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WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT
SALE NO: 15 - 20TH/ 21ST APRIL 2021

ORDER OF SALE

<u>EXESTATE</u>	<u>LG Large Leaf LG Small Leaf/BOPIA/Premium</u>	<u>High & Medium/Off Grade/Dust</u>
1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	John Keells PLC	Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
4. Eastern Brokers Ltd	Eastern Brokers Ltd	John Keells PLC
5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Eastern Brokers Ltd
6. Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
7. John Keells PLC	Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd

At this week's sale 11,914 lots totalling 6,839,539 kgs were on offer. The breakdown is as follows:

	<u>LOTS</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Ex Estate	917	1,069,419
Main Sale - High & Medium	1,806	908,983
Low Grown - Leafy	2,052	919,674
Low Grown - Semi Leafy	1,889	965,114
Low Grown - Tippy	2,076	1,088,287
Premium Flowery	290	49,656
Off Grades	2,289	1,248,121
Dust	595	590,285
TOTAL	<u>11,914</u>	<u>6,839,539</u>
Re - Prints	641	342,556

Buyers Prompt : 27/04/2021

Sellers Prompt : 28/04/2021

QUALITY

Westerns maintained a reasonable all-round standard, although seasonal teas were very few on offer. Nuwara Eliyas continued to have fair quality, whilst Uva/Uda Pussellawas were maintained. Low Grown were lower to last.

