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COMMENTS

Sri Lanka has sold 180.6mkgs through the Tea Auctions up to last week i.e., Sale # 37 at an average of Rs.1183.14, compared to 217.6mkgs during the corresponding period in 2021 at an average of Rs.616.48. The sale average so far this year has been Rs.566.66 ahead of the previous year, whilst auction turnover of Rs.213.6 Billion surpasses last year's figure of 134.1Billion by Rs.79.4 Billion. The prevailing strong market sentiment is expected to hold on in to October as well, in view of the moderate to low crop intakes prevailing at present.

This week's tea auction (Sale # 38) was conducted on September 27 & 28, 2022 (Tue/Wed), with a weight of 4.8mkgs. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.2mkg, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6mkg. The Ex Estate category had 0.54mkg.

There was good demand for Ex Estate teas. Best Western BOP's where quality was maintained were Rs.50/- dearer while others held firm. Other BOP's in the below-best and plainer categories were irregular and barely maintained last levels. The better liquoring Western BOPF's held firm while a range of neater below-best teas were firm and up to Rs.50/- dearer. Nuwara Eliya BOP's gained sharply while there were hardly any BOPF's. Uva / Uda Pussellawa BOP's were generally firm. Uda Pussellawa BOPF's sold at previous levels, but Uva BOPF's in the higher priced bracket were up to Rs.100/- easier. CTC Teas – High and Medium Grown PF1's were firm, while, the best Low Grown PF1's were firm, although poorer teas were lower. There were hardly any High Grown BP1's on offer, while Medium Grown teas were irregular. Low Grown types with neater leaf gained up to Rs.100/-. There was more selective interest from Japan, Germany and other European markets for the better liquoring teas. Buyers for China, Taiwan and Hong Kong were active. Russian interest was maintained.

There was fair demand for Low Grown teas. Select best OP1's together with a range of improved below-best teas maintained previous levels, but, poorer sorts tended irregular and lower. Select best OP's/OPA's were marginally easier while below-best teas were firm. Select best BOP1's were firm while below-best varieties were irregular and mostly lower. Well made PEK/PEK1's were fully firm, while teas at the lower end were about firm. The better made FBOP's were easier while others held firm. FBOPF1's in general were firm. There was good demand from buyers for Saudi Arabia, The UAE and other Middle Eastern countries. Demand from Russia and the CIS was widespread. Turkey and Syria were active, but, continued selective for Pekoe grades. Libya operated for secondary leafy grades, whilst Iraq concentrated on bottom level teas.

This week's auction comprised of 9,841 lots with a total quantity of 4,871,561kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	Oty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,826	698,628
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,288	535,387
Low Grown Tippy	1,938	956,003
High & Medium	1,398	652,949
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,033	1,063,979
Dust	374	373,602
Premium Flowery	486	73,114
Ex-Estate	<u>498</u>	<u>547,899</u>
Total	<u>9,841</u>	<u>4,871,561</u>

In Lighter Vein

You Better Not Laugh...

The nurse asked a patient to remove his clothing and put on a gown to be checked by the doctor. "In front of you?" He asks shyly. The nurse says: "Well no, but I've seen a naked human body before. The man said, "Not one like mine. You'd die laughing at my naked body." "Of course I won't laugh," said the Nurse to the patient, "I'm a professional. In over twenty years I've never laughed at a patient." "Okay then," said the patient, and he proceeded to drop his trousers, revealing a huge male body with the smallest adult male organ the Nurse had ever seen in her life. In length and girth, it was almost identical to an AAA battery. Unable to control herself, the Nurse tried to stop a giggle, but it just came out. And then she started laughing at the fact that she was laughing. Feeling very bad that she had laughed at the man's private parts, she composed herself as well as she could. "I am so sorry," she said, "I don't know what came over me. On my honor as a Nurse and a lady, I promise that it won't happen again. Now, tell me, what seems to be the problem?" "It's swollen," Bob replied. She ran out of the room.

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Best on offer declined by Rs.30 to Rs.60/-; others were firm on last.

OP1 : Select best types maintained last levels, others were irregular and mostly lower.

