



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD
TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.08 OF 22ND/23RD FEBRUARY, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 8) was conducted on February 22 & 23 (Mon/Tue) and, the offer quantity of 6 m/kgs showed a drop of 0.7 m/kgs over the previous auction. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.9 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category amounted to 0.6 m/kgs. The Ex Estate catalogue had 0.9 m/kgs.

The Ex Estate market was improved for the better liquoring Western BOP's and BOPF's with keen interest from Germany, U.K. Japan and China. In the below-best category, neater teas ruled firm to dearer whilst teas with inferior leaf commenced irregularly lower and were neglected by the close. CTC PF1's from the High elevation eased Rs. 20/- per kg while Mediums declined Rs. 10/-. Low Grown PF1's commenced Rs. 10/- to 20/- easier but declined more towards the closing stages. BP1's from all elevations were firm to a little dearer. Russia continued to pick up "Tea Bag" types at lower levels.

Low grows Semi Leafy teas saw good demand whilst grades in the Low Grown Leafy and Tippy/Small Leaf catalogues enjoyed fair interest. Well-made OP1's were maintained but others were mostly easier. A selection of the better OP/OPA's were firm while others were irregular and lower. However, the bottom level leafy teas continued to be readily absorbed at firm levels. Stylish BOP1's as well as cleaner below-best sorts were by and large fully firm. Select best Pek/Pek1's were firm to selectively dearer, with bolder types holding out at previous price levels. The best available FBOP's/FBOPF1's were firm but the balance was irregular and mostly easier. Buyers for Russia and the CIS, Iran, the UAE and other Middle Eastern countries were active. Turkey continued selective. There was plenty of interest at the bottom from Iraq and Libya.

This week's auction comprised of **10,946** lots with a total quantity of **6,072,085** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,018	860,036
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,879	920,850
Low Grown Tippy	2,008	1,052,321
High & Medium	1,289	600,978
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,958	1,084,896
Dust	532	531,814
Premium Flowery	430	73,341
Ex-Estate	<u>832</u>	<u>947,849</u>
Total	<u>10,946</u>	<u>6,072,085</u>

In Lighter Vein

Severely Sunburned Man

A guy fell asleep on the beach for several hours and got horrible sunburn, specifically to his upper legs.

He went to the hospital, and was promptly admitted after being diagnosed with second-degree burns.

With his skin already starting to blister, and the severe pain he was in, the doctor prescribed continuous intravenous feeding with saline, electrolytes, a sedative, and a Viagra pill every four hours.

The nurse, who was rather astounded, asked, "What good will Viagra do for him, Doctor?"

The doctor replied, "It won't do anything for his condition, but it'll keep the sheets off his legs."

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best teas declined Rs.40-50/- per kg and at times more; balance was maintained. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.

OPI : Teas in the select best category held firm; balance was irregularly dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Stalky invoices too advanced Rs.20/- per kg.

OP : Select best invoices were maintained; balance were firm to irregularly lower by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were dearer.

OPA : A few select best invoices met with attract good demand; balance declined by Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer sorts were dearer..

PEK/PEK1: Well-made PEK1's were fully firm on last week levels; balance too met with good demand. Best bold PEK's appreciated by Rs.10-20/- per kg; balance was gained Rs.20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were irregularly lower.

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	950-1100	950-1200	630-670	620-670	500-550	500-530
OPI	850-1200	800-1200	620-670	600-650	370-420	350-400
OP	670-700	670-720	550-600	530-570	400-500	370-480
OPA	670-700	670-720	550-600	530-570	400-500	370-420
PEK/PEK1	850-1050	860-1000	750-800	730-770	500-550	520-570

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were firm to dearer.

BOPF/BOPFSP : In general were firm.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select Best and Best FBOP's appreciated. Cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom too were dearer, whilst the balance were firm on last. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and Below Best appreciated. Balance irregular following quality. Select Best and Best FF1's together with cleaner Below Best appreciated. Balance were firm on last.

