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WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT
SALE NO: 14 - 06TH/ 07TH APRIL 2021

ORDER OF SALE

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

At this week's sale 11,712 lots totalling 6,575,414 kgs were on offer. The breakdown is as follows:

	LOTS	QUANTITY
Ex Estate	839	956,615
Main Sale - High & Medium	1,736	855,812
Low Grown - Leafy	2,054	885,895
Low Grown - Semi Leafy	1,844	934,727
Low Grown - Tippy	2,006	1,048,100
Premium Flowery	290	51,436
Off Grades	2,354	1,259,882
Dust	589	582,947
TOTAL	**11,712**	**6,575,414**
Re - Prints	626	326,658

Buyers Prompt : 15/04/2021
Sellers Prompt : 16/04/2021

QUALITY

Westerns - Fewer seasonal teas on offer although still continued to be of a useful standard. Nuwara Eliya's comprised of a small selection of seasonal flavoury teas, whilst Uva/Uda Pussellawa's together with the Low Growns were similar to last.

COMMENTS

Auction offerings were similar to last and totalled 6.5 M/Kgs. Low Grown Large Leaf teas witnessed less demand, whilst the Small Leaf teas together with the High and Medium BOP/BOPF's witnessed good demand.

Ex-Estate offerings comprised of approximately 1.0 M/Kgs. Quality of teas from the Western slopes showed a decline over the previous week with less seasonal teas on offer, although of a useful make. The limited availability of Nuwara Eliya BOP/BOPF's continued to sell at attractive prices, which is indeed encouraging. Teas from the Eastern Sector - BOP's encountered a weak trend, whilst the BOPF's appreciated by a similar margin and more.

High and Mid Grown CTC teas witnessed some recovery from the previous week, although prices compare poorly against their orthodox counterparts. Corresponding Low Grown types continued to sell well in comparison.

A concerning factor would be the limited demand for liquoring seasonal teas from the Western slopes and particularly the Nuwara Eliya District, which were neglected and often remained unsold.

Low Growns comprised of 2.8 M/Kgs in the Leafy/Semi Leafy and Tippy catalogues. There was fair demand at lower levels.

BOP1's in general were lower, whilst well-made OP1's sold around last levels. Balance declined. Well-made OP/OPA's together with PEK/PEK1's were firm, whilst the balance declined substantially.

In the Tippy catalogues, well-made FBOP's were firm to marginally easier, whilst the balance together with bolder varieties declined. However, teas at the bottom were firm on last. Few Select Best FF1's were firm, whilst the balance together with the Best were easier. However, cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom were fully firm, whilst the balance were lower following quality.

In the Premium catalogues, very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and cleaner Below Best were firm, whilst the others were easier following quality.

NATIONAL TEA SALE AVERAGES - MARCH 2021

National average for the month of March 2021 totalled Rs. 654.32 (USD 3.35) vis-à-vis Rs. 645.95 (USD 3.35) of February 2021, showing a marginal increase of Rs. 08.37 month on month. However, in comparison to March 2020 average of Rs. 595.22 (USD 3.26), shows a fairly significant increase of Rs. 59.10 (USD 0.09) YOY.

In analysing the respective elevational averages - High Growns, totalling Rs. 631.30 (USD 3.23) for March 2021, have recorded an increase of Rs. 19.47 month on month vis-à-vis Rs. 611.83 (USD 3.17) of February 2021. However, when compared to the March 2020 average of Rs. 560.10 (USD 3.06), a fairly significant increase of Rs. 71.20 is recorded YOY. Mediums, averaging Rs. 599.11 (USD 3.06) for March 2021, have recorded an increase of Rs. 19.33 vis-à-vis Rs. 579.78 (USD 3.01) of February 2021. In comparison to the March 2020 average of Rs. 540.07 (USD 2.95), shows an increase of Rs. 59.04 YOY. Low Growns, totalling Rs. 676.30 (USD 3.46) for March 2021, recorded a marginal increase of Rs. 02.19 vis-à-vis Rs. 674.11 (USD 3.50) of February 2021. Here again, the average shows a significant increase of Rs. 50.52 YOY when compared to Rs. 625.78 (USD 3.42) of March 2020.