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<div>COMMENTS</div> <p>Auction No. 15 concluded today had on offer a total of 6.8 M/Kgs. Large Leaf/most Low Grown varieties met with less demand, whilst the High and Mid Grown Small Leaf varieties and particularly the BOPF grade, witnessed a buoyant market. Perhaps triggered by the uncertain trading conditions/anticipation of disruptions to the auctions in Kenya, combined with the weakening of the Sri Lankan Rupee against the US Dollar.</p> <p>Ex-Estate offerings comprised of approximately 1.0 M/Kgs. Seasonal teas were very few though a fairly useful all-round standard was maintained. Excellent demand for most BOPF's and particularly, the coloury/full-bodied teas.</p> <p>Majority of the Best Western BOP's declined Rs. 20 per kg and more following quality, whilst the corresponding BOPF's often gained Rs. 30-50 per kg. In the Below Best category, a selection of coloury BOP's gained Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the others declined by a similar margin. Corresponding BOPF's gained Rs. 20-40 per kg and more with the exception of the thin liquoring teas, which were firm to marginally dearer. At the lower end, BOP's were barely steady, whilst the corresponding BOPF's gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and here again, the exception would be the thinner liquoring teas which were discounted. The limited availability of Nuwara Eliya BOP/BOPF's continued to sell well. Uda Pussellawa BOP/BOPF's were firm to dearer. Uva - select invoices of the BOP/BOPF's gained Rs. 30-40 per kg, whilst the others were firm and Rs. 20 per kg dearer.</p> <p>CTC teas, in general, witnessed a disappointing sale with the exception of select well-made coloury teas, which sold reasonably well.</p> <p>Low Grownings comprised of 2.9 M/Kgs in the Leafy/Semi Leafy and Tippy catalogues. There was less demand and consequently, an increased volume of unsold teas, particularly in the Semi Leafy category.</p> <p>BOP1/OP1's, in general, were easier. A selection of well-made OP/OPA's maintained, whilst the balance were lower. PEK/PEK1's which commenced at lower levels have declined substantially towards the closure with many invoices remaining unsold due to a lack of suitable bids. The PEK/PEK1 grades together with teas with a related leaf structure, primarily absorbed by the Turkish market, plunged following restrictions in trading conditions/the depreciation in the Turkish Lira combined with the lockdown due to the increase in Covid-19 infections.</p> <p>In the Tippy catalogues, FBOP/FF1's were firm to selectively dearer together with cleaner Below Best and bottom varieties., whilst the balance declined following quality.</p> <p>In the Premium catalogues, very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and Below Best together with cleaner teas at the bottom appreciated, whilst the balance sold around last levels.</p> <div>SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION - MARCH 2021</div> <p>Production shows signs of recovery with January-March 2021 gaining 20.35 M/kgs over the corresponding period of 2020</p> <p>Sri Lanka tea production for the month of March 2021 totalled 28.41 M/kgs, showing an increase of 14.88 M/kgs vis-à-vis 13.53 M/kgs of Covid-19 affected March 2020. All elevations have shown substantial gains, with Low Grownings in particular gaining 129% over the corresponding month of 2020.</p> <p>January-March 2021 cumulative production totalled 74.03 M/kgs, recording a gain of 20.35 M/kgs vis-à-vis 53.68 M/kgs of January-March 2020. On a cumulative basis, all elevations have shown substantial gains, with the Low Grownings in particular gaining 48% over the corresponding period of 2020.</p> <p>Cumulative production of CTC teas (January-March 2021) totalled 6.58 M/kgs, recording a 1.26 M/kgs increase vis-à-vis 5.32 M/kgs of January-March 2020. In analysing the respective elevations, all elevations have shown a significant gain YOY when compared to the corresponding period of 2020 (See more details on Page No. 11).</p> <div>SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS - MARCH 2021</div> <p>March 2021 FOB Value - Rs. 950.81 - Highest ever!</p> <p>Tea Exports for the month of March 2021 totalled 25.81 M/kgs, showing an increase of 11.99 M/kgs vis-à-vis 13.83 M/kgs of Covid -19 affected March 2020. All main categories of exports (Bulk Tea, Tea Bags and Packeted Tea) have shown a substantial increase compared to the corresponding period of 2020. Total revenue of Rs. 24.54 B of March 2021 shows an increase of Rs. 12.97 B compared to Rs. 11.57 B of March 2020. The resulting FOB value of Rs. 950.81 (USD 4.86) records the highest ever FOB value, surpassing the previous highest of Rs. 940.09 (USD 4.87) recorded in February 2021. When compared to Rs. 836.74 (USD 4.60) of March 2020, records an increase of Rs. 114.07.</p> <p>January-March 2021 cumulative exports totalled 69.89 M/kgs, showing an increase of 10.31 M/kgs vis-à-vis 59.58 M/kgs of January-March 2020. Here again, all main categories of exports (Bulk Tea, Tea Bags and Packeted Tea) have shown an increase compared to the corresponding period of 2020. Meanwhile, revenue of Rs. 65.62 B of January-March 2021 has recorded an increase of Rs. 16.38 B vis-à-vis Rs. 49.23 B of January-March 2020. Total FOB value of Rs. 938.97 (USD 4.87) shows a gain of Rs. 112.58 when compared to the Rs. 826.39 (USD 4.57) of January-March 2020. (See more details on Page No. 8).</p> <p>Turkey has retained the No. 1 position as the major importer of Ceylon Tea, followed by Iraq and Russia with China occupying the 4th position. Iran which has moved down to 9th position from the 4th position it occupied in 2020, records a fairly substantial decrease in imports during January-March 2021. Other noteworthy importers are the UAE, Azerbaijan, Libya and Syria. Meanwhile, destinations such as Saudi Arabia, Chile and the USA have recorded a fairly significant decrease in imports during the period under review. It is noteworthy that exports to China have increased substantially (160%) YoY. (See more details on Page No. 9).</p> <div>FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD SALE OF - 20TH/ 21ST APRIL 2021</div>		

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LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/FBOP1

Select Best and Best FBOPs were firm to selectively dearer. Cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom sold around last levels. Balance were easier following quality. FBOP1's in general were firm on last.

BOP

BOPs in general firm.

BOP1

A few select Best BOP1s maintained, while others were irregular and mostly easier.

OP1

Select Best OP1s declined while a range of improved/ clean Below Best varieties maintained, all others were easier following quality. Teas at the bottom end maintained.

OP

A selection of well-made varieties were fully firm while improved/ clean Below Best varieties maintained. Teas at the lower end too followed a similar trend.

OPA

A few select Best OPAs maintained, while others and Below Best varieties were barely steady. Teas at the bottom end maintained.

PEKOE

Barring a selection of select Best PEK/PEK1s, all others commenced Rs. 10-20 lower but declined further and were mostly unsellable towards the close of the sale. Teas at the bottom end too were easier.