FBOPFSP/EXSP : Invoices in the top category selectively dearer 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	900-1040	850-1040	700-750	760-750	500-550	500-550
BOPF/BOPFSP	700-770	700-780	600-650	600-650	480-520	480-500
FBOP/FBOP1	900-1140	900-1180	700-800	700-800	550-600	600-620
FBOPF/FBOPF1	900-1000	900-1180	700-750	680-750	550-600	550-600
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2000-3500	2000-2700	900-1400	900-1400	600-650	600-650

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Best on offer gained Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.
FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best types maintained last levels whilst the others were Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.
PEK/PEK1 : Best on offer declined Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst the others were firm on last levels.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	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	880-1040	820-980	780-880	780-820	560-780	570-780
FBOPF/FBOPF1	750-880	750-850	650-950	650-750	550-650	550-650
PEK/PEK1	800-940	820-1000	700-800	740-825	600-700	650-740

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Westerns - Select invoices gained Rs. 20-40 per kg and more following special inquiry whilst the others were irregular following quality. In the Below Best category, select invoices were firm and Rs.10-20 per kg dearer whilst the others were lower by a similar margin. Plainer sorts continued to sell around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were generally firm. Uva's - Select invoices were up to Rs. 50 per kg dearer following special inquiry whilst the others were irregular.

BOPF: Best Westerns - Select invoices gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more following special inquiry whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category select invoices were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were generally firm. Uva's - Select invoices gained Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	700-940	660-880	680-860	650-830
Below Best Westerns	650-680	630-650	640-660	630-640
Plainer Westerns	580-630	580-620	600-630	600-620
Nuwara Eliyas	620-820	630-750	560-750	570-750
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	570-620	570-600	600-640	580-600
Other Uda Pussellawas	N/A	550	570-590	560-570
Best Uva's.	630-710	600-620	630-650	600-620
Other Uva's	580-620	550-580	580-620	550-580

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Well-made teas were Rs.30-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent.
BOPF: Up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	540-840	530-800	510-640	500-640

CTC

High Grown : **BP1s** – Irregular and barely steady.
PF1s - High priced teas were up to Rs.20/- per kg lower, whilst the others were firm.

Medium Grown : **BP1s** - Barely steady.
PF1s - Firm and Rs.10/- per kg lower.

Low Grown : **BP1s** - Select invoices appreciated Rs.20/- per kg and more, whilst the others were barely steady.
PF1s - Commenced marginally easier and declined by up to Rs.20/- per kg as the sale progressed.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	540-570	520-640	500-600	560-580
Medium	430-610	480-610	450-640	490-600
Low	450-660	450-800	410-790	480-670

OFF GRADES

Liquoring FNGS firm on last levels. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s firm. Best BP's lost rs.20-30/- per kg. Well-made BMs advanced Rs.10/- per kg. Lower end teas firm on last week levels. Select best BOP1A's firm. Below best types lost Rs.10/- per kg. Poorer types advanced Rs.5-10/- 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)	450-600	450-600	400-480	400-480	400-480	400-480
Good Fannings (CTC)	375-560	375-570	370-540	370-560	380-450	380-450
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	400-460	400-460	400-450	400-450	400-450	400-450
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	480-520	470-510	470-530	470-520	470-550	470-530
Other BM's	470-480	470-480	470-480	470-480	470-480	470-480
Best BOP1As	490-510	490-510	500-540	500-540	570-620	570-620
Other BOP1As	490-500	490-500	480-500	480-500	480-520	480-520

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's declined by Rs.10/- per kg and at times more. Secondaries and below best types too were lower by Rs.10-20/-. Poor varieties however were firm on last. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's too lost by Rs.10-20/- per kg. PD's from High & Medium elevations witnessed an irregular demand and declined by Rs.20/- and more as the sale progressed whilst Low Grown PD's too followed a similar trend.