The January-March 2021 cumulative national average of Rs. 648.63 (USD 3.37), records an increase of Rs. 53.82 (USD 0.08) vis-à-vis Rs. 594.81 (USD 3.29) of January-March 2020.

High Growns for the period January-March 2021 of Rs. 619.22 (USD 3.21) have shown an increase of Rs. 65.03 vis-à-vis Rs. 554.19 (USD 3.07) of January-March 2020. Mediums averaging Rs. 588.49 (USD 3.05) have shown an increase of Rs. 67.67 vis-à-vis Rs. 520.82 (USD 2.88) of January-March 2020. Meanwhile, Low Growns totalling Rs. 674.50 (USD 3.50) for January-March 2021 have shown the lowest increase of Rs. 46.14 vis-à-vis Rs. 628.36 (USD 3.48) of January-March 2020. A detailed report is on Page No. 8.

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MARKET

Good demand.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP *Best Western's - Select high priced teas were easier, whilst the others were firm and Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer. Teas in the Below Best category gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more for select invoices following special inquiry, whilst the Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were irregular and Rs. 20-30 per kg lower.*

BOPF *Best Western's were firm and gained Rs. 20-30 per kg for select invoices following special inquiry. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories gained up to Rs. 50 per kg. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well, although prices were irregular. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer.*

OP/OPA *Well made OP/OPA's were easier Rs. 20-30 per kg and more at times whilst others too were irregularly easier.*

PEKOE/PEKOE1 *A limited selection of Flavory PEK's that were available declined substantially and mostly unsellable. Well made Orthodox leafy PEK/PEK1's declined sharply whilst others too were easier Rs. 20-30 per kg and more at times. Rotovane PEK's were firm to marginally dearer.*

FBOP/FBOPF1 *A limited selection of Flavory FBOP's that were available were irregular whilst few improved invoices were dearer. Well made Orthodox FBOP's were easier Rs. 20 - 40 per kg and more at times whilst others were easier Rs. 10-20 per kg. Well made FF1's were easier Rs. 10 - 20 per kg whilst others too were irregularly easier.*

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE / FBOP		OP	
Sale Date	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
Best Westerns	630 - 1850	680 - 800	670 - 830	680 - 890	700 - 900	680 - 1020	570 - 640	560 - 650
Below Best Westerns	600 - 620	600 - 670	630 - 660	670 - 690	620 - 690	600 - 670	520 - 560	510 - 550
Plainer Westerns	550 - 590	500 - 580	600 - 620	630 - 660	490 - 600	480 - 590	470 - 510	450 - 500
Nuwara Eliyas	920 - 1140	840 - 1250	870 - 920	520 - 900	600-1040	640 - 1120	580	N/A
Brighter Udapussellawas	550 - 640	560 - 650	580 - 610	630 - 670	600 - 760	580 - 770	550 - 620	540 - 610
Other Udapussellawas	540	500 - 530	530 - 560	550 - 610	490 - 580	480 - 570	460 - 540	450 - 530
Best Uvas	600 - 730	570 - 610	600 - 650	660 - 690	680 - 960	670 - 850	570 - 640	560 - 640
Other Uvas	540 - 580	500 - 530	590	620 - 640	500 - 670	480 - 660	480 - 560	470 - 550

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP *Irregular.*

BOPF *Better sorts were Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent.*

OP/OPA *Well made OP/OPA's were easier Rs. 20-30 per kg and more at times whilst others together with the teas at the lower end too were irregularly easier.*

PEKOE/PEKOE1 *Well made PEK's were easier Rs. 20-30 per kg whilst others were easier Rs. 30-40 per kg and mostly unsellable. PEK1's in general were easier Rs. 20-40 per kg and more at times.*

FBOP/FBOPF1 *Well made FBOPs were irregularly easier whilst others too declined Rs. 10 - 20 per kg. Well made FF1's in general were easier Rs. 10 - 20 per kg.*

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE / FBOP		OP	
Sale Date	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
Good Mediums	610 - 840	690 - 800	620 - 650	620 - 680	680 - 980	660 - 960	600 - 760	580 - 710
Other Mediums	540 - 560	620 - 650	500 - 540	530 - 560	480 - 670	470 - 650	500 - 590	420 - 570

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UNORTHODOX TEAS

HIGH GROWN *BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Better sorts were Rs. 20 per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm.*

