700	630-650	650-680
Other Uda Pussellawas	570-620	600-640	580-610	640
Best Uva's.	640-650	660-670	640-680	670-690
Other Uva's	610-630	620-630	610-630	640-650

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Irregular.

BOPF: Rs.20/- per kg lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	650-820	650-800	520-680	570-670

CTC

PF1: High Grown PF1's – Best available were up to Rs.20/- per kg lower, whilst the others sold around last week's levels whilst Medium gown BP1's mostly firm. Low Grown PF1's – neat well-made teas continued to sell around last week's levels, whilst the others were irregular and difficult of sale.

BP1: High grown BP1's – Irregular and tended easier whilst Medium BP1's firm and tended irregular. Low Grown BP1's – few select invoices appreciated following special inquiry, whilst the others tended easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	580-660	570-680	550-600	640-670
Medium	500-640	480-640	440-630	410-680
Low	350-830	480-830	410-710	450-660

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OFF GRADES

Liquoring FNGS lost Rs.10-20/- per kg. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s held firm. Best BP's irregularly lower. Well-made BMs firm. Lower end teas advanced Rs.10/- per kg. Select best BOPIA's irregularly lower by Rs.20/- per kg. Best BOPIA's a little irregular whilst at the lower end teas held firm.

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)	400-590	400-600	400-430	390-430	370-440	340-440
Good Fannings (CTC)	350-500	350-500	380-470	380-470	320-420	320-420
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	330-390	330-390	330-390	330-390	330-370	330-370
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	390-440	390-450	410-480	410-490	410-490	410-520
Other BM's	350-390	350-380	350-400	350-390	350-400	350-390
Best BOPIAs	450-540	450-540	450-580	470-620	490-670	530-680
Other BOPIAs	350-420	350-420	350-420	350-420	350-420	350-420

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown DI's declined sharply by Rs.100/- per kg whilst the secondary and below best types declined by Rs.30-50/-. Poor varieties too held firm. Low Grown Clean Dust met with fair demand. PD's from High & Medium elevations firm to easier by Rs.40-50/- per kg whilst Low Grown PD's advanced by Rs.30-40/- 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 Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	650-750	680-860	680-710	650-690	610-690	630-710
Good Primary PD (CTC)	640-720	640-720	650-700	680-740	620-790	610-780
Secondary Dust	440-480	430-470	400-410	420-450	420-460	420-470

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Oct.	21.26	23.45	2.19	254.20	224.72	-29.48
BANGLADESH	Sep.	13.38	12.14	-1.24	65.94	57.45	-8.5
KENYA	Sep.	35.53	43.41	7.88	316.80	419.16	102.4
SOUTH INDIA	Sep.	24.1	16.9	-7.2	153.9	159.6	5.70
NORTH INDIA	Sep.	168.9	163.8	-5.1	853.4	697.3	-156.1
MALAWI	Aug.	1.66	1.26	-0.4	37.60	33.60	-4.0
UGANDA	June	4.92	4.58	-0.3	33.50	28.28	-5.22