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)	600-750	600-780	560-710	560-670	500-600	500-630
Good Primary PD (CTC)	510-630	510-610	510-610	510-620	600-670	600-790
Secondary Dust	380-440	400-460	380-440	390-450	380-440	400-450

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Nov.	24.02	24.80	0.78	278.22	249.90	-28.32
BANGLADESH	Oct.	13.41	11.49	-1.92	79.35	68.94	-10.4
KENYA	Oct.	46.30	48.27	1.97	363.10	467.44	104.3
SOUTH INDIA	Nov.	21.8	21.4	-0.3	200.9	201.2	0.30
NORTH INDIA	Nov.	117.6	127.6	9.9	122.8	980.5	-142.3
MALAWI	Sep.	2.11	2.78	0.7	39.70	36.40	-3.3
UGANDA	Nov.	4.79	0.18	-4.6	55.70	35.50	-20.20

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<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
Kenilworth	BOP	860/-	Maratenne	BOP	700/-	N. Vithanakande	BOP1	1350/-
*Harangalla	BOP	840/-	Glen Alpin	BOPSP	730/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	1250/-
Doombagastalawe	BOPSP	780/-	Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	830/-	*Sithaka	BOP1	1200/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	740/-	Halpewatte Uva	BOP1	800/-	Pothotuwa	OP1	2150/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-	Dickwella	BOP1	800/-	Sunrise	OP	960/-
Harangalla	BOP1	940/-	Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP/FBOP1	810/-	Lumbini	OPA	1100/-
*Orange Field	BOP1	920/-	Dickwella	FBOPF/FBOPF1	840/-	Lions	OPA	1080/-
*Uplands	BOP1	900/-	Gonakellie	OP/OPA	710/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OPA	1140/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	1040/-	Tini Oya	OP1	770/-	Liyonta	PEKOE	1350/-
Doombagastalawe	FBOPF/FBOPF1	900/-	Dickwella	OP1	770/-	Hidellana	PEKOE1	1300/-
*Harangalla	OP/OPA	780/-	Aruna Passara	PEK/ PEK1	960/-			
Craighead	OP1	1500/-						
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	940/-	<u>UVA HIGH</u>			<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES.</u>		
Craighead	PEK/PEK1	940/-	Bandaraeliya	BOP	710/-	*Sithaka	BOP	1040/-
Imboolpitiya	PEK/PEK1	940/-		BOPSP	/-	*Peak Paradise	BOPSP	940/-
			Craig	BOPF/BOPFSP	680/-	*Andaradeniya Sup	BOPSP	860/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			Uva Highlands	BOP1	940/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BOPSP	840/-
Somerset	BOP	940/-	Uva Highlands	FBOP/FBOP1	770/-	Allen Valley	BOPSP	830/-
Queensberry	BOPSP	720/-	Oodoowerre	FBOP/FBOP1	770/-	*Hidellana	BOPF	770/-
Somerset	BOPF/BOPFSP	860/-	*Battawatte	FBOP/FBOP1	760/-	*Geekiyahena	BOPF	710/-
Torrington	BOP1	810/-	Spring Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	*Peak Paradise	BOPFSP	750/-
Torrington	FBOP/FBOP1	920/-	Ampitiakanda	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	Gunawardena	FBOP	1120/-
Queensberry	FBOPF/FBOPF1	790/-	Rathkelle Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	New Vithanakanda	FBOP1	1140/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	670/-	Mount Uva	OP/OPA	660/-	Nilkandura	FBOPF	1000/-
Venture	OP/OPA	670/-	*Battawatte	OP/OPA	650/-	Sirimewenna	FBOPF1	940/-
Venture	OP1	810/-	Oodoowerre	OP1	710/-			
Weddemulla	PEK /PEK1	890/-	Ampitiakanda	PEK/ PEK1	870/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY.</u>		
			Craig	PEK/ PEK1	870/-	Nayapane	FBOPFSP	2100/-
						New Vithanakanda	FBOPFEXSP	3500/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			Deerwood Sup	FBOPFEXSP1	2050/-
Court Lodge	BOP	820/-	Mooloya	BOP	620/-			
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	750/-	Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-	<u>DUST-</u>		
Court Lodge	BOP1	940/-	Gordon	FBOP/ FBOP1	730/-	Somerset	Dust1	750/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/FBOP1	900/-	Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1	690/-	Cecilayan CTC	PD	670/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	*Delmar	OP/OPA	640/-			
Court Lodge	OP/OPA	650/-	*Delmar	OP1	500/-			
Lovers Leap	PEK/PEK1	900/-	Delmar	PEK/PEK1	720/-			
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			<u>OFF GRADES</u>					
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			Alton	FNGS	640/-			
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	600/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	680/-			
Florence CTC	BP1	570/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BM	680/-			
			New J.S.P	BP	700/-			
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>			*Garden Leaf	BOPIA	740/-			
New Peacock CTC	PF1	640/-						
Delta CTC	BP1	610/-						
<u>LOW GROWN</u>								
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	790/-						
Cecilayan CTC	BP1	660/-						