MEDIUM GROWN *BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Brighter sorts were Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer, whilst the others which commenced firm were easier by the close.*

LOW GROWN *BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Up to Rs. 20 per kg dearer.*

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	BP 1		PF 1	
Sale Date	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
High Grown	470 - 570	500 - 510	490 - 610	480 - 620
Medium Grown	470 - 530	500 - 520	490 - 570	500 - 580
Low Grown	570 - 630	570 - 680	550 - 760	600 - 800

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS *Best FGS/FGS1 were firm to lower Rs. 10 per kg. Below Best were firm to dearer. Poorer sorts were firm on last levels. Low Growns - Best and Below Best varieties declined Rs. 10-20 per kg whilst Poorer sorts were firm on last levels. CTC's - Best and Below Best were firm to selectively dearer whilst Poorer sorts shed Rs. 10 per kg.*

BROKENS *BM in general declined Rs. 20-30 per kg BP's in general were substantially lower.*

BOP1A *The Best varieties were generally easier. The bolder varieties were marginally firm to easier. The Below Best varieties remained irregular whilst the Poorer sorts remained firm on last.*

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
Sale Date	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
Better Fannings (Orthodox)	570 - 630	550 - 600	560	550 - 560	550 - 590	530
Better Fannings (CTC)	530	520	520 - 550	490 - 530	610	500 - 640
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	520 - 560	540 - 560	510 - 540	490 - 510	480 - 500	440 - 480
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	490	380 - 440	290 - 430
Good Brokens	520 - 640	490 - 620	610	670	660	650
Other Brokens	470 - 550	460 - 500	460 - 560	460 - 510	480 - 590	430 - 490
Better BOP1As	500 - 530	490 - 520	510 - 580	500 - 580	580 - 720	560 - 640
Other BOP1As	470 - 500	460 - 480	460 - 500	440 - 480	450 - 560	450 - 550

DUSTS

DUST1 *Select best primaries were firm to irregularly dearer. Few High Grown Dust1's in the Best and Below Best categories gained considerably following quality and special inquiry. Balance firm to irregularly lower. Others and Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Better Mediums sold at last levels. Others irregular and mostly lower. Select Best CTC's gained considerably following inquiry. Best and Below Best were firm to irregularly dearer. Others and Poorer sorts sold around last week's closing levels. Better Low Growns were fully firm. Below Best too followed a similar trend. Others and Poorer sorts were firm to irregularly dearer.*

DUST *Clean secondaries declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Below Best too followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts declined further. CTC's sold at last levels. Low Growns were firm.*

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
Sale Date	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
Better Primary Dust (Orthodox)	560 - 830	570 - 850	530 - 610	540 - 630	530 - 570	560 - 640
Better Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	520 - 630	520 - 630	520 - 660	530 - 680	550 - 610	630 - 700
Below Best Primary Dust (Orthodox)	490 - 550	500 - 560	440 - 510	450 - 520	450 - 500	460 - 530
Other Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	480 - 510	490 -510	470 - 510	480 - 520	520 - 540	520 - 620
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	420 - 480	430 - 490	410 - 490	390 - 440	420 - 480	400 - 450
Better Secondary Dust	480 - 600	470 - 610	420 - 520	410 - 520	440 - 520	420 - 530
Other Secondary Dust	400 - 470	390 - 460	370 - 410	370 - 400	380 - 420	360 - 410

* Note. High & Medium quotations are a combination of **HIGH GROWNS** (Western High and Uva High) **MEDIUM GROWNS** (Western Medium and Uva Medium).

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LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/FBOP1 *Select Best and Best FBOPs were firm to marginally easier. Below Best together with bolder varieties declined sharply. Teas at the bottom too were lower following quality. FBOP1's in general easier.*

BOP *Few select Best BOPs sold around last levels whilst balance declined.*

BOP1 *Select Best BOP1s declined, while others too followed a similar trend following quality.*

OP1 *Select Best OP1s maintained while others and Below Best varieties were irregular and mostly lower following quality. A selection of poorer varieties maintained while others declined.*

OP *A selection of well-made varieties were fully firm to selectively dearer, while others were easier following quality. Teas at the bottom end were fully firm.*

OPA *A few select Best OPAs were fully firm to dearer. A selection of cleaner Below Best varieties maintained while others were easier. Teas at the bottom end maintained.*

