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Tea Market Report: Sale 42 of 18th - 19th October, 2021

There was good but irregular demand for the 145,473 packages (9.51m/kgs) in the market and 23.19% were unsold.

Leaf Grades

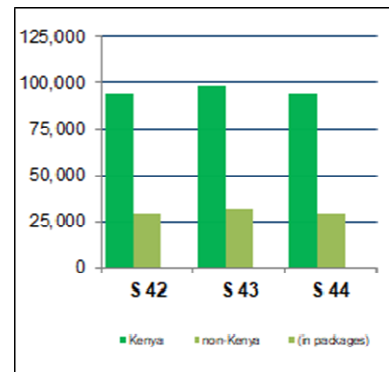
Offerings: 76,739 packages (4.96m/kgs) with 27% unsold.

Best **BP1s** in the market eased by USC2 - USC10 with quality while brighter types held value with Medium categories irregular and ranged between firm to USC11 dearer to easier by USC2 - USC5 and some invoices remained without bids. Lower Medium varieties met an irregular enquiry with improved lines advancing by USC2 - USC34 and substantially more for select well-made sorts but others shed USC2 - USC22 and some lines were unsold. Plainer categories were discounted by USC7 - USC18 and many invoices remained unsold but a few well-made teas gained USC2 - USC10.

Current and Future Fresh Auction Offerings

Country	Sale 42 18 - 19 Oct'21		Sale 42 19 & 21 Oct'20		Sale 43 25 - 26 Oct'21		Sale 44 1 - 2 Nov'21	
	MG	SG	MG	SG	MG	SG	MG	SG
Kenya	83,320	10,540	92,580	8,313	86,920	11,320	83,320	10,540
Uganda	15,200	8,074	12,760	6,860	14,920	8,340	15,200	8,074
Tanzania	440	360	360	440	960	1,000	440	360
Rwanda	3,400	700	3,920	640	4,160	840	3,400	700
Burundi	1,240	160	2,080	300	1,200	240	1,240	160
Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D R Congo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	160	0	0	0	0	0	160	0
Reprints	19,199	2,680	13,040	1,900	19,460	2,060	19,199	2,680
Total	103,760	19,834	111,700	16,553	108,160	21,740	103,760	19,834
	123,594		128,253		129,900		123,594	

The Best **PF1s** on offer were about steady to a few cents below last levels while Brighter sorts held steady to USC11 easier and a few lines were unsold with Medium categories firm to USC10 below previous week's rates and many invoices remained unsold. Lower Mediums saw an irregular activity following quality with improved lines USC2 - USC20 above last prices but others eased by a similar margin



CTC Quotations and Highest Prices (USC)

	BP1		PF1	
	Best	Good	Best	Good
Best	268	592	356	376
Good	250	367	356	367
Good Medium	250	294	296	366
Medium	260	285	250	304
Lower Medium	112	202	132	242
Plainer	097	153	090	214

and some lines remained unsold. Plainer sorts ranged between firm to USC10 above previous prices to easier by USC6 - USC16 with many invoices neglected.

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DUST Grades

Offerings: 46,220 packages (3.40m/kgs). 20.12% were unsold.

The Best **PDUSTs** on offer shed USC10 - USC14 following quality with Brighter sorts easing by up to USC11 while Medium categories met an irregular enquiry with improved lines steady to USC13 above last week's levels but others were discounted by up to USC20. Lower Medium types were irregular ranging between USC2 - USC14 above last prices to easier by USC5 - USC8 and some invoices were unsold. Plainer descriptions ranged between firm to USC14 dearer to easier by USC4 - USC7 with some lines remaining without bids.

Best **DUST1s** in the market saw an irregular enquiry varying between firm rates following quality to easier by up to USC15 while Brighter varieties ranged between steady to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC20. Medium categories were discounted by USC28 - USC35 but a few improved lines held firm to USC3 above previous week's rates with Lower Medium types irregular ranging between USC6 - USC26 above last prices to easier by USC3 - USC14 and a few invoices were unsold. Plainer sorts varied between USC4 - USC13 dearer to easier by USC2 to USC14 with some teas remaining unsold.

Secondary Grades.

Offerings: 22,514 packages (1,146,802.50 kilos) with 16.52% remaining unsold.

In the Secondary Catalogues, Best BPs advanced while others were discounted with PFs dearer. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings were dearer while DUSTs gained. Other Fannings eased with similar DUSTs steady. BMFs were well absorbed.

Markets

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

CTC Quotations and Highest Prices (USC)

	PD		D1	
Best	358	- 388	310	- 352
Good	358	- 387	310	- 350
Good Medium	320	- 387	290	- 324
Medium	258	- 293	235	- 296
Lower Medium	102	- 295	104	- 238
Plainer	078	- 186	080	- 176

Secondary Quotations (USC)

	BP/BP2	PF/PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best/Good	205 - 294	238 - 267	140 - 280	080 - 270	
Good Medium / Medium			138 - 231	120 - 220	
Lower Medium	104 - 156	090 - 182	070 - 173	070 - 129	070 - 078
Plainer	090 - 122	080 - 206	078 - 132	070 - 147	068 - 095