OP : Best on offer appreciated by Rs.30 to Rs.60/-; others sold firm on last levels.

OPA: Select best types maintained last levels, secondaries were irregularly lower by Rs.30/ to Rs.50/

PEK/PEK1: Well made shotty maintained last levels, others were irregular and mostly lower.

Quotations Best		Below	Best	Others		
(Rs./Kg)	This Week	Last Week	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	This Week	Last Week
BOP1	2600 - 3850	2750 – 3950	1900 - 2600	1900 - 2750	1500 - 1900	1400 - 1900
OP1	2600 - 3500	2400 - 3450	1400 - 2600	1300 - 2400	750 - 1400	700 – 1300
OP	1800 - 2650	1700 - 2300	1600 - 1800	1500 - 1700	800 - 1600	750 – 1500
OPA	1500 - 2350	1400 - 2300	1100 - 1500	1000 - 1400	700 - 1100	600 - 1000
PEK/PEK1	2200 - 2750	1750 - 2800	1700 - 2200	1400 - 1750	1400 - 1700	1100 - 1400

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP: BOPs in general firm.

BOPF/BOPFS: Few select Best BOPFs sold on last levels, balance declined.

FBOP/FBOP1: Well made FBOPs declined, whilst cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the lower end

sold on last levels. Balance irregular following quality. FBOP1s in general were easier.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Tippy teas together with best declined. However, cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas

at the lower end were firm. Balance were easier. Select Best and Best FF1s were easier whilst cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom sold around last levels. Balance

too eased following quality

FBOPFSP/EXSP: Overall lower market prevailed.

Quotations Be		st	Below	Below Best		iers
(Rs./Kg)	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	2500 - 2900	2700 - 2950	2000 - 2500	2300 - 2700	1500 - 2000	1500 - 2300
BOPF /BOPFSP	2400 - 2900	2500 - 2950	2000 - 2400	2200 - 2500	1400 - 2000	1200 - 2200
FBOP/FBOP1	2700 - 3550	2700 - 3750	2200 - 2700	2200 - 2700	1700 - 2200	1700 - 2200
FBOPF/FBOPF1	2500 - 3200	2500 - 3300	2000 - 2500	2000 - 2500	1300 - 2000	1500 - 2000
FBOPFSP/EXSP	5500 - 8350	6500 - 9600	3000 - 5500	3000 - 6500	2000 - 3000	2000 - 3000

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP: Well-made neat FBOP's dropped fairly sharply, below best varieties tended irregular.

Teas at the bottom were firm on last levels.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Well-made neat leaf on offer, declined in value. Below best and the lower end

varieties tended irregular.

PEK/PEK1 : Shotty PEK/PEK1 varieties met with fair demand, mixed and the bottom types were

easier on last levels.

Quotations			Below	Best	Others		
(Rs./Kg)	This Week	Veek Last Week Thi		<u>Last Week</u>	This Week	Last Week	
FBOP	1800 - 3200	1900 - 3400	1500 - 1800	1500 - 1900	1450 - 1500	1400 - 1500	
FBOPF/FBOPF1	2100 - 2800	2200 - 3000	1550 - 2100	1600 - 2200	1400 - 1550	1400 - 1600	
PEK/PEK1	1600 - 2350	1500 - 2350	1450 - 1600	1400 - 1500	850 - 1450	900 - 1400	

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

BOP: Best Western's, where quality was maintained, were Rs.50 per kg dearer, whilst the others were mostly firm. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories were irregular though sold around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's gained Rs.200 to Rs.300 per kg and more. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were mostly firm.