PEKOE *Select Best PEK/PEK1s together with a range of bold PEKs maintained, while others and poorer sorts declined substantially.*

BOPF *Well-made BOPF were easier. Balance sold around last levels.*

FBOPF/FBOPF1 *Very Tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best and cleaner Below Best were firm. Others irregular following quality. Few select Best FF1s sold around last levels. Balance together with Best declined. However, Cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom were firm. Others were lower following quality.*

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
Sale Date	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR	30/31 MAR	06/07 APR
FBOP 1	800 - 820	780 - 810	670 - 700	650 - 680	560 - 610	550 - 600	520 - 550	520 - 550
FBOP	860 - 980	850 - 940	780 - 820	760 - 800	600 - 660	600 - 640	520 - 550	500 - 550
BOP 1	920-1450	900-1300	900 - 920	890 - 900	890 - 900	880 - 890	650 - 700	650 - 700
BOP	770 - 800	760 - 800	700 - 720	700 - 710	550 - 630	500 - 620	480 - 540	480 - 530
BOPF	640 - 660	600 - 650	500 - 530	500 - 520	470 - 480	470 - 480	450 - 460	450 - 470
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	2100-2700	2100-2550	900-1000	900-1000	630 - 680	630 - 680	600	600
FBOPF 1	800 - 830	780 - 820	700 - 740	700 - 720	570 - 640	550 - 640	520 - 550	500 - 540
FBOPF	800 - 850	800 - 830	660 - 700	650 - 680	500 - 520	500 - 520	460 - 470	460 - 480
OP 1	1550-2100	1550-2150	1500-1550	1500-1550	1400-1500	1400-1500	650 - 700	650 - 700
OP	740-1100	750 - 790	730 - 740	720 - 730	720 - 730	710 - 720	570 - 650	550 - 650
OPA	770-1200	900 - 940	700 - 750	800 - 900	600 - 680	700 - 800	480 - 600	650 - 700
PEKOE	900-1250	900-1300	800 - 900	800 - 900	700 - 750	700 - 750	600 - 650	550 - 600
PEK 1	900-1300	850-1400	800 - 900	800 - 850	750 - 800	750 - 800	600 - 700	600 - 700

TOP PRICES IN (RS/KGS) - SALE OF 06TH/ 07TH APRIL 2021

WESTERN MEDIUM

Imboolpittia	BOP	@	690.00
Doombagastalawa	BOPSp	@	790.00
Craighead	BOPSp	@	760.00
Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSp	@	680.00
Kenilworth	BOP1		830.00
Doombagastalawa	FBOP/FBOP1	@	960.00
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	@	940.00
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	820.00
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	810.00
Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	800.00
Dartry Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	800.00
Dehiwatte Super	OP/OPA		710.00
Ingurugala	OP1		760.00
Cooroondoowatte	PEK/PEK1	@	900.00
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	@	890.00

WESTERN HIGH

Great Western	BOP	@	800.00
Somerset	BOP	@	790.00
Uda Radella	BOP	@	780.00
Adisham	BOP		780.00
Wattegodde	BOPSp	@	680.00
Adisham	BOPF/BOPFSp	@	890.00
Torrington	BOP1	@	700.00
Inverness	FBOP/FBOP1		1,020.00
Torrington	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	750.00
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1		750.00
Queensberry	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	740.00
Venture	FBOPF/FBOPF1		740.00
Venture	OP/OPA		650.00
Venture	OP1		670.00
Weddemulla	PEK/PEK1		790.00
Torrington	PEK/PEK1	@	780.00

NUWARA ELIYAS

Lovers Leap	BOP		1,250.00
Mahagastotte	BOP	@	1,160.00
Summerhill	BOPSp	@	560.00
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSp		900.00
Mahagastotte	BOPF/BOPFSp	@	800.00
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	@	1,120.00
Lovers Leap	PEK/PEK1		720.00
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	@	640.00

UDAPUSSELLAWAS

Mooloya	BOP		650.00
Kirklees	BOPSp		570.00
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSp		670.00
Gordon	BOP1	@	720.00
Gordon	FBOP/FBOP1	@	770.00
Gordon	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	710.00
Delmar	OP/OPA	@	610.00
Gordon	OP/OPA	@	600.00
Gonapitiya	OP/OPA	@	590.00
Gampaha	OP1		600.00
Gordon	PEK/PEK1	@	740.00