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES
SALE NO.07 OF 17TH FEBRUARY, 2021

	2021			2020	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	576.72	579.24	578.25	539.45	478.67
Western High Grown	627.62	628.54	626.69	601.94	575.45
High Grown	614.58	615.71	613.92	586.80	553.61
Uva Medium	584.38	574.02	591.08	563.61	512.79
Western Medium	583.88	573.66	576.83	534.94	504.13
Medium Grown	584.00	573.76	581.03	542.88	506.18
Low Grown (Orthodox)	691.94	679.32	681.19	651.69	645.56
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	682.95	669.20	671.76	629.95	628.56
Total	654.22	643.24	645.28	605.79	595.08

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 02nd /03rd March '2021</u>		<u>Sale of 09th/10th March 2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,816	770,400	2,022	862,588
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,593	765,254	1,819	909,340
Low Grown Tippy	1,812	914,911	2,081	1,081,784
High & Medium	1,087	486,567	1,352	655,445
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,079	1,112,253	2,094	1,130,958
Dust	509	477,567	538	542,974
Premium Flowery	322	55,193	363	59,536
Ex-Estate	740	833,826	800	885,056
Total	<u>9,958</u>	<u>5,415,971</u>	<u>11,069</u>	<u>6,127,681</u>

Private Sale Figures (15.02.2021 – 20.02.2021) - 118,017.00 Kgs

Cumulative - 713,062.50 Kgs

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CATALOGUES

Sale No.10 of 02nd/03rd March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on 18th February, 2021.

Sale No.11 of 09th/10th March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 25th February 2021 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

Sale No.12 of 16th/17th March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 04th March, 2021 at 04.30 p.m. but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.09

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

Auction of 02nd/03rd March, 2021

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 15/02/2021 to 21/02/2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions - Both regions reported clear mornings and occasional evening showers, whilst a few sub-districts in the Bogawantalawa, Talawakelle and Agarapatana regions experienced rainfall during the latter part of the week. Showers are predicted in both regions in the week ahead by the Department of Meteorology. **Uva/Udapussellawa Regions** - The Uva/Udapussellawa regions reported bright mornings and overcast evenings with occasional showers. A few estates in the Haputale Region reported rainfall during the latter part of the week, whilst estates in the Madulsima Region experienced misty conditions throughout the week. The Department of the Meteorology expects occasional showers in the Uva Region in the week ahead. **Low Grown** - Sunny mornings and evening showers were reported from Low Grown Region, whilst a few sub-districts in the Sabaragamuwa Region reported scattered evening showers.

Crop Intake - The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions maintained the crop intake, whilst certain sub-districts in the Bogawantalawa and Agarapatana regions reported a slight increase. The Uva, Udapussellawa and Low Grown regions reported a decrease in the crop intake.

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

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.39 HELD ON MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2021

CTC LEAF: 30,347 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a better demand although prices eased a little.

BROKENS: A few good Brokens on offer were a fairly strong feature of the sale and were mostly firm to a touch dearer whilst other descriptions were about steady on last with a few withdrawals. Plain and BLFs met with fair interest and were a touch easier with some withdrawals.