BOPF

Well-made BOPF firm to selectively dearer. Balance were easier following quality.

FBOPF/FBOPF1

Very Tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best and Below Best together with cleaner teas at the bottom appreciated. Balance firm. Select Best and Best FF1s were firm to selectively dearer. Cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom were firm on last. Balance were easier following quality.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
Sale Date	06/07 APR	20/21 APR	06/07 APR	20/21 APR	06/07 APR	20/21 APR	06/07 APR	20/21 APR
FBOP 1	780 - 810	780 - 830	650 - 680	660 - 680	550 - 600	550 - 600	520 - 550	500 - 540
FBOP	850 - 940	860 - 960	760 - 800	770 - 820	600 - 640	600 - 640	500 - 550	500 - 530
BOP 1	900-1300	900-1250	890 - 900	890 - 900	880 - 890	880 - 890	650 - 700	600 - 700
BOP	760 - 800	760 - 800	700 - 710	700 - 720	500 - 620	500 - 630	480 - 530	480 - 520
BOPF	600 - 650	620 - 680	500 - 520	500 - 520	470 - 480	470 - 480	450 - 470	450 - 460
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	2100-2550	2100-2450	900-1000	900-1100	630 - 680	660 - 720	600	600 - 650
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FBOPF	800 - 830	800 - 850	650 - 680	670 - 720	500 - 520	500 - 520	460 - 480	460 - 480
OP 1	1550-2150	1550-1800	1500-1550	1500-1550	1400-1500	1400-1500	650 - 700	600 - 650
OP	750 - 790	740 - 880	720 - 730	730 - 740	710 - 720	720 - 730	550 - 650	550 - 650
OPA	900 - 940	800-1000	800 - 900	750 - 800	700 - 800	700 - 750	650 - 700	650 - 700
PEKOE	900-1300	850-1250	800 - 900	750 - 800	700 - 750	600 - 650	550 - 600	500 - 550
PEK 1	850-1400	850-1250	800 - 850	750 - 850	750 - 800	650 - 750	600 - 700	600 - 650

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QUANTITY SOLD DURING THE PERIOD
12TH - 17TH APRIL 2021

<u>2021</u>		<u>12TH - 17TH APRIL 2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>TODATE</u>		<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>TODATE</u>
		<u>PRIVATE SALES</u>		
24,332	1,608,763		153,784	1,223,435
		<u>PUBLIC AUCTION</u>		
5,760,310	81,333,495		2,564,619	69,964,190
		<u>FORWARD CONTRACTS</u>		
NIL	292,150		NIL	NIL
		<u>DIRECT SALES</u>		
NIL	NIL		NIL	319,930
		<u>TOTAL</u>		
5,784,642	83,234,408		2,718,403	71,507,555
		<u>BMF EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE</u>		
19,919	2,754,010		238,610	2,251,578

PUBLIC AUCTION / GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO : 14
SALE OF : 06TH/ 07TH APRIL 2021

	2021				2020				2019			
	WEEKLY		TODATE		WEEKLY		TODATE		WEEKLY		TODATE	
	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD
Uva High Grown	593.43	3.00	583.32	3.02	639.42	3.39	522.87	2.88	516.91	3.00	507.42	2.84
Western High Grown	635.44	3.21	633.43	3.28	648.84	3.44	591.47	3.26	570.06	3.30	592.60	3.31
CTC High Grown	556.06	2.81	568.55	2.94	563.81	2.99	554.31	3.06	426.28	2.47	501.31	2.80
High Grown (Summary)	623.32	3.15	620.78	3.22	644.59	3.42	573.72	3.17	554.39	3.21	570.59	3.19
Uva Medium Grown	585.40	2.96	597.93	3.10	698.52	3.71	566.76	3.13	560.41	3.25	532.43	2.98
Western Medium Grown	556.18	2.81	582.13	3.02	588.58	3.12	523.63	2.89	484.56	2.81	499.66	2.79
CTC Medium Grown	519.42	2.62	539.33	2.79	534.42	2.84	498.50	2.75	442.54	2.57	453.08	2.53
Medium Grown (Summary)	564.88	2.85	586.46	3.04	630.45	3.35	535.21	2.95	504.11	2.92	507.82	2.84
Orthodox Low Grown	660.94	3.34	684.74	3.55	754.66	4.00	660.78	3.65	627.41	3.64	622.53	3.48
CTC Low Grown	496.02	2.51	527.09	2.73	473.19	2.51	447.01	2.47	430.56	2.50	429.16	2.40
Low Grown(Summary)	650.61	3.29	674.37	3.49	721.38	3.83	641.39	3.54	614.54	3.56	609.45	3.41
Total	629.69	3.18	649.34	3.36	685.30	3.64	609.66	3.36	585.37	3.39	585.38	3.27