LOW GROWNS

Karagoda	BOP		980.00
Geekiyanahena	BOPSp		1,020.00
Hidellana	BOPF		810.00
Ihalapanapitiya	BOPFSp		870.00
Pothotuwa	FBOP	@	1,120.00
Brombil	FBOP1		1,040.00
Nilkandura	FBOPF		900.00
Gunawardane	FBOPF		900.00
Himara	FBOPF		890.00
Sithaka	FBOPF		890.00
New Hopewell	FBOPF	@	880.00
New South Co-op	FBOPF1		1,000.00
Pothotuwa	BOP1	@	1,300.00
New Vithanakanda	OP1		2,150.00
Pothotuwa	OP1	@	2,050.00
Nilrich	OP		790.00
Lions	OP		790.00
Liyonta	OPA		940.00
Liyonta	PEK		1,300.00
Lumbini	PEK1		1,400.00
Peak View	PEK1		1,400.00

UVA MEDIUM

Demodera 'S'	BOP		720.00
Halpewatte Uva	BOPSp		720.00
Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSp		740.00
Halpewatte Uva	BOP1		820.00
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP/FBOP1		820.00
Halpewatte Uva	FBOP/FBOP1		820.00
Dickwella	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	750.00
Shawlands	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	750.00
Telbedde	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	740.00
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP/OPA	@	650.00
Glen Alpin	OP1		840.00
Aruna Passara	PEK/PEK1		900.00

UVA HIGH

Alslaby	BOP	@	750.00
Ranaya	BOPSp		680.00
Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	@	690.00
Nayabedde	BOPF/BOPFSP	@	680.00
Kelliebedde	BOPF/BOPFSP	@	660.00
Aislaby	BOP1		830.00
Aislaby	FBOP/FBOP1	@	830.00
Uva Highlands	FBOP/FBOP1		830.00
Glennanore	FBOP/FBOP1	@	810.00
Glennanore	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	750.00
Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	750.00
Spring Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	730.00
Mount Uva	OP/OPA		640.00
Glennanore	OP/OPA	@	630.00
Glennanore	OP1	@	760.00
Battawatte	PEK/PEK1		850.00
Glennanore	PEK/PEK1	@	820.00

UNORTHODOX HIGH

Ulugedara CTC	PF1		640.00
Ulugedara CTC	BP1		520.00
Ulugedara CTC	BPS		540.00

UNORTHODOX MEDIUM

Rothschild CTC	PF1		580.00
Strathdon CTC	BP1	@	520.00
Delta CTC	BP1		520.00
Aultmore CTC	BPS		450.00

UNORTHODOX LOW

Hingalgoda CTC	PF1		800.00
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	@	680.00
Ceciliyan CTC	BPS		620.00

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Biyolta	FBOPFSp	@	3,350.00
Tea Bank	FBOPFExSp	@	3,700.00
Sachitha	FBOPFExSp1		1,700.00

DUSTS

Mattakelle	DUST1		850.00
Cee Tee Hills	PDUST		700.00

OFF GRADES

Lethenty	FGS/FGS1	@	600.00
Mayfield	FGS/FGS1	@	600.00
Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS		640.00
Gunawardane	BM		650.00
Rilhena Special	BM	@	620.00
Galaxy	BM	@	580.00
Demodera 'S'	BP	@	670.00
Veddagala	BOPIA		640.00

@ Sold by Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd/ **All Time Record Price * Equal All Time Record Price

QUANTITY SOLD DURING THE PERIOD 29TH MARCH - 03RD APRIL 2021

2021 WEEKLY	2021 TODATE		2020 WEEKLY	2020 TODATE
		PRIVATE SALES		
161,555	1,468,357		NIL	1,196,599
		PUBLIC AUCTION		
5,636,937	75,577,748		3,551,043	67,399,571
		FORWARD CONTRACTS		
46,000	249,650		NIL	NIL
		DIRECT SALES		
NIL	NIL		NIL	391,930
		TOTAL		
5,844,492	77,295,755		3,551,043	68,915,660
		BMF EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE		
342,602	2,562,625		NIL	2,025,418

QUANTITY SOLD AND THE AVERAGE PRICE PER AUCTION

	2021			2020			2019		
SALE DATE	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
24TH MAR 2021	5.45	657.42	3.34	4.26	664.84	3.44	5.61	587.67	3.33
31ST MAR 2021	5.63	641.24	3.24	3.55	698.77	3.71	5.64	590.48	3.36

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

RATES OF EXCHANGE AS AT 07TH APRIL 2021

YEAR	US.DOL	STG.PD	YEN	EURO
2021	198.00	274.56	1.79	232.93
2020	188.46	234.77	1.73	203.61
2019	172.53	225.60	1.53	192.70

SRI LANKA RUPEE APPROX. PER UNIT OF CURRENCY

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

CROP AND WEATHER

For the period 29 March - 04 April 2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions reported bright weather throughout the week, whilst a few sub-districts in the Bogawantalawa and Talawakelle regions reported overcast evenings. The Department of Meteorology expects misty conditions in the mornings and evening showers in both regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions

Sunny weather was reported in both regions throughout the week, whilst a few sub-districts in the Haputale Region reported dull weather with occasional showers in the evenings.

Low Growns

The Low Grown Region reported clear weather throughout the week. Misty conditions are expected in the Sabaragamuwa Region during the morning hours, whilst evening showers are expected in the Ruhuna Region during the evening hours by the Department of Meteorology.

Crop Intake

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

PUBLIC AUCTION / GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO : 13
SALE OF : 30TH/ 31ST MARCH 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	583.51	2.95	582.42	3.02	639.20	3.39	515.80	2.85	522.14	2.97	506.58	2.83
Western High Grown	619.75	3.14	633.28	3.29	678.18	3.60	590.04	3.26	560.17	3.19	594.24	3.32
CTC High Grown	539.24	2.73	569.34	2.95	614.10	3.26	554.04	3.07	450.25	2.56	505.69	2.82
High Grown (Summary)	610.68	3.09	620.58	3.22	665.53	3.53	571.32	3.16	549.53	3.13	571.83	3.19
Uva Medium Grown	606.66	3.07	599.07	3.11	708.43	3.76	556.15	3.08	552.87	3.15	529.97	2.96
Western Medium Grown	576.04	2.91	584.21	3.03	591.75	3.14	520.61	2.88	492.26	2.80	500.93	2.80
CTC Medium Grown	515.84	2.61	541.24	2.81	545.63	2.90	497.07	2.75	427.99	2.44	453.84	2.53
Medium Grown (Summary)	584.25	2.96	588.25	3.05	626.57	3.32	529.93	2.93	508.58	2.90	508.14	2.84
Orthodox Low Grown	678.80	3.43	686.50	3.56	776.75	4.12	657.63	3.64	523.76	2.98	520.62	2.91
CTC Low Grown	489.23	2.48	530.07	2.75	475.44	2.52	445.84	2.47	414.48	2.36	429.05	2.39
Low Grown(Summary)	666.46	3.37	676.13	3.51	739.42	3.92	638.61	3.53	622.78	3.55	609.03	3.40
Total	641.24	3.24	650.83	3.38	698.77	3.71	606.78	3.36	590.48	3.36	585.38	3.27

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates

Source: MSL - Averages

MARCH 2021
TOGETHER WITH THE CORRESPONDING AVERAGES FOR 2020 & 2019

	2021				2020				2019			
	MONTH		TODATE		MONTH		TODATE		MONTH		TODATE	
	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD
Uva High Grown	592.60	3.03	584.26	3.03	522.09	2.86	499.23	2.76	533.98	3.00	516.81	2.88
Western High Grown	649.35	3.32	638.81	3.31	585.88	3.21	580.62	3.21	589.43	3.31	600.46	3.35
CTC High Grown	549.25	2.81	566.72	2.94	530.12	2.90	536.99	2.97	478.80	2.69	501.18	2.80
High Grown (Summary)	631.30	3.23	619.22	3.21	560.10	3.06	554.19	3.07	571.06	3.21	573.81	3.20
Uva Medium Grown	611.38	3.13	594.40	3.08	565.72	3.10	534.89	2.96	553.02	3.11	533.71	2.98
Western Medium Grown	592.74	3.03	583.47	3.03	523.37	2.86	512.31	2.83	495.89	2.79	502.55	2.81
CTC Medium Grown	528.24	2.70	540.98	2.81	509.30	2.79	488.82	2.70	441.02	2.48	453.99	2.53
Medium Grown (Summary)	599.11	3.06	588.49	3.05	540.07	2.95	520.82	2.88	510.16	2.87	510.96	2.85
Orthodox Low Grown	691.32	3.53	686.67	3.56	647.07	3.54	647.46	3.58	626.54	3.52	622.25	3.47
CTC Low Grown	504.50	2.58	529.85	2.75	427.26	2.34	442.72	2.45	413.19	2.32	429.90	2.40
Low Grown(Summary)	676.30	3.46	674.50	3.50	625.78	3.42	628.36	3.48	611.08	3.44	608.85	3.40
Total	654.32	3.35	648.63	3.37	595.22	3.26	594.81	3.29	585.92	3.30	585.30	3.27