BOPF: Best Western's were mostly firm. In the Below Best category, better sorts were firm, whilst the others were firm and up to Rs.50 per kg lower. Plainer sorts at the lower end sold around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's had hardly any offerings. Uda Pussellawa's were generally firm. Uva's - High priced teas declined by Rs.100 per kg and more, whilst the others sold around last week's levels

	BO	P	BOPF		
Quotations (Rs./Kg)	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	
Best Westerns	1750 - 1800	1750 - 1850	1700 - 1850	1700 - 1850	
Below Best Westerns	1500 - 1700	1500 - 1700	1500 - 1650	1550 – 1700	
Plainer Westerns	1300 - 1480	1300 - 1480	1340 - 1480	1300 - 1500	
Nuwara Eliyas	1600 - 1850	N/A	N/A	1950	
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1600 - 1650	1600 - 1700	1550 - 1650	1500 - 1600	
Other Uda Pussellawas	1180 - 1440	1400 - 1420	1300 - 1500	1320 - 1460	
Best Uva's	1550 - 1700	1650 – 1750	1550 - 1650	1600 - 1800	
Other Uva's	1440 - 1500	1550 - 1600	1340 - 1500	1300 - 1550	

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Irregular.

BOPF: Firm and dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	ВС)P	ВОРБ		
Quotations (Rs./Rg)	This Week Last Week		This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	
Best Westerns	1100 - 2700	1100 - 2750	1080 - 2350	1000 - N/A	

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Firm.

MEDIUM GROWN:

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts were firm, whilst the others were firm and tended easier.

LOW GROWN:

- **BP1** Select invoices gained Rs.100 per kg and more, whilst the others were firm.
- **PF1** Better sorts were firm, whilst the others were irregularly easier with the poorest being neglected and difficult of sale.

Quotations			PF1		
(Rs./Kg)	(Rs./Kg) This Week		This Week	Last Week	
High	Not Quoted	Not Quoted	1140 - 1700	1380 - 1750	
Medium	700 - 1360	660 – 1200	800 - 1800	800 - 1800	
Low	710 - 1240	790 - 1280	840 - 1900	740 - 2200	

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1s' firm on last; whilst others too firm on last. Clean Low Grown well-made FNGS1's appreciated Rs.50to Rs.70/- per kg and others too advanced Rs.25/- to Rs.50/-.

BM : Well-made BM's appreciated Rs.50/- to Rs.100/- per kg. Best types firm on last. Below best advanced Rs.25 to Rs.50/and poorer types held firm.

BOP1A: Select best BOP1A's held firm. Below best teas advanced Rs.50 to Rs.70/- per kg. Poorer types held firm.

QUOTATIONS	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
(Rs./kg)			This Week	Last Week	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	900 - 1480	800 - 1500	640 - 790	640 - 770	700 - 1050	650 - 1000
Good Fannings (CTC)	580 - 680	580 - 700	580 - 630	580 - 660	550 - 630	550 - 650
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	550 - 690	550 - 690	550 - 710	550 - 690	550 - 710	550 - 690
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	700 - 850	680 - 820	700 - 870	680 - 850	720 - 1150	680 - 1100
Other BM's	640 - 730	640 - 720	640 - 770	640 - 750	640 - 800	640 - 780
Best BOP1As	750 - 900	750 - 900	900 - 1000	870 - 950	1250 - 1850	1250 - 1800
Other BOP1As	700 - 820	670 - 790	700 - 820	670 - 790	700 - 820	670 - 800

DUST

DUST/DUST1: Liquoring High Grown DUST/DUST1's were substantially dearer; others were firm on last levels. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's were substantially dearer by Rs.100/- per kg and more whilst Below Best teas were firm on last levels.

PD's from High & Medium elevations dearer by Rs.50-60/- per kg whilst Low Grown PD's substantially dearer by Rs.100/- to Rs.200/-.

QUOTATIONS	HIGH		MEDI	UM	Low		
(Rs./kg)	This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	ek This Week Last Wee		This Week	<u>Last Week</u>	
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	1500 - 2100	1000 - 1750	1100 - 1480	1050 - 1420	1300 - 1950	1000 - 1440	
Good Primary PD (CTC)	950 - 1320	1000 - 1500	1100 - 1420	1150 - 1460	1100 - 1700	980 – 1550	
Secondary Dust	850 - 1000	850 - 1000	750 - 850	750 - 850	650 - 700	650 - 700	