Average Auction Hammer Quantities and Prices by Country

Country of Origin	Main			Secondary			Total			Total for Corresponding Sale for Last Year		
	Pkgs	Kgs	USC	Pkgs	Kgs	USC	Pkgs	Kgs	USC	Pkgs	Kgs	USC
Kenya	75,760	5,255,991	257	9,740	491,487	125	85,500	5,747,478	246	95,673	6,503,974	199
Uganda	10,775	687,822	126	6,960	341,008	90	17,735	1,028,830	114	18,200	1,067,656	131
Tanzania	440	24,820	107	360	16,892	85	800	41,712	98	800	44,840	120
Rwanda	2,720	190,672	362	680	44,752	206	3,400	235,424	333	3,380	229,904	269
Burundi	1,200	75,540	240	240	15,092	146	1,440	90,632	224	2,280	140,069	213
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D R Congo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	60	3,593	122	-	-	-	60	3,593	122	40	1,765	92

Total	90,955	6,238,438	245	17,980	909,231	115	108,935	7,147,669	229	120,373	7,988,208	191
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Sale Number	Previous Sale's Quantities and Prices									Total for Corresponding Sale for Last Year		
	Main			Secondary			Total			Pkgs	Kgs	USC
Sale 41/21	89,825	6,206,553	246	17,380	877,199	119	107,205	7,083,753	231	112,836	7,470,767	188
Sale 40/21	79,440	5,480,191	242	16,061	787,453	116	95,501	6,267,644	226	108,020	7,135,950	191
Sale 39/21	80,320	5,530,742	232	15,000	737,727	115	95,320	6,268,468	218	109,320	7,232,272	191
Sale 38/21	76,781	5,293,616	226	17,751	865,527	113	94,532	6,159,143	210	114,273	7,513,140	189
Sale 37/21	72,600	5,023,415	219	17,279	854,767	114	89,879	5,878,182	204	105,700	6,951,917	197
Sale 36/21	69,940	4,766,898	215	19,020	953,026	110	88,960	5,719,925	198	105,680	6,885,252	199

Average Auction Hammer Prices by Grade and Country

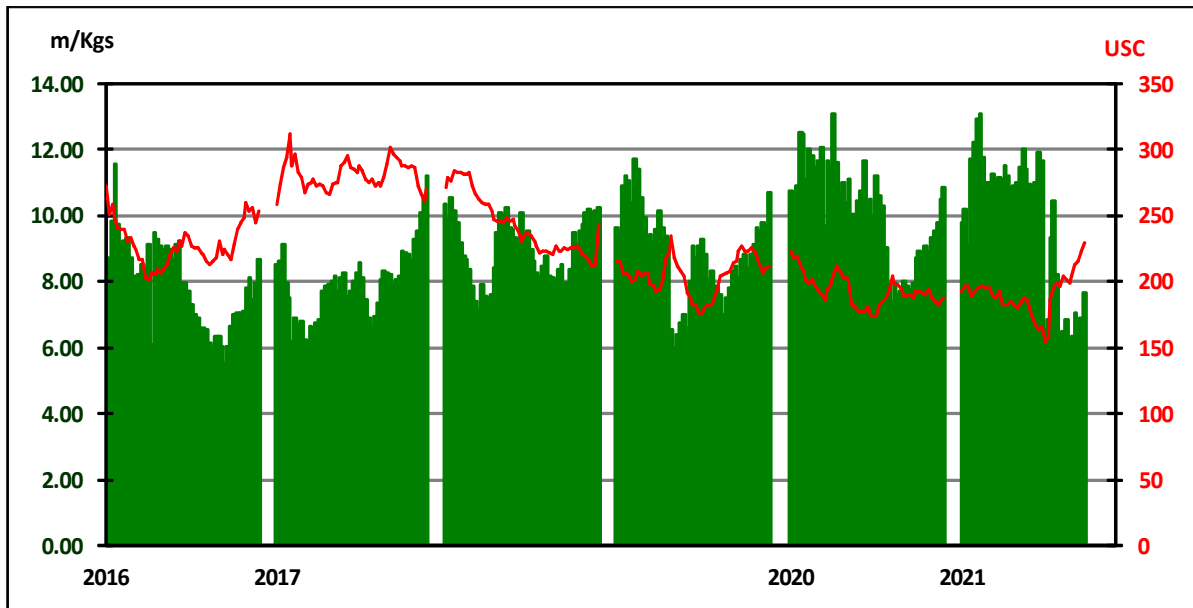
Country of Origin	Current Sale's Prices per Grade										Corresponding Prices per Grade for Last Year									
	BP1	PF1	PD	D1	BP/2	PF/2	D/2	F/1	BMF	Av	BP1	PF1	PD	D1	BP/2	PF/2	D/2	F/1	BMF	Av
Kenya	225	276	249	249	128	146	112	153	74	246	224	203	200	200	159	129	107	106	75	199
Uganda	111	143	122	119	102	111	98	91	71	114	144	141	147	140	136	113	112	98	72	131
Tanzania	110	132	94	84	95	122	81	82	73	98	141	141	134	132	140	118	88	87	79	120
Rwanda	532	314	295	295	263	242	191	158	-	333	350	254	238	246	224	175	179	155	79	269
Burundi	206	252	240	244	-	-	106	151	-	224	226	228	205	210	-	-	123	127	-	213
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D R Congo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	-	-	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	122	-	-	-	-	-	94	90	-	-	92
Total	225	266	231	231	138	135	115	127	72	229	223	200	194	189	162	125	114	103	73	191