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates

Source: MSL - Averages

QUANTITY SOLD AND THE AVERAGE PRICE PER AUCTION

SALE DATE	2021			2020			2019		
	QTY M/KG	AV/PRICE RS	Approx US\$ Equivalent	QTY M/KG	AV/PRICE RS	Approx US\$ Equivalent	QTY M/KG	AV/PRICE RS	Approx US\$ Equivalent
31ST MAR 2021	5.63	641.24	3.24	3.55	698.77	3.71	5.64	590.48	3.36
07TH APR 2021	5.76	629.69	3.18	2.56	685.62	3.64	6.12	585.34	3.39

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

RATES OF EXCHANGE AS AT 21ST APRIL 2021

YEAR	US.DOL	STG.PD	YEN	EURO
2021	190.29	266.68	1.75	229.54
2020	191.70	235.05	1.75	205.88
2019	172.62	224.62	1.54	193.17

SRI LANKA RUPEE APPROX. PER UNIT OF CURRENCY

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

CROP AND WEATHER

For the period 12 - 18 April 2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported bright mornings and overcast/wet evenings. The Department of Meteorology expects scattered showers in the Western Region and heavy showers in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions

Clear mornings and evening showers were reported in both regions throughout the week. Heavy showers are expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead by the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grows

Sunny mornings and evening showers were experienced in the Low Grown Region, whilst a few sub-districts in the Ruhuna Region reported dull evenings. According to the Department of Meteorology, scattered showers are predicted in the Ruhuna Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

The Western Region reported a slight decrease in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region maintained. The Uva, Udapussellawa and Low Grown regions reported an increase in the crop intake.

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SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY (kgs)	VALUE Rs.	APPROX.AV.UNIT FOB VALUE PER kg.Rs/Cts
MARCH 2021			
Tea In Bulk	10,216,167	8,286,901,223.00	811.16
Tea In Packets	12,198,101	10,769,886,080.00	882.91
Tea In Bags	2,742,531	4,181,999,542.00	1,524.87
Instant Tea	250,780	423,653,434.00	1,689.34
Green Tea	407,289	882,722,566.00	2,167.31
TOTAL	25,814,868	24,545,162,845.00	950.81
MARCH 2020			
Tea In Bulk	5,701,464	4,111,448,127.00	721.12
Tea In Packets	6,320,694	4,852,619,263.00	767.74
Tea In Bags	1,327,615	1,854,478,558.00	1,396.85
Instant Tea	168,452	226,770,929.00	1,346.21
Green Tea	309,700	525,021,110.00	1,695.26
TOTAL	13,827,925	11,570,337,987.00	836.74
JANUARY/MARCH 2021			
Tea In Bulk	30,136,823	24,096,178,744.00	799.56
Tea In Packets	31,174,178	27,757,240,713.00	890.39
Tea In Bags	6,694,285	10,083,218,102.00	1,506.24
Instant Tea	752,408	1,298,546,817.00	1,725.85
Green Tea	1,129,329	2,386,408,413.00	2,113.12
TOTAL	69,887,023	65,621,592,789.00	938.97
JANUARY/MARCH 2020			
Tea In Bulk	24,934,604	17,638,645,920.00	707.40
Tea In Packets	28,031,074	21,453,469,040.00	765.35
Tea In Bags	5,051,308	7,273,267,305.00	1,439.88
Instant Tea	593,949	849,909,030.00	1,430.95
Green Tea	968,408	2,020,554,479.00	2,086.47
TOTAL	59,579,343	49,235,845,774.00	826.39

Source : Sri Lanka Customs Statistical Dept.