WESTERN ME	DIUM		UVA MEDIUM			LOW GROWN	LEAFY GRAD	<u>ES</u>
Kenilworth	BOP	2700/-	Dickwella	BOP	2700/-	* Sithaka	BOP1	3850/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	2500/-	Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPSP +++	2700/-	New Vithanakando	e OP1	3500/-
Galgewatte	BOPSP	2500/-	Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	2700/-	*Makandura	OP1	3350/-
Craighead	BOPF/BOPFSP	2350/-	*Halpewatte Uva	BOP1	3000/-	*Sithaka	OP1	3350/-
*Harangalla	BOP1	3100/-	Glen Alpin	FBOP/FBOP1	3000/-	*Sanasa	OP	2650/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	3200/-	Dickwella	FF/FF1	2700/-	Green Lanka	OPA	2350/-
*Hatale	FBOP/FBOP1	3000/-	Dickwella	OP/OPA	1750/-	Liyonta	OPA	2350/-
*Hatale	FF/FF1	2800/-	Telbedde	OP/OPA	1750/-	New Mahendra	PEKOE	2500/-
Doombagastalawa		2800/-	Wewesse	OP/OPA	1750/-	Golden Garden	PEKOE	2500/-
Harangalla	FF/FF1	2800/-	Glen Alpin	OP/OPA	1750/-	Lanka	PEKOE1	2750/-
Dartry Valley	FF/FF1	2800/-	Shawlands	OP/OFA	2750/-	Lunku	LLICET	27307
Orange Field	OP/OPA	1800/-	Dickwella	PEK/PEK1	2350/-		TIDDY OD A DIE	
Peniland	OP/OPA	1800/-				LOW GROWN		
*Meezan	OP/OPA	1750/-				*Hidellana	BOP	2900/-
*Kurugama	OP/OPA	1750/-	UVA HIGH			Kamarangapitiya	BOP	2900/-
New Rothschild	OP1	2550/-	Uva Highlands	BOP	2700/-	Ceyenta	BOP	2900/-
*Kurugama	PEK/PEK1	2350/-	Ranaya	BOPSP	2400/-	Lions	BOP	2900/-
Rilagala	PEK/PEK1	2350/-	Uva Highlands	BOPF/BOPFSP	2650/-	*Nawagamuwehena	вОР	2850/-
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	2350/-	Glenanore	BOP1	2850/-	New Panilkanda	BOP	2850/-
*Uplands	PEK/PEK1	2300/-	Glenanore	FBOP/FBOP1	2600/-	*Mahaliyadda	ВОР	2800/-
•			Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	2700/-	*Wikiliya	ВОР	2800/-
WESTERN HIG	н		Uvakellie	OP/OPA	1750/-	*Makandura	BOP	2800/-
		2200/				*Hidellana	BOP	2800/-
Torrington	BOP	2200/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	1750/-	Nawagamuwehena		2800/-
Queesberry	BOP SP	2500/-	Oodoowerre	OP1	2450/-	-		
Great Western	BOPF/BOPFSP	1900/-	Mount Uva	PEK/PEK1	2250/-	Stream Line	BOPSP	2900/-
Weddemulla	BOP1	2350/-	Aislaby	PEK/PEK1	2250/-	Brombil	BOPF	2750/-
Bogahawatte	FBOP/FBOP1	2800/-	*Battawatte	PEK/PEK1	2200/-	*Sithaka	BOPF	2700/-
Torrington	FBOPF/FBOPF1					*Hidellana	BOPF	2650/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	1800/-				Brombil	BOPFSP	2900/-
St.Andrews	OP/OPA	1800/-	UDA PUSSELL	.AWA		Golden Garden	BOPFSP	2900/-
Bogahawatte	OP1	2650/-	Luckyland	BOP	1650/-	Stream Line	BOPFSP	2800/-
St. Andrews	PEK/PEK1	2200/-	Mooloya	BOP	1650/-	*Mahaliyadda	BOPFSP	2750/-
Weddemulla	PEK/PEK1	2200/-				*Sithaka	FBOP	3550/-
Bambrakelly	PEK/PEK1	2200/-	Alma	BOPSP	1900/-	*Hidellana	FBOP1	2950/-
Torrington	PEK/PEK1	2200/-	Luckyland	BOPF/BOPFSP	1650/-	Gunawardana	FBOPF	3200/-
			Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	1650/-	Sithaka	FBOPF1	2950/-
			Alma	BOP1	2900/-	Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	2950/-
NUWARA ELIY	<u> </u>		Alma	FBOP/FBOP1	2650/-	1 otnotuwa	TBOTT	2930/-
Court Lodge	BOP	1850/-	Alma	FF/FF1	2600/-			
Court Lodge	BOPF/BOPFSP	1380/-	Alma	OP/OPA	1700/-	PREMIUM FLO	DWERY	
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	1180/-	Gonapitiya	OP1	1480/-	*New Galagawa	FBOPFSP	7500/-
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	1700/-	*Delmar	OP1	1420/-	Ceciliyan	FBOPFEXSP	8350/-
Ü			Alma	PEK/PEK1 +++	2300/-	*Peak Paradise S	uFBOPFEXSP1	5950/-
						*New Deraniyagala	FBOPFEXSP1	4800/-
CTC TEAS								
CTC TEAS						Dust		
HIGH GROWN			OFF GRADES				DUCT/DUCT1	2100/
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1700/-	Maratenne	BP	2050/-	Mattakelle	DUST/DUST1	2100/-
			*Panapitiya	BP	2000/-	Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1700/-
MEDIUM GRO	WN		Hingalgoda CTC	PF	2050/-			
		1800/-	Endane Special	BM +++	2650/-			
New Peacock CTC			Wellandura Specia		2050/-			
Delta CTC	+++ BP1	1360/-	Golden Garden	BOP1A	2150/-			
Donside CTC	+++ BPS	1100/-	Endane Special	BOP1A	2050/-			
Aultmore CTC	BPS	1020/-	_					
			*Aldora	BOP1A	2000/-			
			Aldora	BOP1A	2000/-			
LOW GROWN			M.D.C.T	BOP1A	2000/-			
*Kalubowitiyana	CTC PF1	1900/-						
•	PF1	1900/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	PF1 BP1	1900/- 1240/-						
•	PF1 BP1 BPS	1900/- 1240/- 1900/-						