Sale Number	Previous Sale's Prices per Grade										Corresponding Prices per Grade for Previous Year									
	BP1	PF1	PD	D1	BP/2	PF/2	D/2	F/1	BMF	Av	BP1	PF1	PD	D1	BP/2	PF/2	D/2	F/1	BMF	Av
Sale 41/21	228	271	231	218	139	133	117	126	73	231	205	196	194	191	179	127	111	108	72	188
Sale 40/21	228	259	231	225	132	135	120	127	74	226	214	196	202	196	176	124	112	107	70	191
Sale 39/21	235	247	215	222	137	127	108	125	74	218	219	190	203	201	174	125	108	104	68	191
Sale 38/21	216	242	213	214	138	130	104	123	74	210	215	191	201	201	188	124	109	105	66	189
Sale 37/21	235	231	202	211	143	123	107	124	73	204	228	203	203	198	186	124	111	109	67	197
Sale 36/21	216	227	203	198	140	126	104	118	72	198	247	211	204	203	165	126	113	105	65	199

Average Auction Prices and Quantities by Country

Country	Previous Sale Sale 41/21		Year To Date 2021		Last Year Sale 41/20		Year To Date 2020		Variance Year To Date	
	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC
Kenya	6,051,176	245	321,124,217	198	6,375,794	194	338,313,391	202	-17,189,175	-4
Uganda	1,113,910	118	55,855,600	116	1,030,686	130	53,184,186	121	2,671,414	-5
Tanzania	61,900	111	3,901,352	101	21,920	121	4,654,518	113	-753,166	-12
Rwanda	309,801	333	19,891,427	264	391,536	235	18,637,365	277	1,254,062	-13
Burundi	127,052	223	5,315,044	199	130,986	203	6,658,223	217	-1,343,179	-18
Zambia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Malawi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Mozambique	-	-	-	-	-	-	262,989	83	-262,989	-83
Madagascar	-	-	98,943	101	-	-	-	-	98,943	101
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
D R Congo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
Ethiopia	14,342	137	146,148	136	-	-	702,404	115	-556,256	21
Total	7,678,181	229	406,332,731	189	7,950,922	187	422,413,076	194	-16,080,346	-5

Mombasa Weekly Average Auction Quantities and Prices 2016—2021



	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Total	
	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC	Kgs	USC
2021	40.8	194	49.9	195	55.7	192	44.7	183	45.4	184	56.2	174	34.4	168	38.4	201	26.2	208	14.6	226					406.3	189
2020	44.4	217	47.4	203	56.5	192	46.9	205	42.5	189	53.0	181	42.3	176	34.6	192	39.1	194	33.3	192	36.1	190	40.6	187	516.8	193
2019	52.2	209	44.1	203	37.8	202	47.9	206	25.6	218	30.7	190	44.0	179	31.3	192	30.6	208	42.5	222	37.0	219	30.2	210	454.0	204
2018	50.7	278	35.0	282	30.3	265	40.6	252	39.9	246	38.0	239	44.9	233	33.6	223	32.9	223	42.9	225	39.5	219	30.1	213	458.4	243
2017	41.7	284	26.5	286	25.6	273	29.2	272	39.9	275	31.5	289	32.4	283	27.8	275	32.9	286	41.9	291	36.3	283	31.9	266	397.6	281
2016	38.4	256	37.4	238	41.8	224	36.1	204	45.4	212	35.3	227	29.9	231	32.8	219	24.5	222	25.2	222	37.2	250	24.0	251	407.9	229

Exchange Rates (2019-2021)



During the week the Kenya Shilling traded between KES 110.55-110.80 and reached 110.80 at its lowest end week. Expectations are that the Kenya Shilling against US Dollar will trade at the level of 110.50 - 111.00 in the coming week.

(These figures are given as a guide and readers are advised not to use them as a basis for business transactions)

Auction Quantities

Country Offerings	This Week Sale 42/21		Year To Date 2021		Year To Date 2020		Variance Year To Date	
	Packages	Kgs	Packages	Kgs	Packages	Kgs	Packages	Kgs
Kenya	93,860	5,549,363	4,927,276	332,229,209	5,126,730	347,073,461	-199,454	-14,844,252
Uganda	23,274	1,363,937	991,335	57,338,700	936,501	54,105,020	54,834	3,233,680
Tanzania	800	41,936	80,079	4,368,436	93,829	4,992,036	-13,750	-623,600
Rwanda	4,100	281,680	289,979	19,865,174	279,828	19,129,778	10,151	735,396
Burundi	1,400	84,664	82,820	5,142,056	106,097	6,715,402	-23,277	-1,573,346
Zambia	0	0	960	56,740	0	0	960	56,740
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	4,862	267,279	-4,862	-267,279
Madagascar	0	0	2,020	99,835	0	0	2,020	99,835
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D R Congo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	160	9,572	2,300	130,640	13,440	672,108	-11,140	-541,468
Total	123,594	7,331,152	6,376,769	419,230,790	6,561,287	432,955,084	-184,518	-13,724,294

Sellers' Main Grade Quantities (in Packages)

Origin	BP 1			PF 1			PD			D 1			Total		
	S 42	S 43	S 44	S 42	S 43	S 44	S 42	S 43	S 44	S 42	S 43	S 44	S 42	S 43	S 44
KTDA	13040	7840	9680	26280	32400	33840	10800	15680	15520	6200	6640	6520	56320	62560	65560
Unilever Tea	1160	880	720	480	720	280	1060	1160	1040	120	120	200	2820	2880	2240
James Finlay	680	640	600	760	680	480	960	980	600	0	0	0	2400	2300	1680
Eastern Produce	1740	1960	1600	3000	2600	2,720	2280	2880	3640	960	880	840	7980	8320	8800
Others (K)	6320	4980	3,800	10760	10000	9,820	13120	13540	12700	2340	2280	1900	32540	30800	28220
Uganda	2954	3040	2800	4000	3280	5,040	4840	4360	4560	1600	1500	1820	13394	12180	14220
Tanzania	200	360	280	160	480	360	160	320	240	120	240	160	640	1400	1040
Rwanda	1320	1480	1520	1440	1840	2260	580	1080	760	400	360	400	3740	4760	4940
Burundi	1640	1480	1600	1080	1040	920	400	440	400	320	400	360	3440	3360	3280
DR Congo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	160	160	0	0	0	160	160	160
Total	29054	22660	22600	47960	53040	55720	34360	40600	39620	12060	12420	12200	123434	128720	130140