<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
*Harangalla	BOP	850/-	Demodera S	BOP	750/-	*Sithaka	BOP1	1400/-
Craighead	BOP	850/-	Telbedde	BOPSP	700/-	Pothotuwa	OP1 ++	3100/-
*Dartry Valley	BOP	810/-	El Teb	BOPF/BOPFSP	680/-	Lions	OP	830/-
Doombagastalawa	BOPSP	860/-	Halpewatte Uva	BOPI	900/-	Karagoda	OPA	980/-
Nayapane	BOPF/BOPFSP	720/-	Dickwella	FBOP/FBOP1	870/-	*Makandura	OPA	870/-
Craighead	BOP1	1120/-	Aruna Pressara	FBOP/FBOP1	870/-	Liyonta	PEKOE	1200/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	1020/-	Dickwella	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	Lumbinis	PEKOE1	1140/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	850/-	Pettiagalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	*Hidellana	PEKOE1	1100/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	790/-	Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-			
*Uplands	OP/OPA	730/-	Dickwella	OP/OPA	680/-	<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES.</u>		
Nayapane	OP1	800/-	Telbedde	OP1	980/-	*Sithaka	BOP	1000/-
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	940/-	Aruna Pressara	PEK/ PEK1	960/-	*Nawagamuwahena	BOPSP	1000/-
Craighead	PEK/PEK1	940/-				*Ihalapanapitiya	BOPSP	890/-
Nayapane	PEK/PEK1	940/-	<u>UVA HIGH</u>			*Andaradeniya Sup	BOPSP	880/-
*Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	900/-	Glenanore	BOP	720/-	Nawagamuwahena	BOPF	860/-
			Aislaby	BOPSP	720/-	*Hidellana	BOPF	840/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			Bandarelliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	Suduwelipothahena	BOPFSP	690/-
Alton	BOP	790/-	Pita Ratmalie	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	1160/-
Great Western	BOPSP	710/-	Uva Highlands	BOP1	790/-	Sithaka	FBOP1	960/-
Stockhomes	BOPF/BOPFSP	770/-	Aislaby	FBOP/FBOP1	870/-	Fairy Land	FBOPF	1040/-
Inverness	BOP1	980/-	Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	780/-	Sirimewenna	FBOPF1	980/-
Torrington	FBOP /FBOP1	790/-	Craig	OP/OPA	670/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	FBOPF1	940/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	*Battawatte	OP/OPA	640/-			
Inverness	OP/OPA	660/-	Oodoowerre	OP1	720/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY.</u>		
Weddemulla	OP1	740/-	Aislaby	PEK/ PEK1	880/-	Geekiyahena	FBOPFSP	2650/-
Weddemulla	PEK /PEK1	900/-	Uva Highland	PEK/ PEK1	880/-	*Garden Leaf	FBOPFSP	1900/-
			*Battawatte	PEK/PEK1	830/-	H.P.P. Tea	FBOPFEXSP	2750/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>						*K.D.U Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2250/-
Lovers Leap	BOP	980/-	<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>					
Lovers Leap	BOPF	940/-	Kirkless	BOP	690/-	<u>DUST- High</u>		
Mahagastotte	BOPF	940/-	LuckyLand	BOPSP	620/-	*Tymawr	Dust1	750/-
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	740/-	*Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Dunsinance	PD	720/-
Court Lodge	OP/OPA	620/-	*Liddesdale	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-			
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	740/-	*Ragalla	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	<u>DUST- Medium</u>		
Kenmare	PEK/PEK1	740/-	Luckyland	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Delta	Dust1	710/-
			Kirkless	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Delta	PD	700/-
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			Blairmond	FBOP/ FBOP1	710/-	New Peacock	PD	700/-
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			Gordon	FBOPF/FBOPF1	650/-			
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	660/-	Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1	650/-	<u>DUST- Low</u>		
Florance CTC	BP1	600/-	Gonapitiya	OP/OPA	620/-	*Sithaka	Dust1	690/-
Mount Vernon CTC	BPS	530/-	Gordon	OP/OPA	620/-	N/Vithanakanda	Dust1	690/-
Mount Vernon CTC	OF	590/-	Gordon	PEK/PEK1	830/-	Ceciliyan	PD	790/-
			<u>OFF GRADES</u>					
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>			Mahagastotte	FNGS	750/-			
Rothschild CTC	PF1	640/-	Lovers Leap	FNGS	750/-			
New Peacock CTC	PF1	640/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PF	690/-			
Strathdon CTC	BP1	630/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BM	720/-			
			*Aldora	BP	680/-			
<u>LOW GROWN</u>			*Chandrika Est	BOPIA	730/-			
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	880/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	710/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BPS	640/-						
Peakwatta CTC	OF	580/-						

* Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd / +++All Time Record Price / ++ Equal All Time Record Price

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES
SALE NO.48OF 09th DECEMBER 2020.

	2020			2019	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	580.76	575.71	548.09	508.32	461.65
Western High Grown	679.77	688.28	599.72	580.03	522.88
High Grown	650.92	656.13	583.54	561.08	505.80
Uva Medium	575.81	571.35	582.51	509.73	492.04
Western Medium	584.98	582.96	535.69	496.67	454.10
Medium Grown	582.75	578.91	550.25	482.09	464.50
Low Grown (Orthodox)	668.91	664.80	681.81	621.06	585.59
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	659.86	657.06	668.37	477.67	574.76
Total	645.93	643.93	630.87	573.14	543.35

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 21st/22nd Dec'2020</u>		<u>Sale of 05th /06th Jan.'2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,097	917,077	2,216	971,860
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,752	874,670	1,810	912,865
Low Grown Tippy	1,765	937,104	1,852	998,565
High & Medium	1,651	824,224	1,601	782,752
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,952	1,068,731	2,059	1,076,262
Dust	624	676,272	623	644,706
Premium Flowery	395	69,053	409	75,694
Ex-Estate	855	967,678	844	943,040
Total	<u>11,091</u>	<u>6,334,809</u>	<u>11,414</u>	<u>6,405,744</u>

Private Sale Figures (07/12/2020 - 12/12/2020) - 129,212.10 Kgs
 Cumulative - 4,501,403.45 Kgs

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Head-Office: will be closed for business on the following days:-

- ❖ Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Full Day
- ❖ Monday, December 28, 2020 - Full Day

Tea Sample Room/ Stores will be closed for business on the following days:-

- ❖ Friday, December 25, 2020 - Christmas Day
- ❖ Saturday, December 26, 2020 - Boxing Day

CATALOGUES

Sale No.01 of 05th/06th January, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale closed on **10th December, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.02 of 11th/12th January, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **17th December, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

Sale No.03 of 19th/20th January, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **30th December, 2020 at 04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.50

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

Auction of 21st /22nd December, 2020

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 07/12/20 to 13/12/2020

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions: The Nuwara Eliya Region experienced bright weather with occasional showers, whilst the Western Region reported clear weather throughout the week. Evening showers are expected in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology. **Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** Both regions reported bright weather, whilst certain sub-districts in the Uva Region experienced overcast evenings during the week. The Department of Meteorology forecasts misty weather conditions during the morning hours in the Uva Region in the week ahead. **Low Grown:** Bright weather and occasional showers were reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in the Sabaragamuwa Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake : The Western and Uda Pussellawa regions reported a slight decrease in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region reported a slight increase. The Uva Region reported a decrease in the crop intake, whilst the Low Grown Region maintained.

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O T H E R M A R K E T S

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.29 HELD ON MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2020

CTC LEAF: 46,664 packages of Current Season and 50 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Well made good liquoring BOPs were again a good market and were generally firm on last. Their GBOPs met with a stronger demand and were mostly a little dearer over last. Their Mediums continued to sell well and tended dearer. Plain and BLF teas were well supported and were often dearer particularly the BLFs. There were some withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Well made good liquoring Fannings were again a strong market and were fully firm with a few select bright lines tending dearer. Mediums were a fairly good market and mostly sold at around last levels. Plain and BLFs were once again a fairly good market and were well absorbed at around last week's levels with some withdrawals.

CTC DUST: 9,292 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a strong demand. Well made good liquoring Dusts sold well at around last levels. Mediums were a better market following competition and these sold at firm to slightly dearer rates. Plain and BLFs met with some interest at easier rates with a few withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Demand continued to emanate from all sections of the market. Blenders provided useful support with Loose tea buyers also being quite active.

Dusts sold well.

Our catalogue (Sale 29): Avg: Tk 194.09, Sold 86.3% & (Sale 28) Avg: Tk 191.35, sold 94.2%.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	170-175N	170-175N	Best	198-208	195-203	PD	167-277	191-262
Medium	173-183	170-180	Good	190-196	188-194	RD	170-276	155-263
Small	183-208	180-205	Medium	178-185	175-180	D	192-278	185-299
Plain	155-165	150-165	Plain	155-165	150-165	CD	152-370	160-336
BLF	145-160	140-155	BLF	145-160	140-155	BLF	155-213	155-193

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12TH DECEMBER, 2020.

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair demand. Broken and fannings sold at easier levels by Rs.8 to 10 and sometimes more. Less demand from Internal and Upcountry buyers. Export buyers lent fair support.

LEAF-ORTHODOX:

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Well-made high grown whole leaf and broken were sold at fully firm levels. Medium whole leaf, broken and fannings witnessed improved enquiry and realized prices which were fully firm at around last levels.

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

DUST

Demand: Good demand

Market: Best liquoring popular and better mediums sold easier by Rs.8 to 10 and sometimes more. Bolder grades tended easier and it witnessed restricted demand. Plain sorts were selling at easier levels as it shared in the downward trend of the market.

Buying Pattern: Major blender AVT was active and KSCSC were active. Best mediums fetched with fair support from regional packeeters. Domestic buyers were active in their purchases. Exporters were selective.

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CTC LEAF

Demand: Good

Market: Market opened irregularly lower by Rs. 4/- to Rs. 5/- on the Best and Better types. However the Mediums and Plainers have had a better enquiry and sold at barely steady levels or rather had a lesser drop in prices.

The overall sale percentage is 88% at an average of Rs. 101.28.

Buying Pattern: Strong enquiry was forthcoming from the Major Blenders with fairly good support from the Exporters. Up-country and Western Indian markets have been selective. Karnataka and Andhra were seen operating on the plainer types.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Strong

Market: Fully firm to dearer market across all grades by Rs. 4/- to Rs. 8/-.

The overall sale percentage is 91% at an average of Rs. 143.93.

Buying Pattern: Strong Export operation was forthcoming with Shah Brothers seen active. Internal had been lending fair support with Kailash Associates being active.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: Market was tending generally lower with the Bolder dusts being lower by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-. However the Smaller and Finer dusts have had a better enquiry and went on to be sold at barely steady to fully firm and occasionally dearer.

The overall sale percentage is 81% at an average of Rs. 128.17.

Buying Pattern: A good presence of Major Blenders was witnessed along with AV Thomas on the Coloury, bright liquors. Exporters were seen participating actively this week as well on the Mediums and Plainers.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: Market was generally irregular and lower by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/-. The drop was seen more on some of the popular Primary grades

The overall sale percentage is 82% at an average of Rs. 119.20.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good participation from both Internal and Export buyers in which Siewart & Dholakia, Madhu Jayanthi were active with Tea Sip & Taste.

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CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Around lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- with some withdrawals.

ORTH LEAF: Fair general demand. Whole leaf were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.6/-. Others barely steady to firm.

CTC DUST

Demand: Less demand.

Market: Better mediums / medium teas were lower by Rs.7/- to Rs.10/- with heavy withdrawals particularly on bolder grades. Plain teas were lower up to Rs.10/- and suffered heavy withdrawals.

ORTH DUST Poor demand. Lower by Rs.10/- and suffered heavy withdrawals.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.

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