COLOMBO AUCTION - WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES SALE NO.37 OF 21st SEPTEMBER, 2022

		2022	2021		
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,461.69	1,391.59	1,304.93	507.33	549.75
Western High Grown	1,572.44	1,550.47	1,025.28	605.66	598.79
High Grown	1,523.41	1,486.83	1,028.54	570.42	583.78
Uva Medium	1,531.33	1,503.85	1,100.76	532.66	568.14
Western Medium	1,258.98	1,203.62	914.73	479.20	537.96
Medium Grown	1,358.97	1,306.83	973.78	496.76	547.22
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,810.10	1,751.21	1,317.32	640.64	655.02
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,774.30	1,700.87	1,290.46	632.01	646.78
Total	1,676.93	1,605.42	1,183.14	596.85	616.48

Private Sale Figures (19.09.2022 - 24.09.2022) - 79,288.50Kgs

Cumulative - 3,066,886.83 Kgs

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	Sale of 04th/05th Oct.'22		Sale of	11th/12th Oct.'22
	<u>Lots</u>	Qty. (Kgs)	<u>Lots</u>	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,758	669,596	1,841	708,428
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,168	480,112	1,269	539,021
Low Grown Tippy	1,860	907,332	2,032	1,019,813
High & Medium	1,242	572,148	1,506	716,629
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,138	1,076,121	2,342	1,261,653
Dust	417	362,136	417	382,874
Premium Flowery	404	63,085	440	69,048
Ex-Estate	538	610,247	613	707,057
Total	<u>9,525</u>	4,740,777	<u>10,460</u>	<u>5,404,523</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No. 41 of 18th/19th October, 2022

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 29th September, 2022 at 04.30 p.m.

Sale No.42 of 25th/26th October, 2022

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 06th October, 2022 at 04.30 p.m.

Sale No.43 of 01st/02nd November, 2022

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on 13th October, 2022 at 04.30 p.m.