Source: SLTB / Oanda Exchange Rates

MALAWI AUCTION

SALE OF - 7TH APRIL 2021 (SALE NO. 14)

There was less and selective demand at firm to easier rates.
BP1 were barely steady where sold.
PF1 met selective demand, few lines sold firm.
PF1SC tended firm to easier where sold with many invoices neglected.
PD met less interest.
D1 - Few available were firm on last.
Secondary teas were mostly taken out under bids.

Courtesy - Tea Brokers Central Africa Limited.

KOLKATA AUCTION

SALE OF - 6TH & 7TH APRIL 2021 (SALE NO. 14)

Good demand for better Assams sold so far. Range: 280/- to 340/-. Good demand for good Dooars sold so far. Range: 270/- to 330/-. Western India operating. Local/Internal operating.

Courtesy - Associated Brokers Private Ltd, Kolakata

JAKARTA AUCTION

SALE OF - 7TH APRIL 2021 (SALE NO. 14)

There was fairly good demand for the 5,680 packages on offer at irregular rates with prices closely following quality but more teas remained unsold.

ORTHODOX TEA - Best Broken types sold around last week sale with medium lines remain un-sold. Fannings types, there was good demand which sold 2-4 cts dearer, whilst medium lines to meet with less interest and witnessed withdrawals. Secondary category sold firm to 2 cts easier with some lines fair unsold.

CTC TEA - Better/best lines to meet with a selective demand and were about firm to slightly dearer whilst the Medium and lower lines met with a limited demand and sold at a discount. There some teas were remained unsold.

Courtesy - Sinar Maluku - Jakarta

GUWAHATI AUCTION

SALE OF - 7TH APRIL 2021 (SALE NO. 14)

There is good demand for the nominal weight of good Assams on offer so far. Fair demand for the remainder Assams including BLF. Prices barely steady to easier rates. Western India and North India buyers operating.

Courtesy - Associated Brokers Private Ltd, Guwahati

COCHIN AUCTION

SALE OF - 5TH APRIL 2021 (SALE NO. 14)

CTC DUST

DEMAND : Fair (62% sold)

MARKET: In the absence of Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation market reacted negatively and was lower by Rs.5/- to 10/- and some times more to the tune of rs.20/- and above. The decline in price was more for medium and plainer powdery grades. However the drop in price was less for good liquoring SRD grade.

BUYING PATTERN Avt continued to be active. Devagiri tea & produce and Encil Global beverages lent useful support. Kerala state civil supplies did not operate. Kerala and up country buyers lent fair support. Exporters continued to be subdued

ORTHODOX DUST

DEMAND : Good (86% sold)

MARKET: Barely steady to firm

BUYING PATTERN: Exporters and upcountry buyers absorbed the small quantity of orthodox dust sold.

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.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

Please note that our Office,Warehouse & Tea Sampling Department will be closed on the following days.

Office	*- 13th April*	*Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year*
	- 14th April	*Sinhala & Tamil New Year*
Warehouse & Tea Sampling Dept	*- 13th April*	*Day prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year*
	- 14th April	*Sinhala & Tamil New Year*
	- 15th April	*Additional holiday*

CEYLON TEA PLANTATION EXPORTS (PTE) LTD

Please note that Ceylon Tea Plantation Exports (Pte) Ltd warehouse and office will be closed from 10th to 18th of April 2021 in view of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year holidays.