Buyer Purchases of Teas Offered by Grade (in Packages)

BUYER	%	Total	BP1	PF1	PD	D1	BP2	PF2	D2	FNGS	BMF
1 GLOBAL TEA & COMMODITIES KENYA LTD.	12.47	18,140	2,280	9,480	4,040	1,520		60	520	220	20
2 CARGILL KENYA LTD	8.69	12,640	520	9,120	2,680	320					
3 CHAI TRADING COMPANY LTD	7.33	10,660	2,480	4,240	2,780	1,120		40			
4 JAMES FINLAY MOMBASA LIMITED	5.75	8,360	800	2,200	4,520	200	40	300	20	280	
5 SSOE (KENYA) LIMITED	3.96	5,760	1,520	1,560	1,500	480	300	60	320	20	
6 LAB INTERNATIONAL KENYA LTD	3.34	4,860		1,820	2,320	720					
7 MOMBASA COFFEE LTD	3.23	4,700	80	1,080	2,200	1,160	180				
8 M.J. CLARKE LTD	2.82	4,100		600	1,720	280		40		1,460	
9 EMPIRE KENYA (EPZ) LTD	2.74	3,980	2,880		640		460				
10 SHAKAB EXPORT & IMPORT CO. LTD	2.30	3,340	640	1,940	640	80		40			
11 COFFTEA AGENCIES LTD	2.14	3,120	1,480	80	120			80		940	420
12 VAN REES KENYA LIMITED	1.65	2,400	80	1,040	680	160		160		280	
13 STANSAND (A) LTD	1.62	2,360		840	760			460		300	
14 ABBAS TRADERS LTD	1.47	2,140	120	320	920	260	140	200	160	20	
15 IMPERIAL TEAS (EPZ) LTD	1.21	1,760	640	200	80	240	120	20	340	120	
16 GOLD CROWN FOODS (EPZ) LTD	1.13	1,637	197		240		20	120	100	380	580
17 AL EMIR LIMITED	1.06	1,540	80	1,040	80	140		80	120		
18 RANFER TEAS KENYA LTD	0.98	1,420	720			240			380	80	
19 SUMMER LINER CO. LTD	0.98	1,420	320					160		400	540
20 DRINCO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	0.88	1,280		1,280							
21 CHAMU SUPPLIES LIMITED	0.80	1,160		160	240	40	40	140	100	440	
22 ALIBHAI RAMJI (MSA) LTD	0.77	1,120		440	320	360					
23 INDO-AFRICAN TEA CO. (K) LTD.	0.76	1,100	160	840	40	40		20			
24 PWANI HAULIERS	0.67	980						60		260	660
25 DEVCHAND KESHA V/JI (K) LTD	0.59	860		860							
26 MAISHA COMMODITIES	0.54	780	80	120	40	60		160	120	200	
27 AL KHALIFA ENTERPRISES LTD	0.45	660									660
28 TRANS-ATLANTIC TRADING Co. LTD	0.44	640		80	120	360		80			
29 SARDIA INTERNATIONAL CO. LTD	0.43	620							180	80	360
30 KIRINDO TRADERS LIMITED	0.33	480	160	80			80		20		140
31 TROPICAL CROPS & COMMODITIES	0.33	480	40				20	80	80	60	200
32 LULA TRADING COMPANY	0.30	438	18				120				300
33 GOKAL TRADING KENYA LTD	0.29	420		200				180		40	
34 MOMBASA TEA TRADERS LTD	0.29	420			160	160	100				
35 GREEN LEAF TRADING CO. LTD	0.25	360									360
36 LINDOP & COMPANY (KENYA) LTD	0.21	300		240					60		
37 TUSHA TEA LTD	0.21	300	220							80	
38 JALEEL TRADING COMPANY	0.19	280						60			220
39 JAWAI TEA LIMITED	0.19	280	280								
40 MCLEOD RUSSEL AFRICA LIMITED	0.19	280			120	120			40		
41 AFRO TEAS LTD	0.18	260	20						20	200	20
42 GREAT WHITE PACKERS LTD	0.18	260				20		120	120		
43 TEAVANA TEA STORE LTD	0.12	180	80								100
44 AIMCO ENTERPRISES LTD	0.11	160					60				100
45 MAYMUN ENTERPRISES	0.10	140					40			100	
46 LUTEX LIMITED	0.07	100						20		20	60
47 TANZIIL TRADING LIMITED	0.05	80									80
48 TRUST TEA TRADERS EAST AFRICA LTD	0.05	80	80								
49 CAPITAL TEA TRADERS	0.03	40	40								
50 RIOTANA TRADING LIMITED	0.03	40	40								
51 AXIS TEA & SERVICES LIMITED	0.01	20									20
Total Sold	74.91	108,935	16,055	39,860	26,960	8,080	1,720	2,740	2,700	5,980	4,840
Withdrawn	0.16	240	40	80	80	40					
Unsold	24.97	36,318	13,078	7,840	7,540	3,700	560	360	500	2,660	80
% Unsold			45	16	22	31	25	12	16	31	2
Grand Total	100.00	145,493	29,173	47,780	34,580	11,820	2,280	3,100	3,200	8,640	4,920
Sale 41/21	80.50%	107,205	14,320	39,020	27,745	8,740	2,420	2,660	2,680	6,120	3,500
Sale 40/21	75.03%	95,501	13,760	34,100	24,020	7,560	1,740	2,280	2,020	5,800	4,221
Sale 39/21	75.71%	95,320	14,920	33,720	23,540	8,140	1,960	2,480	1,840	5,240	3,480
Sale 38/21	75.92%	94,832	11,600	34,661	24,620	5,900	1,840	2,460	2,260	7,011	4,180

Other Tea Auction Centres

Jakarta: at Sale 41 held on the 13th October 2021. A smaller quantity of 7,820 psacks were offered for sale which included 1,540 psacks CTC teas. There was good general demand with fewer teas remaining unsold. Prices were fully firm to occasionally upto 5 usc/ kg higher than last.

Colombo: at Sale 40 held on 11th and 12th October, 2021, The 0.75Mkg of Ex Estate teas on offer met with irregular demand. Select best Western High Grown BOPs were tending irregular, below best and plainer varieties were firm to a little dearer at times. Select best Western High Grown BOPFs were mostly easier from last week's levels, however a few selected invoices gained following special inquiry, the below best and plainer sorts were firm on last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya BOPs continued to sell well, however the BOPFs mostly remained unsold due to a lack of bids. Udapussellawa BOPs were irregularly lower, the BOPFs were firm and gained selectively following quality. Uva BOPs were tending lower, BOPFs mostly maintained. The Low Grown CTC BP1s were firm, the High and Medium sorts were barely steady. Low Grown PF1s were dearer, the High and Medium sorts were mostly firm, however some invoices gained selectively following quality. The 2.4Mkg of Low Grown teas which were on offer met with fair demand. Select best OP1s were firm, best and below best OP1s too maintained last levels. BOP1s attracted fair interest. Select best OPA were firm, best and below best types shed few rupees, others were lower. OPs followed a similar trend. Well-made Bold Pekoes were firm, mixed varieties shed few rupees. Well-made Shotty Pekoe1s were firm, others attracted improved interest. In the Small Leaf segment, select best BOP.SP/BOPF.SP and BOPFs were firm. Select best BOPs gained following quality. Select best and best FBOPs were firm, others were irregularly lower. Select best and best FBOPF1s

gained a few rupees, below best varieties were firm. FBOPFs continued to attract excellent demand. All Premium Flowery teas met with excellent demand. Turkey, Russia, Iran and the C.I.S. countries lent fair support. Libya and Iraq were selective.

Chittagong: at Sale 22 held on 11th October, 2021, CTC LEAF: 53,448 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a good demand. BRO-KENS: Well made good liquoring Broken were a good market and mostly sold at around last levels. Their Mediums were a little easier following quality. Plainer varieties were firm to slightly easier. BLF teas once again met with a good market and were fully firm. FANNINGS: Good liquoring Fannings continued to be a good market and were about steady. Medium types met with a fairly good demand but were a little easier. Plainer sorts once again were an easier market. BLF teas were a fairly good market at around last levels. CTC DUST: 13,064 packages of Current Season and 1 package of Old Season tea on offer met with a good demand. Select best liquoring teas met with a good competition and advanced by Tk.8/- to Tk.10/-. Other good and Medium varieties sold at around last with better, well made teas gaining Tk.2/- to Tk.4/- closely following quality. Plain and BLF Dusts were slightly easier and saw quite fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buy-

Auction Offerings

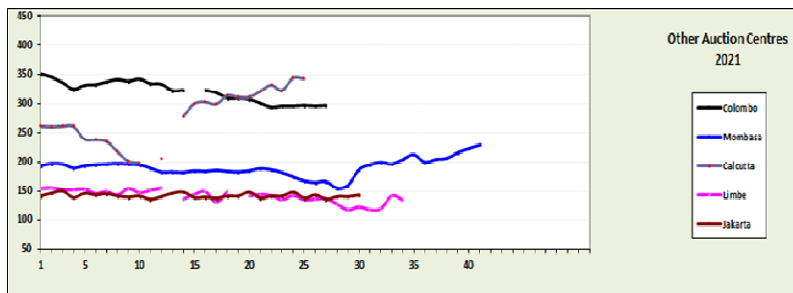
Centre	Week 41	Week 42	Week 43	Week 44
	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	26-Oct
Mombasa	133,643	145,473	151,420	151,518
Limbe	5,920	7,575	9,540	-
Colombo	5.7m/kgs	4.3m/kgs	-	-
Jakarta	7,960	9,700	-	-
Calcutta	217,859	217,439	-	-
Guwahati	160,783	180,265	-	-
Chittagong	66,958	61,534	-	-
Total	308,306	343,013	160,960	151,518

ers. COMMENTS: Good liquoring teas continued to be well supported by all sections of the market. Blenders were once again the mainstay of the market with Loose tea buyers lending fairly good support. As a result, prices remained quite firm despite a large offerings in this sale. Good liquoring Dusts were the strong feature of the sale.

Cochin: at Sale 40 held on 6th October, 2021. **CTC Leaf:** Fair Demand Prices were irregular and tending lower. **Buying pattern:** Up country buyers lent fair support. Exporters operated on bolder grades. **ORTHODOX Leaf:** Good demand. Prices steady to easier for all varieties. **Buying pattern:** CIS operating with support from ME and internal. **Dust:** Fair demand. Prices for good liquoring popular varieties witnessed a slight improvement. Medium categories irregular and lower. **Buying pattern:** Major blender was active with useful support from up-country buyers on bolder grades. Best mediums witnessed fair support from internal and regional packeters.

Calcutta: no auction

Guwahati: no auction



News Articles of Interest



Thursday, 14 October 2021

Climate predictions build resilience in African tea plantations

Researchers in the UK and Africa have teamed up to help tea producers better understand future climate risks in a bid to reduce crop damage.

Kenya and Malawi produce more than half the tea Britons consume, and the crop makes up about 7% of Malawi's GDP and 4% of Kenya's. In recent years frosts followed by high daytime temperatures have reduced yields, as have longer and more intense dry spells. Tea plants are particularly sensitive to climate and the research suggests that without interventions aimed at specific locations, tea production will decline in Kenya and Malawi by the 2050s – and fall significantly further by the 2080s. Working with producers and their representatives in both countries, a University of Leeds-led research team assessed climate factors affecting the growth and quality of tea at nine locations. Their results are published in *Climate Risk Management*. Project lead Professor Andy Dougill, from the University's School of Earth and Environment, said: "We combined long-term climate observations and the latest climate model projections to predict micro-climates for nine areas over the coming decades. The same methodology could now be applied to other tea-producing areas of the world and adapted for other cash crops." Using producers' knowledge of how tea plants at each location respond to specific weather conditions, the team was able to assess how those weather conditions are predicted to change in the future in terms of the range of possible micro-climates for each site. This has helped to provide tea producers with new information to guide them on how best to adapt to future climates by both targeted interventions and plant breeding programmes. Lead author Dr Neha Mittal, also from the School of Earth and Environment, said: "Our study suggests that all nine locations will see substantial increases in heatwave days but significant declines in the number of cold nights by the 2050s. However, the impact will vary dramatically from location to location. Some sites will see only small rises and others might see increases of over 100 heatwave days per year. That is why this new, localized, site-specific approach is so important – it enables climate-change informed investments." Project partner Dr David Mkwambisi, of Malawi University of Science & Technology, said: "By working in partnership with producers and local universities we've developed ideas for how major tea producers and local people can plan for

future climate conditions. These include more climate resilient cultivars, crop diversification, good agricultural practices, and afforestation. Localised climate change projections will give tea producers the information they need for their long-term decision making. "We need to act swiftly and to regularly review decisions about the best response in each area – not least because the tea bush has a life cycle of around 100 years." The study used a very high-resolution convection-permitting model of Earth's climate, CP4-Africa – the first of its type for Africa – which was developed by the Met Office, the UK's national meteorological service. This climate simulation equipment picks up small-scale processes in the atmosphere – including air currents which are involved in many damaging weather events, especially in mountainous areas where tea is grown. Co-author Dr Dave Rowell, from the Met Office, said: "The unprecedented detail provided by this new model, combined with traditional modelling, and the collation of observations on local weather characteristics, has allowed us to get a better handle on local climate risks several decades into the future. This is critical for adaptation decisions that must be taken today, given the long life of the tea plants." The Leeds team and their Met Office partners worked with producers ranging from smallholders to the large tea growing estates and regional tea research institutes, as well as the Malawi University of Science and Technology and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. Their work was supported by the Future Climate for Africa programme with funding from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and UK Research and Innovation.

Source: <https://www.leeds.ac.uk/news-environment/news/article/4939/climate-predictions-build-resilience-in-african-tea-plantations>

Saturday, 16 October 2021

Tea farmers feel 'powerless' in the face of climate change

A once-in-a-century drought in 2020 followed by torrential rain in 2021 has decimated Taiwan's tea crop and left farmers scrambling. One such farmer is 28-year-old Chien Shun-yih, whose tea fields in Taiwan's southern Meishan township are weakening. "Right, it's the climate. The weather is the hardest element to control in tea production. We can control other elements of the production process by using equipment, but we are powerless in the face of climate." Chien returned to run the family plantation after his father passed away four years ago and is determined to cope with the extreme conditions in any way he can. "This sort of thing, the tea is growing here, and I live here as well, this land belongs to me. My upbringing relied on it, so I want to take good care of it as well and bring up the next generation of my family here." Tea has been grown in the mountains around Meishan since the 19th century, when the island was part of China's Qing dynasty. Taiwan's tea output does not come close to matching China's or India's, but what it lacks in quantity it makes up



for in quality. The high mountain premium Oolong variety is a speciality of the area. But Chien estimates that he will only harvest 1,300 pounds of tea this year, half of last year's crop, due to the drought and rain. "Of course, it has an impact, it's a big difference. We tea pickers also make less money. When the harvest is small, then we also make less money." But the extreme weather also brings another problem: pests that attack the young tea buds. Lin Shiu-reui is a government researcher helping Meishan's farmers.

"So actually, under this sort of climate change, the growth of tea trees will firstly be very limited and secondly it will lead to massive reproduction of pests, so all in all, the amount of leaves that tea trees produce will decrease. And then because the trees are weak, and with the additional onset of big numbers of parasites, if these factors aren't dealt with properly then this might even lead to some tea trees dying." Some officials debate whether what is happening in Taiwan's tea county is directly linked to climate change. Chen Yung-ming, head of the Climate Change Division at Taiwan's National Science and Technology Centre for Disaster Reduction, has said it's not possible to blame the drought on climate change, though she believes the chance of continuous drought may increase. Tsai Hseintsung, the director at Taiwan Executive Yuan Tea Research and Extension Station, disagrees. "Tea is very sensitive, because during the 50 to 60 days of every growing season, the accumulated hydration and temperature as well as the amount of humidity in the air that the tea touches can influence its chemical makeup. Especially as tea is a habitual beverage, and when those elements are brewed into a cup of tea, will it taste good and have a fragrant quality? All of this is heavily influenced by climate change."