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

SALE NO.39

Auction of 04th/05th October, 2022

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

- 1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
- 2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
- 3. Eastern Brokers PLC
- 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 of 19th to 25th September, 2022

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:

Bright weather was reported in both regions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects light showers in the Western Region and heavy showers in the Nuwara-Eliya Region in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Region:

Both regions reported sunny weather throughout the week. Heavy showers are expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Growns:

The Low Grown Region reported clear weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects light showers in the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions in the week ahead

Crop Intake:

All The Western, Uva and Udapussllawa regions reported a slight increase in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya and Low Grown regions maintained.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2021	2022	Difference +/-	To-date 2021	To-date 2022	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Aug.	23.87	18.28	-5.59	211.97	171.38	-40.59
BANGLADESH	July	12.34	11.27	-1.07	37.76	38.33	0.57
KENYA	Мау	45.30	50.00	4.70	230.60	227.10	-3.5
NORTH INDIA	July	158.60	133.3	-25.30	483.90	475.70	-8.20
SOUTH INDIA	July	21.90	19.20	-2.70	144.70	138.20	-6.50
MALAWI	April	6.40	7.10	0.70	28.60	26.00	-2.6
TANZANIA	Mar.	3.33	7.89	4.56	9.41	13.04	3.6
UGANDA	Mar.	5.56	4.35	-1.2	18.49	15.91	-2.58

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-OTHER MARKETS-

MALAWI MARKET REPORT

SALE NO.39 - 28/09/2022

There was less and selective demand for the small quantity of 2920 packages on offer.

BP1 - N/A

PF1 - Few available met selective demand at firm levels where sold.

PD - Few on offer were neglected.

PF1SC - N/A

D1 - N/A

Secondary teas were barely steady where sold.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Hot to very hot conditions were experienced, windy at night and early mornings.

Crop intakes remain stable.

TEA BROKERS CENTRAL AFRICA LIMITED

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO.21 OF MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

CTC LEAF: 50,275 packages of Current Season teas on offer continued to meet with a strong demand.

BROKENS: Best Brokens met with more competition and were a dearer market appreciating by up to Tk.5/-and sometimes more. Good varieties also sold well and were fully firm to slightly dearer following quality. Medium varieties sold at around last levels but a fair weight of brown, plain varieties met with selective enquiry and were mostly easier with fair withdrawals. BLFs met with less demand at around last levels with more withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Best liquoring Fannings met with a stronger demand and were dearer by Tk.5/- and more following competition. Good varieties were also a strong market and were fully firm to slightly dearer. Medium types sold at around last levels but Plain varieties met with less demand and were easier. BLFs met with less demand at around last levels with more withdrawals.

CTC DUST: 50,275 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring varieties were fully firm to slightly dearer closely following quality. Mediums sold well at around last levels. Plain/BLF Dusts were an easier market and saw fair withdrawals. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Best liquoring varieties were again a strong feature of the sale and were dearer following more competition from all sections of the market. There was a fair weight of brown, plain varieties on offer which met with limited interest and witnessed heavy withdrawals. Blenders lent stronger support with more interest from the Loose tea buyers.

Dusts sold well.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	220 - 225N	220 - 230N	Best	240 - 255	235 - 250	PD	200 - 286	197 - 281
Medium	222 - 232	220 -230	Good	232 - 237	227 - 232	RD	188 - 372	170 - 374
Small	225 - 235	222 - 232	Medium	220 - 230	215 - 225	D	204 - 382	160 - 380
Plain	195 - 205	200 - 210	Plain	195 - 205	200 - 210	CD	160 - 310	218 - 408
BLF	130 - 170	130 - 170	BLF	130 - 170	130 - 170	BLF	148 - 169	160 - 172

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KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand: Good demand, All grades sold irregular around last levels

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand: Good demand.

 $\textbf{Market} \ : \ \ \text{Well made whole leaf \& larger brokens sold irregular around last levels. Smaller brokens \& }$

fannings showed an improved demand & appreciated in value.

Buying Pattern: Middle East and CIS buyers operated.

DUST

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Popular marks & better mediums sold irregular & sometimes lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-. Plainer

sorts sold around last levels.