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD SALE OF - 20TH/ 21ST APRIL 2021

MAJOR IMPORTERS OF SRI LANKA TEA
JANUARY/MARCH 2021/2020

COUNTRY	BULK TEA	PACKETED TEA	TEA BAGS	INSTANT TEA	GREEN TEA	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
TURKEY	2,549,923	6,912,813	90,381		24,535	9,577,651	8,135,175
IRAQ	825,610	6,330,720	41,256		9,758	7,207,344	8,984,861
RUSSIA	5,307,627	1,077,146	227,117		143,020	6,754,910	6,772,037
CHINA	3,675,491	567,119	78,312	57,630	13,962	4,392,515	1,684,440
U.A.E.	2,687,736	1,394,250	123,028		40,951	4,245,965	1,416,621
AZERBAIJAIN	3,108,703	119,609	1,162		2,849	3,232,323	1,985,494
LIBYA		2,917,403	20,808		60,264	2,998,475	1,533,724
SYRIA	93,730	2,526,883	293,473		177	2,914,263	1,621,180
IRAN	1,738,831	942,847	4,355		2,322	2,688,354	3,968,951
GERMANY	1,116,450	462,264	36,266	16,000	15,229	1,646,209	1,410,887
SAUDI ARABIA	133,602	836,683	577,284	600	41,245	1,589,414	1,848,828
JAPAN	1,155,076	71,539	321,366		1,454	1,549,435	1,469,157
JORDAN	63,240	806,426	659,750		6,422	1,535,839	1,002,730
CHILE	1,323,780	1,894	172,546	293	35,857	1,534,370	1,957,201
TAIWAN	1,120,314	53,961	14,631	3,930	17,323	1,210,159	888,362
UKRAINE	881,730	167,915	39,609		89,668	1,178,922	1,041,533
U.S.A	416,369	424,397	118,047	7,552	158,151	1,124,515	1,384,340
HONG KONG	874,032	161,971	65,397		3,073	1,104,473	806,533
LEBANON	11,000	973,711	40,548		3,132	1,028,391	774,073
POLAND	302,044	231,963	330,622		43,453	908,081	702,079
EGYPT	640,670	205,407	24,038		1,616	871,730	638,501
BELGIUM	43,895	776,273	24,477		3,136	847,781	496,890
NETHERLANDS (HOLAND)	80,140	370,475	210,950		79,339	740,904	657,380
IRELAND		80	2,207	638,582	115	640,984	505,294
AUSTRALIA	63,236	141,238	396,441	2,601	33,564	637,080	345,062

MALAWI AUCTION

SALE OF - 21ST APRIL 2021 (SALE NO.16)

There was good demand at firm to dearer levels.
BP1 were generally neglected.
PF1 - Bright and coloury lines were firm to dearer, lesser sorts neglected.
PF1SC were firm to dearer where sold.
PD were barely steady with lines neglected.
D1 were firm to dearer by 3 to 5USC.
Secondary teas met improved interest and sold 3 to 8USC up on last.

Courtesy - Tea Brokers Central Africa Limited.

KOLKATA AUCTION

SALE OF - 20TH/21ST APRIL 2021 (SALE NO.16)

Fair Demand. Best and select good Assams are irregularly easier. Other categories are witnessing large withdrawals. Western India operating. Local/Internal operating.

Courtesy - Associated Brokers Private Ltd., Kolkata.

JAKARTA AUCTION

SALE OF - 21ST APRIL 2021 (SALE NO.16)

This week sale, a total quantity was improved to 7,640 packages. There was fair general buyers' interest through irregular rates.

ORTHODOX TEA
Better/best lines generally firm occasionally were dearer towards the close. Medium lines were declined when sold. Lower medium lines followed a similar trend but eased by a some margin. There were some more withdrawals.

CTC TEA
Fair general demand. Popular teas sold around last with selected quality tending dearer. Medium and plainer feature generates eased further with some remaining unsold.

Courtesy - Sinar Maluku - Jakarta

GUWAHATI AUCTION

SALE OF - 21ST APRIL 2021 (SALE NO. 16)

There is good demand at easier rates. Western India and North India operating.HUI/TCPL very selective.