Source: https://news.yahoo.com/tea-farmers-feel-powerless-face-201048334.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xILmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAHf6ctA3oHsLk_w2o0B3r8lttUnPcEfAHDxAmyc0Hfobti_vjVSDoOkrMXf5PGZGE5W4p3iVMK4rSTI2xfqbfvFbjfWqllLoBKQEIktdKQyz2RtJBP3p5TFKwHVlpiQ1HRjRUR-nOtMpyP6i3X5_kNnzWgpzzpWx64o1b5Nbl

Regional Weather Conditions and World Crop

Kenya: Murang'a: There was 4.5mm of rainfall recorded in 1 wet day of the week. The highest and lowest temperatures were 28°C & 12°C respectively. Crop intake averaged 116 tonnes /day on a 6 day plucking cycle. The weather condition was sunny.

Nyeri: The week was a bit cold. The rainfall recorded through the week was 10.8 mm in 2 wet days. The highest and lowest temperatures were 23°C & 11°C respectively. Crop intake was at an average of 55 tonnes/day on a 6 day plucking cycle.

Meru: The weather was sunny and warm throughout the week. No rainfall activity was recorded through the week. The highest and lowest temperature were 26°C & 17°C respectively. Crop intake averaged 38 tonnes/day on a six day plucking cycle.

Sotik: The week continued to experience cloudy and cool conditions accompanied by substantial showers throughout the week. The area received 60.5 mm of rainfall spread in seven wet days.

The highest and lowest temperatures were 26°C & 13°C respectively. Factory utilization remained as at last week's levels.

Kericho: The week was partly sunny in the mornings followed by cloudy and rainy afternoons. A total of 60.1 mm of rainfall was recorded. Average temperatures were highs of 22°Celsius and lows of 11°Celsius. Crop intake went up by 21% compared to the previous week's levels.

Crop on offer is likely to maintain current low levels due to recent hail-



The trouble with weather forecasting is that it is right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

storms.

Uganda: there was some rainfall activity in most tea growing areas. Fort Portal area received 90mm (70mm), Hoima received 146 mm (93mm). Bushenyi received 63mm (32mm). Kibale received 21mm(58mm) of rainfall. Average temperatures were highs of 29°Celsius and lows of 15°Celsius. Crop levels are high.

Weather forecast for 13th October to 20th October 2021

Headline: Moderate rainfall is expected in parts of south-western Sudan, western South Sudan, western and southern Ethiopia, and western Burundi and Rwanda. Temperatures are expected to be warmer than average in most regions.

Rainfall

Heavy rainfall (top 10% on record) is expected over localized areas in south-western Sudan, southern Ethiopia, and central Somalia.

Moderate rainfall between 50 - 100

mm is expected in parts of central and western South Sudan, south-western Sudan, south-western Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, part of central and western Kenya, few areas in southern and western Ethiopia, and parts of central Somalia.

- **Light rainfall of less than 30 mm** is expected over southern Sudan, much of South Sudan, western and southern Ethiopia, central and southern Somalia, central and western Kenya, southern Uganda, and much of Tanzania.

Dry conditions are expected in central and northern Sudan, northern and eastern Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, northern Somalia, northern Kenya, and central and southern Tanzania.

Crop Production Kenya: The crop production is on the rise with the rise in rainfall. The short rains are here and the crop is building up. The fertilizer flush is also being experienced in those areas where fertilizer was applied particularly the KTDA small holder farms

The cold season that started in earnest in early June has eased up thus encouraging crop productivity.

Uganda: Crop volumes are high. This past week there was some good rainfall activity recorded in all the tea growing areas. This has continued to increase the crop volumes.

Malawi: Crop intake is fairly low.

	World Production from Main Producing Countries over the Past Twelve Months														Production over calendar years	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	+ / -	2020	2019
	Variance															
Bangladesh	0.3	1.2	1.7	3.9	6.3	13.5	12.6	14.4	12.1	13.4	10.5	7.0	52.7	5.0	90.7	94.6
North India	-	2.2	46.9	51.4	77.4	143.6	157.2	153.2	163.8	155.6	127.6	53.4	631.9	98.9	1,033.4	1,170.6
South India	16.1	15.3	19.6	22.0	24.4	25.9	21.8	16.4	24.1	20.2	21.4	18.1	161.5	25.9	219.4	218.7
Sri Lanka	23.1	22.3	28.4	29.6	30.4	25.9	26.2	23.7	22.6	23.4	24.8	28.5	232.2	33.0	275.9	298.1
Kenya	48.9	43.3	48.7	44.3	45.3	43.5	36.6	38.5	43.4	48.3	47.7	54.4	274.0	(27.7)	570.6	459.0
Uganda	6.1	4.5	6.4	6.9	7.0	6.5	5.5	4.5	6.0	7.6	6.6	6.7	10.6	(1.4)	28.3	59.7
Tanzania	2.8	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.5	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.7	2.7	2.5	2.2	16.7	(0.8)	28.6	33.9
Rwanda	3.2	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.3	2.1	1.5	1.7	2.5	3.3	3.5	23.5	1.3	33.2	32.2
Malawi	7.0	7.2	8.0	6.4	3.8	2.1	1.8	2.1	4.0	2.1	1.4	5.3	42.4	6.0	45.2	48.3
Total	107.5	101.1	160.0	163.8	193.8	259.7	221.7	211.3	26.6	4.6	245.8	179.1	1,445.5	140.2	2,325.3	2,415.1
Variance	(4.6)	(0.2)	34.0	39.6	5.1	30.4	19.0	15.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	139.5	140.2	2,325.3	2,415.1

Monthly figures in "BLACK" are for 2021 whilst figures in "BLUE" are for 2020

Mombasa Auction—Weekly Sale Average Prices (All teas) 2021

Sale Nos.	Sale Date	Kilos sold Weekly	Kilos Sold monthly	Year : 2021 Av.Price US\$ weekly	Year : 2021 Av. Price US\$ monthly	Year : 2020 Av. Price US\$ monthly	Year : 2019 Av. Price US\$ monthly
1	05-Jan-21	9,791,304		1.93			
2	12-Jan-21	10,195,498		1.97			
3	19-Jan-21	9,094,727		1.96			
4	26-Jan-21	11,713,721	40,795,250	1.89	1.94	2.17	2.09
5	02-Feb-21	12,192,341		1.93			
6	09-Feb-21	12,945,087		1.95			
7	16-Feb-21	13,051,731		1.96			
8	23-Feb-21	11,798,728	49,987,885	1.97	1.95	2.03	2.03
9	02-Mar-21	11,205,377		2.06			
10	09-Mar-21	11,015,249		1.95			
11	16-Mar-21	11,259,688		1.89			
12	23-Mar-21	11,064,181		1.88			
13	30-Mar-21	11,146,680	55,691,175	1.82	1.92	1.92	2.02
3 mths Totals:					\$1.94 146,474,310 Kgs	\$2.03 148,359,082 Kgs	\$2.04 134,129,903 Kgs
14	06-Apr-21	11,106,771		1.82			
15	13-Apr-21	11,521,994		1.83			
16	20-Apr-21	11,178,057		1.82			
17	27-Apr-21	10,852,098	44,658,919	1.85	1.83	2.05	2.06
18	04-May-21	10,912,164		1.82			
19	11-May-21	11,006,663		1.80			
20	18-May-21	11,474,571		1.84			
21	25-May-21	12,002,714	45,396,112	1.88	1.84	1.89	2.18
22	02-Jun-21	11,407,496		1.86			
23	08-Jun-21	10,959,073		1.81			
24	15-Jun-21	10,896,353		1.74			
25	22-Jun-21	10,985,869		1.67			
26	29-Jun-21	11,910,098	56,158,888	1.64	1.74	1.79	1.90
6 mths Totals:					\$1.87 292,688,228 Kgs	\$1.97 290,761,896 Kgs	\$2.04 238,404,735 Kgs
27	06-Jul-21	11,667,927		1.66			
28	13-Jul-21	6,546,887		1.54			
29	21-Jul-21	6,838,592		1.59			
30	27-Jul-21	9,347,891	34,401,296	1.86	1.68	1.76	1.79
31	03-Aug-21	10,430,943		1.95			
32	10-Aug-21	8,233,542		1.99			
33	17-Aug-21	6,455,908		1.96			
34	24-Aug-21	6,471,175		2.04			
35	31-Aug-21	6,849,419	38,440,886	2.13	2.01	1.92	1.92
36	07-Sep-21	6,198,339		1.99			
37	14-Sep-21	6,311,114		2.04			
38	21-Sep-21	7,032,289		2.13			
39	28-Sep-21	6,698,145	26,239,887	2.16	2.08	1.94	2.08
9 mths Totals:					\$1.88 391,770,296 Kgs	\$1.94 406,720,334 Kgs	\$2.00 344,324,012 Kgs
40	05-Oct-21	6,884,254		2.23			
41	12-Oct-21	7,678,181		2.29			
42	19-Oct-21						
43	26-Oct-21		14,562,435		2.26	1.90	2.22
44	02-Nov-21						
45	09-Nov-21						
46	16-Nov-21						
47	23-Nov-21						
48	30-Nov-21					1.90	2.19
49	07-Dec-21						
50	14-Dec-21						
51	21-Dec-21					1.85	2.10
Sale Nos. 1 to 51 Year end Totals :						516,802,891 Kgs \$1.93	454,012,998 Kgs \$2.04

Summary : Sale Averages by Country

Country :	Year : 2021 Sale Nos: 1 to 39 (9 months)		Country :	Year : 2020 Sale Nos: 1 to 39 (9 months)	
	Kilos ' 000	Av. Prc US\$		Kilos ' 000	Av. Prc US\$
Kenya	309,571	1.97	Kenya	325,784	2.02
Uganda	53,856	1.16	Uganda	51,091	1.21
Tanzania	3,793	1.01	Tanzania	4,619	1.13
Rwanda	19,279	2.62	Rwanda	17,865	2.78
Burundi	5,040	1.98	Burundi	6,396	2.18
Malawi	-	-	Malawi	-	-
Mozambique	-	-	Mozambique	263	0.83
D R Congo	-	-	D R Congo	-	-
Madagascar	99	1.01	Madagascar	-	-
Ethiopia	132	1.36	Ethiopia	702	1.15
Total :	391,770	1.88		406,720	1.94
			Year 2019 : 12M	454,013	2.04
			Year 2018 : 12M	458,361	2.43
			Year 2017 : 12M	397,646	2.81
			Year 2016 : 12M	407,989	2.29
			Year 2015 : 12M	358,639	2.73
			Year 2014 : 12M	390,246	2.03

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