MALWATTE VALLEY PLANTATIONS PLC

Please be note that the Malwatte Valley Plantations PLC Warehouse Complex, Wattala will be closed from 11th to 15th April 2021 due to the New Year festival. 10th April 2021 (Saturday) will be a full working day at the Warehouse.

FINLAYS COLOMBO LIMITED

Please note that Finlays Warehouse will be closed for business from 13th - 15th April 2021 due to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Holidays.

DILMAH CEYLON TEA COMPANY PLC

Please note that Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC factory will be closed from 06th to 19th April 2021 due to New Year holidays.

CROP STATISTICS IN (Mn/kgs)

					Todate	Todate	Todate	Difference +/-	
		2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019 vs 2020	2020 vs 2021
Sri Lanka	Feb	21.7	18.2	22.3	45.0	40.1	45.5	-4.9	5.4
Bangladesh	Jan	0.495	0.175	0.286	0.495	0.175	0.286	-0.32	0.111
North India	Jan	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04	-0.04
South India	Jan	14.22	16.02	16.05	14.22	16.02	16.05	1.8	0.03
Kenya	Jan	48.38	53.63	48.89	48.38	53.63	48.89	5.25	-4.74
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. 16 - SCHEDULED FOR 27TH/28TH APRIL 2021

The Ex Estate catalogue closed on 1 April 2021 excluding violations. The Main sale catalogues too closed on 1 April 2021 excluding violations.

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

The Ex Estate and Main sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 8 April 2021.

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

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

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

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 15 SCHEDULED FOR 20TH/ 21ST APRIL 2021

	LOT	QUANTITY kgs
Ex Estate	917	1,069,419
High & Medium	1,806	908,983
Leafy	2,052	919,674
Semi Leafy	1,889	965,114
Tippy	2,076	1,088,287
Premium Flowery	290	49,656
Off Grades	2,289	1,248,121
Dust	595	590,285
TOTAL	**11,914**	**6,839,539**
Re-print	641	342,556

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Leafy	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
Semi Leafy	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
Tippy	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

High & Medium	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
Dust	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
Premium Flowery	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
Off Grades	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
BOP1A	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded
Ex Estate	Closed on	25/03/2021	Violations Excluded

No of Pkgs : 180,744
CTC : 12,405 Pkgs - 668,393 kgs
SALE NO. 15 - SALE OF 23RD/ 24TH APRIL 2020
Lots : 9,500 **Re-print Lots** : 28
Quantity : 5,232,039 kgs **Re-print Quantity** : 22,488 kgs

BUYERS' PROMPT : 27/04/2021
SELLERS' PROMPT : 28/04/2021

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

	LOT	QUANTITY kgs
Ex Estate	933	1,067,582
High & Medium	1,853	948,396
Leafy	2,130	945,444
Semi Leafy	2,073	1,059,395
Tippy	2,060	1,091,661
Premium Flowery	317	54,867
Off Grades	2,313	1,282,526
Dust	585	630,068
TOTAL	**12,264**	**7,079,939**
Re-print	1,140	616,299

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Leafy	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Semi Leafy	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Tippy	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

High & Medium	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Dust	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Premium Flowery	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
Off Grades	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
BOP1A	Closed on	01/04/2021	Violations Excluded
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
Lots : 8,007 **Re-print Lots** : 101
Quantity : 4,497,810 kgs **Re-print Quantity** : 70,689 kgs

BUYERS' PROMPT : 04/05/2021
SELLERS' PROMPT : 05/05/2021

SALE NO : 15 SCHEDULED FOR 20TH/ 21ST APRIL 2021

ORDER OF SALE

EX ESTATE	LG Large Leaf LG Small Leaf/BOPIA/Prem	High & Medium/Off Grade/Dust
AS	AS	**FW**
BC	CTB	MB
FW	JK	AS
EB	EB	JK
CTB	LC	EB
LC	BC	CTB
JK	MB	LC
MB	**FW**	BC

FW - Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
JK - John Keells PLC
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

Approximate Selling Time of F&W Catalogues

20TH APRIL 2021	
Main Sale - High & Medium	08.00am
Semi Leafy Teas	05.15pm
21ST APRIL 2021	
Leafy Teas	08.00am
Tippy Teas	08.30am
Off Grades	08.30am
Ex- Estate	08.50am
Premium Flowery	09.00am
BOP1A	11.00am
Dust	01.30pm