Courtesy - Associated Brokers Private Ltd., Guwahati

COCHIN AUCTION

SALE OF - 20TH APRIL 2021 (SALE NO.16)

CTC DUST

DEMAND:Fair (68% sold)

MARKET:Opened Rs.5/- to 10/- lower, as the sale progressed prices declined more and witnessed heavy withdrawal. However good liquoring PD grade strong feature and appreciated in value, while the remainder irregular and tending lower.

BUYING PATTERN:Useful support was forth coming from Aot but selective and operated with lower limit. Kerala state civil supplies lent fair support but operated on medium teas. improved demand noticed from another major packeteer. Devagiri tea & produce and Encils global beverages lent fair support. Incoserve selective and absorbed nominal quantity. improved enquiry noticed from up country buyers and Kerala loose tea traders. exporters operated at bottom of the market and covered small quantity.

ORTHODOX DUST

DEMAND:Less

MARKET:Primary grades steady to firm, while the secondary lower and witnessed some withdrawal.

BUYING PATTERN:Small quantity of orthodox dust sold was absorbed by exporters.

Courtesy - Forbes, Ewart & Figgis Pvt. Ltd., Cochin

MOMBASA /BANGLADESH AUCTION

The above market report details were not available at the time of printing this publication.

SRI LANKA TEA CROP

MARCH 2021/2020												
		(in Kgs.)								(" Actual" in Million Kgs)		
ELEVATION	CTC		CHANGE	(21-20)	ORTHODOX		CHANGE	(21-20)	TOTAL		CHANGE	(21-20)
	2021	2020	ACTUAL	%	2021	2020	ACTUAL	%	2021	2020	ACTUAL	%
HIGH	502,451	301,197	0.20	66.82%	5,847,168	3,081,574	2.77	89.75%	6,349,619	3,382,771	2.97	87.70%
MEDIUM	854,325	451,476	0.40	89.23%	4,030,299	2,192,812	1.84	83.80%	4,884,624	2,644,288	2.24	84.72%
LOW	1,101,836	705,271	0.40	56.23%	15,828,539	6,679,076	9.15	136.99%	16,930,375	7,384,347	9.55	129.27%
GREEN TEA									246,372	114,632	0.13	114.92%
T/B Adjustment												
TOTAL	2,458,612	1,457,944	1.00	68.64%	25,706,006	11,953,462	13.75	115.05%	28,410,990	13,526,038	14.88	110.05%
JANUARY/MARCH 2021/2020												
		(in Kgs.)								(" Actual" in Million Kgs)		
ELEVATION	CTC		CHANGE	(21-20)	ORTHODOX		CHANGE	(21-20)	TOTAL		CHANGE	(21-20)
	2021	2020	ACTUAL	%	2021	2020	ACTUAL	%	2021	2020	ACTUAL	%
HIGH	1,389,455	1,123,502	0.27	23.67%	14,183,581	11,723,299	2.46	20.99%	15,573,036	12,846,801	2.73	21.22%
MEDIUM	2,172,360	1,736,151	0.44	25.13%	9,553,975	7,673,251	1.88	24.51%	11,726,335	9,409,402	2.32	24.62%
LOW	3,026,177	2,469,191	0.56	22.56%	43,127,698	28,510,875	14.62	51.27%	46,153,875	30,980,066	15.17	48.98%
GREEN TEA									578,318	445,972	0.13	29.68%
T/B Adjustment												
TOTAL	6,587,992	5,328,844	1.26	23.63%	66,865,254	47,907,425	18.96	39.57%	74,031,564	53,682,241	20.35	37.91%

CROP STATISTICS IN (Mn/kgs)

					Todate	Todate	Todate	Difference +/-	
		2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019 vs 2020	2020 vs 2021
Sri Lanka	Mar	28.3	13.5	28.4	73.4	53.6	74.0	-19.8	20.4
Kenya	Feb	48.38	49.2	43.3	48.38	102.83	92.29	5.25	-10.54
North India	Feb	4.6	1.24	2.18	4.6	1.28	2.18	-3.32	0.90
South India	Feb	10.2	13.30	15.30	24.4	29.32	31.35	4.92	2.03
Bangladesh	Jan	0.495	0.175	0.286	0.495	0.175	0.286	-0.32	0.111
Malawi	Jan	7.4	6.3	7.0	7.4	6.3	7.0	-1.1	0.7

C A T A L O G U E S

SALE NO. 17 - SCHEDULED FOR 4TH/5TH MAY 2021

The Ex Estate catalogue closed on 8 April 2021 excluding violations. The Main sale catalogues too closed on 8 April 2021 excluding violations.