Buying Pattern: Major Blenders were active & internal buyers caustically.

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand: Good.

Market: Market opened on an irregular trend with the Brokens trading at steady to easier levels by Rs.2/to Rs.3/- across all types and grades and the BOPF's were rather steady to firm. However as the sale progressed it had gained momentum and went on to be sold at fully firm to dearer across all types and categories with better percentage of sale.

Buying Pattern : Strong presence of the Major Blenders was noticed along with other Packeteers. Internal and Export were also lending fairly good support.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Strong.

Market: Fully firm to dearer market with the Brokens and Fannings trading at Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and more following quality in comparison to last week. However the Whole Leaf grades were rather trading at barely steady to occasionally dearer levels.

Buying Pattern: Good to strong enquiry was forthcoming from the Exporters with fairly good Internal participation.

CTC DUST

Demand: Strong.

Market: The CTC dust market continues to be on a buoyant trend with the prices moving further due to strong demand. The price surge was noticed on the fairly blacker and cleaner teas by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- dearer and more sometimes.

Buying Pattern: Yet again strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with the Major Blender also chipping in. Internal has been rendering fairly good support with Regional Packeteers seen lending fair support.

ORTH DUST

Demand: fairly strong.

Market: Generally a fully firm to dearer market with the Primary dust grades as well as the Secondaries were trading at Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- dearer and the Tertiaries were trading at Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- dearer.

Buying Pattern: Good Export enquiry was being witnessed with the Internal lending fair support.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Good general demand.

Market: Better medium brokens and BOPF's were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more following quality with some withdrawals. Medium brokens were dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more with few withdrawals. However BOPF's were barely steady. Plainer teas were firm to dearer by Rs.2/-.

Buying Pattern: Blenders and packeteers were active. Others selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Better medium brokens were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- with some withdrawals. Secondary brokens / BOPF's were barely steady.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active. Others selective.

CTC DUST

Demand: Fair general demand.

Market: Better medium/ popular sorts were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals. Medium / plainer teas were barely steady to lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Fair demand. Firm.

Market: Firm to dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. **Buying Pattern**: Exporters were active.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited

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INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS

Nepal Tea Collective Invites the Tea Industry, Consumers to Become Co-Owners

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Nepal tea tea farmers tea workers tea production



Pratik Rijal, chief operating officer of Nepal Tea Collective (left) with Nishchal "Nish" Banskota, a second-generation tea producer and founder and CEO of the public benefit corporation. (Photo: Courtesy of Nepal Tea Collective)

Nepal Tea Collective (previously called Nepal Tea), a U.S.-based and immigrant-owned public benefit corporation, is on a mission to disrupt the tea industry and elevate teas and tea farmers from Nepal. They're currently inviting their customers, the impact-conscious public and members of the tea industry to become co-owners of the company. The company recently launched an equity crowdfunding campaign through Wefunder, where anyone can invest for as little as \$250 and become an owner in the business.

"We all know that the tea industry has not been fair to the primary producers though tea is the most popular beverage after water," said Nishchal "Nish" Banskota, a second-generation tea producer and founder and CEO of Nepal Tea Collective. "I aim to create the most impactful tea company that works for not just the shareholders but all stakeholders. Therefore, to legally hold ourselves accountable to this mission, we converted to a public benefit corporation in January 2022."

Banskota explained that being a collective allows them to work with multiple tea farms in Nepal and create a collective identity of Nepali teas globally. "We are now taking this one step further by allowing all of our customers or any tea lover around the world to become co-owners of the collective with as little as \$250, truly making it a company that is governed by its entire stakeholders."



Teas from Nepal Tea Collective (Photo: Courtesy of Nepal Tea Collective)

The World Has Been 'Sleeping' on Nepali Teas

According to Nepal Tea Collective, the world has been "sleeping" on Nepali teas because the country itself is sandwiched between two tea giants – India and China. Yet, Nepal produces some of the finest teas in the world and more than 80 percent of its teas are exported to be rebranded. Nepali teas and their unique flavors lose their identity in the global market as it goes through numerous middlemen. This not only hinders Nepal from ever making its own geographical identity but also severely depresses the agricultural farmers. Traders and middlemen make millions while the Nepali farmers are left with pennies.

"There are several reasons why tea industry leaders should invest in us, but the most important one is to allow tea industry to thrive and innovate in the most ethical way," explained Banskota. "As an industry, we have been talking about the need for traceability and transparency for a while, and we're now building a proprietary mechanism to set the highest standards in the industry by leveraging technology. In essence, we're re-inventing the way tea is sold around the world and making it fair for all the stakeholders in the tea supply chain while creating a highly profitable business. The tea industry leaders can obtain amazing monetary returns and a significant impact by choosing to invest in us."

Nepal Tea Collective brings the freshest teas – organically grown and packed at origin in Nepal – to the United States and worldwide. Through rigorous work and first-hand collaboration with the farmers, Nepal Tea Collective has been shaping Nepali teas in the global market. The teas that they serve are traceable via QR codes, providing consumers with key information about every single individual involved– from who planted the sapling to who packed their product.



Teas from Nepal Tea Collective (Photo: Courtesy of Nepal Tea Collective)

Overall, Nepal Tea Collective said it's cutting out the middlemen and working with the farmers directly to give underappreciated tea makers a platform to directly interact and connect with global customers, and the company has been making leaps to change the way Nepali teas are perceived.

Their attempt to bring forth the invisible Nepali farmers to the front of the global market has been featured and lauded in the *New York Times* and *Forbes* magazine. In fact, the Nepali orthodox teas that Nepal Tea Collective offers have been voted "Top 10" among 100+ global brands and won multiple national and international tea awards.

Originally established in 2016 as a Limited Liability Company (as Nepal Tea), the company has grown and shifted into a Public Benefit Corporation (as Nepal Tea Collective). To date, thousands of customers have been served worldwide. They've also planted 2,000 tea saplings (and counting) in Nepal.

"It isn't just teas that Nepali farms can share with the world," said Banskota. "There are so many more local herbs and spices that could benefit not just the farmers but the global food culture as a whole."



Nepal Tea Collective is on a mission to elevate the teas and tea farmers from Nepal. (Photo: Courtesy of Nepal Tea Collective)

Wefunder Campaign Targets US\$600,000 Goal

The Wefunder campaign will run through Nov. 16, and Nepal Tea Collective said it hopes to raise US\$600,000 to expand its reach. Their equity crowdfunding effort, with support from several investors, has already hit more than US\$180,000.

With the money raised, their plans include expansive product development that can better represent Nepali flavors, working with talented people to better their marketing strategies, as well as an immersive tea tourism experience in Nepal for their global customers. Their investment pitch also promises a tentative five to eight times return within the first five years, at least 15,000 farmers out of poverty, and 100,000 tea saplings planted.

"We are honored and very thankful to have such a response so far," shared Banskota. "However, this is just the beginning, and I am humbled to know that tea drinkers all around the world understand the problem and want to be a part of the solution. Nepal Tea Collective started because of the power of the crowd of amazing tea people around the world [through the initial Nepal Tea Kickstarter campaign in 2016], and it sustains because of that, and now is the time to thrive because of the power of the crowd.

I firmly believe in the mission of Wefunder as a platform, as well to democratize investing, and we want all tea drinkers regardless of the income differences be able to produce great returns and significant impact by investing on us."

The Future for Nepal Tea Collective

What does the future hold for Nepal Tea Collective? Banskota said that in the short-term future, they plan to build a fulfillment facility in Nepal that allows majority of the small-holder farmers to centralize collection, storing, packing and exporting. "We will also be furthering our cultivation work to include highly demanded botanicals," he said.

In the long term, the company envisions being the solution and a platform for every tea/botanical small holder producer in Nepal and beyond, to sell their products and earn a dignified living by doing so.

"I really believe Nepal Tea Collective can uplift a million farmers from poverty within my lifetime while exponentially expanding the potential of Nepali flavors," Banskota concluded. "I've seen tea change the lives of hundreds of people, so I know this can be done. We only need support from people who know the unrealized promise of teas and herbs from Nepal."