FANNINGS: There was only a handful of clean Fannings on offer which met with a fairly good demand but the most were a little easier. Medium Fannings were less in demand and were easier with quality. There was also more withdrawals in this category. Plain types witnessed a fair demand but at lower rates and saw some withdrawals..

CTC DUST: 8,014 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a fairly good demand. Good liquoring Dusts were easier by Tk.5/- to Tk.10/- closely following quality. Mediums were about steady. However, plain and BLF Dusts were fully firm to slightly dearer with less withdrawals compared to last. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS : There was a preponderance of plain and end of season teas in this sale and inspite of that there was a fair interest from the Blenders particularly for the cleaner varieties whilst the Loose Tea buyers were also more active especially for the clean teas but at a lower price level.

Dusts sold well.

Our catalogue (Sale 39): Avg: Tk 195.74, Sold 78.9% & (Sale 38) Avg: Tk 195.85, sold 78.7%.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	172-180N	175-185N	Best	195-205N	200-208	PD	172-230	174-225
Medium	172-182	175-183	Good	188-193	189-198	RD	169-304	135-265
Small	183-189	188-198	Medium	177-185	180-187	D	175-274	177-286
Plain	165-172	165-172	Plain	165-173	170-175	CD	182-174	130-294
BLF	160-170	160-170	BLF	160-170	160-170	BLF	178-197	130-193

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25TH FEBRUARY, 2021

CTC LEAF

KOCHI

Demand: Good demand. Bolder Brokens were selling at barely steady levels. Smaller brokens and fannings sold at easier by Rs.3 to 4 and with withdrawals. Good demand from Internal and Upcountry buyers. Export buyers lent fair support.

LEAF-ORTHODOX:

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Well made high grown whole leaf, brokens were selling at fully firm levels. Medium whole leaf, and bolder brokens were irregular and tended easier and smaller brokens and fannings witnessed good demand and were selling at barely steady 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 tended irregular and eased in value by Rs.3 to 5 initially and as the sale progressed the market started improving and was lower by Rs. 2 to 3. Plainer categories witnessed restricted enquiry and also eased in value with the downward trend of the market especially on the bolder grades

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair

Market: Market opened with an overall drop of Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- across all categories and grades. However latter part of the sale witnessed some improved demand for the Best and Better types which went on to be sold at fully firm to dearer levels.
The overall sale percentage is 53% at an average of Rs. 130.52.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good operation from the Major Blenders with the Internal and Export buyers being subdued.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Good.

Market: Whole leaf grades were barely steady whilst the Brokens and Fannings were rather irregularly lower by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and sometimes more.

The overall sale percentage is 80% at an average of Rs. 154.95.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export operation with equally good support from the Internal buyers.

CTC DUST

Demand: Fair.

Market: Though the dust market had witnessed a better sale percentage than the leaf. However the prices were continued to be lower by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/-, some of the Brighter varieties have sold at fully firm to dearer levels. The sale also suffered fair withdrawals.

The overall sale percentage is 71% at an average of Rs. 129.12.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Internal operation with the Major Blender supporting well with some improved buying. Export continued to be selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Good.

Market: The Primary dust grades were rather irregular and mostly lower upto s. 15/-. Secondaries were trading at firm to dearer along with the Tertiaries. The Bolder and cleaner dust of the popular marks were fully firm to dearer.

The overall sale percentage is 93% at an average of Rs. 128.22

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Internal operation with the Exporters being selective.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Good general demand.

Market: Better mediums, smaller brokens were fully firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-. BOPF's were barely steady. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were firm.

Buying Pattern: Good support from the blenders and packeteers. Internal buyers very selective.

ORTH LEAF: Good general demand. Whole leaf lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/-. Others irregular and lower by Rs.2/-.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active

CTC DUST

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Better liquoring and popular marks were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals particularly on bolder grades. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with heavy withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/-.

Buying Pattern: Blenders & packeteers active. Internal buyers subdued. Exporters selective.

ORTH DUST Fair demand. Barely steady with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active

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