SALE NO. 18 - SCHEDULED FOR 11TH/12TH MAY 2021

The Ex Estate and Main sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 22 April 2021.

SALE NO. 19 - SCHEDULED FOR 18TH/19TH MAY 2021

The Ex Estate and Main sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 29 April 2021.

The details of teas awaiting sale are given on the last page of this report.

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 16 SCHEDULED FOR 27TH/ 28TH APRIL 2021

	LOT	QUANTITY kgs	LOW GROWN CATALOGUES			
Ex Estate	933	1,067,582	Leafy	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
High & Medium	1,853	948,396	Semi Leafy	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Leafy	2,130	945,444	Tippy	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Semi Leafy	2,073	1,059,395	OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES			
Tippy	2,060	1,091,661	High & Medium	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Premium Flowery	317	54,867	Dust	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Off Grades	2,313	1,282,526	Premium Flowery	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Dust	585	630,068	Off Grades	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
TOTAL	12,264	7,079,939	BOP1A	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Re-print	1,140	616,299	Ex Estate	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded

No of Pkgs : 187,702

CTC : 12,380 Pkgs - 671,891 kgs

SALE NO. 16 - SALE OF 27TH/ 28TH APRIL 2020

BUYERS' PROMPT : 04/05/2021

Lots : 8,007Re-print Lots : 101

SELLERS' PROMPT : 05/05/2021

Quantity : 4,497,810 kgsRe-print Quantity : 70,689 kgs

SALE NO : 17 SCHEDULED FOR 04TH/ 05TH MAY 2021

	LOT	QUANTITY kgs	LOW GROWN CATALOGUES			
Ex Estate	891	1,011,043	Leafy	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
High & Medium	1,989	1,011,928	Semi Leafy	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Leafy	2,221	1,002,569	Tippy	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Semi Leafy	1,743	899,601	OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES			
Tippy	2,093	1,113,372	High & Medium	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Premium Flowery	309	54,109	Dust	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Off Grades	2,493	1,360,754	Premium Flowery	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Dust	601	583,564	Off Grades	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
TOTAL	12,340	7,036,940	BOP1A	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Re-print	679	348,203	Ex Estate	Closed on	08/04/2021	Violations Excluded

No of Pkgs : 189,576

CTC : 10,738 Pkgs - 579,390 kgs

SALE NO. 17 - SALE OF 05TH MAY 2020

BUYERS' PROMPT : 11/05/2021

Lots : 4,965Re-print Lots : 10

SELLERS' PROMPT : 12/05/2021

Quantity : 3,216,289 kgsRe-print Quantity : 6,592 kgs

SALE NO : 16 SCHEDULED FOR 27TH/ 28TH APRIL 2021

ORDER OF SALE			Approximate Selling Time of F&W Catalogues	
EX ESTATE	LG Large Leaf LG Small Leaf/BOPIA/Prem	High & Medium/Off Grade/Dust	27TH APRIL 2021	
FW	CTB	MB	Tippy Teas	04.00pm
EB	JK	AS	Semi Leafy Teas	04.00pm
CTB	LC	JK	Leafy Teas	05.00pm
LC	BC	EB	Main Sale - High & Medium	05.00pm
JK	EB	CTB	28TH APRIL 2021	
MB	MB	LC	Ex-Estate	08.00am
BC	FW	BC	Premium Flowery	10.00am
AS	AS	FW	BOP1A	11.00am
FW - Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd			Dust	03.30pm
JK - John Keells PLC			Off Grades	04.00pm
BC - Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd				
EB - Eastern Brokers Ltd				
AS - Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC				
MB - Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt)Ltd				
LC - Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd				
CTB - Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC				