



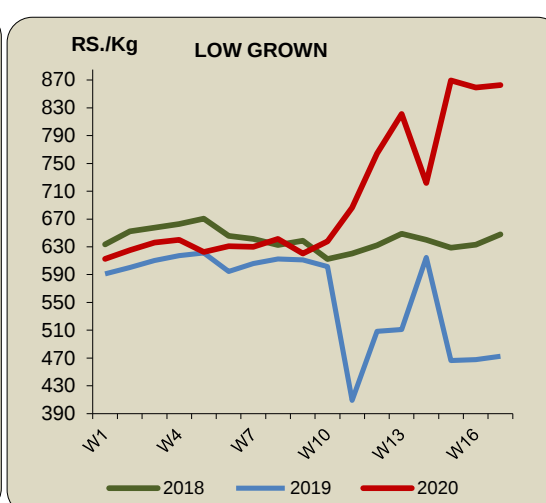
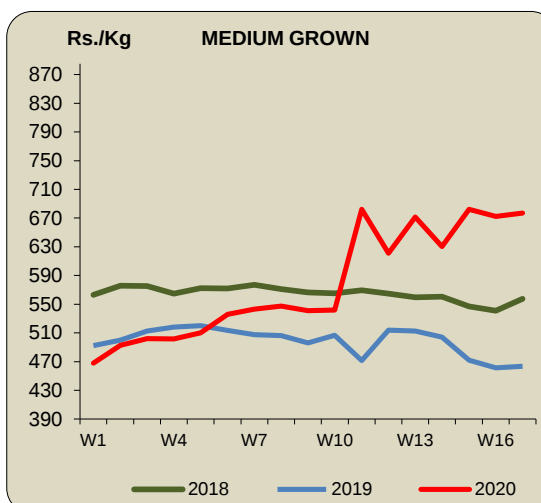
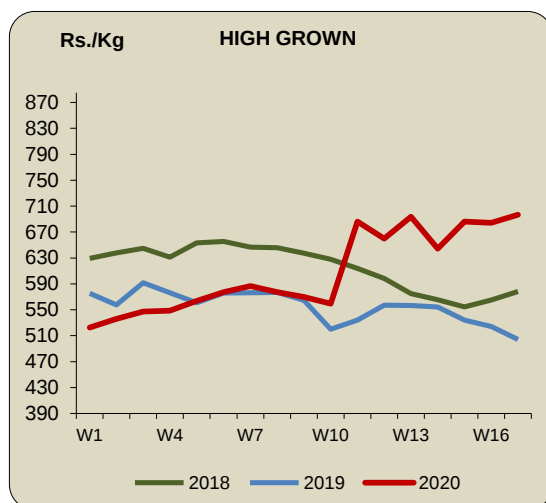
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Weekly Tea Update

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SALE NO: 18
13 - 14 May 2020.

SRI LANKA TEA SALE AVERAGES (Rs./Kg)



Quantity Sold

04th to 09th May 2020.

	2020 Weekly	2020 Todate	2019 Weekly	2019 Todate
(Kg)				
Private Sale	168,544	1,680,632	109,899	2,200,042
Public Auction	2,975,552	81,671,468	6,130,619	99,213,509
Forward Contracts	0	0	7,300	217,230
Direct Sale	0	319,931	45,610	635,082
Total	3,144,096	83,672,031	6,293,428	102,265,863
BMF Excluded from Private Sale	49,128	2,923,928	93,288	3,579,588

• Most Select best leafy grades sold at lower rates

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• Ex - Estate - BOPF dearer

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• Assam tea industry seeks government's support

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• U.S.A end February 2020 tea imports down 15%

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• India -Tea production expected to improve from June onwards

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High Grown

BOP

	This Week	Last Week	
Best Westerns	630-750	660-780	Best and below best Westerns tended lower
Below Best Westerns	550-610	580-650	Rs. 20 to Rs. 30. Bottom lost even more.
Other Westerns	500-530	540-560	Nuwara Eliyas were difficult of sale.
Nuwara Eliya	580N	550-840	Udapussellawas were lower market.
Brighter Udapussellawa	520-580	560-630	Uvas lost Rs. 20 to Rs. 30.
Other Udapussellawa	440-500	480-540	
Best Uva	520-840	550-840	
Other Uva	430-500	450-520	

BOPF

	This Week	Last Week	
Best Westerns	800-870	780-860	Westerns were about Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 dearer on last.
Below Best Westerns	720-780	700-750	Nuwara Eliyas gained Rs. 20 to Rs. 30.
Other Westerns	640-680	620-660	Well made Udapussellawas gained Rs. 40 to Rs. 60.
Nuwara Eliya	650-900	600-650	Uvas were Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 dearer.
Brighter Udapussellawa	640-780	560-760	
Other Udapussellawa	500-600	460-540	
Best Uva	650-780	640-750	
Other Uva	520-600	500-570	

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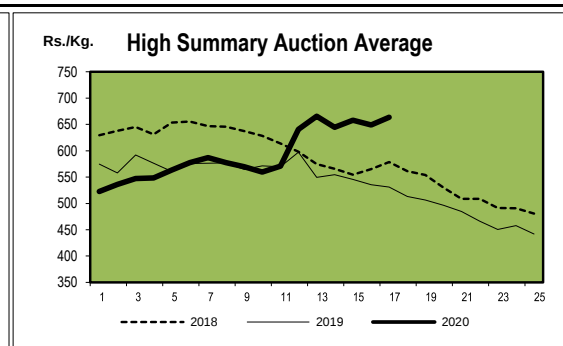
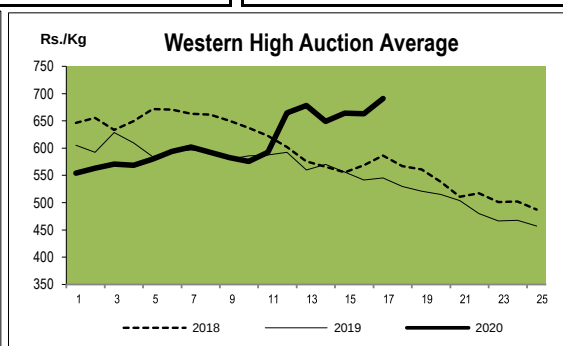
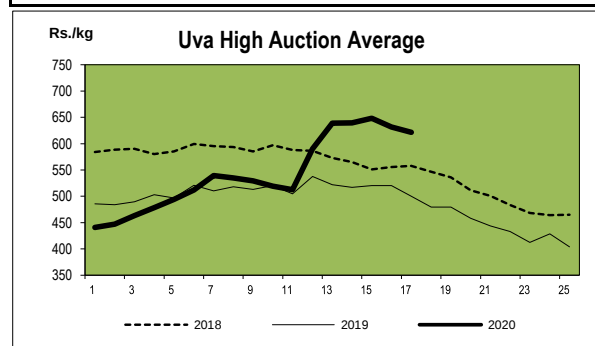
	(Rs/Kg)	This Week	Last Week	
Best		800-1000	800-1050	Select best teas are maintained. Others dropped by Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 and more at times.
Below Best		460-720	490-750	
Others		480-570	500-600	

FBOP/FBOP1

	This Week	Last Week	
Best	790-1500	800-1300	Select best teas are firm. Others lower Rs. 20 to Rs. 40.
Below Best	630-720	640-750	
Others	540-600	580-620	

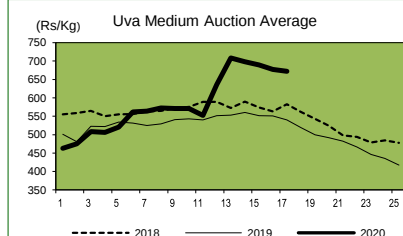
OP/OP1

	(Rs/Kg)	This Week	Last Week	
Best		650-1000	700-1000	Select best teas are firm. Others dropped by Rs. 30 to Rs. 50.
Below Best		600-720	600-760	
Others		500-600	500-600	

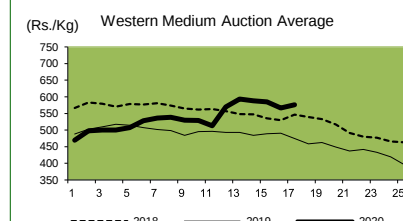


Medium Grown

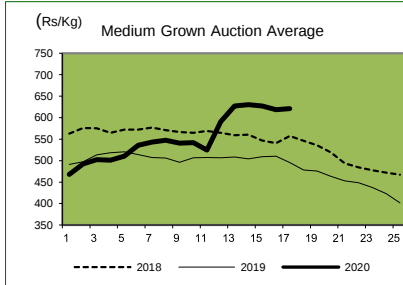
BOP	(Rs/Kg)	
	This Week	Last Week
Best Medium	630-1000	600-1050
Other Medium	500-600	460-500
Best dearer up to Rs. 40		



BOPF	(Rs/Kg)	
	This Week	Last Week
Best Medium	650-800	660-820
Other Medium	500-550	500-550
Maintained last levels.		



OP	(Rs/Kg)	
	This Week	Last Week
Best Medium	660-840	690-900
Other Medium	540-600	580-660
Were lower Rs. 30 to Rs. 50		



PEKOE	(Rs/Kg)	
	This Week	Last Week
Best Medium	800-1000	850-1000
Other Medium	650-700	680-700
Select best were maintained. Others lower Rs. 50 and more at times.		

Unorthodox

(Rs/Kg)			(Rs/Kg)		
	This Week	Last Week		This Week	Last Week
Best BP1	540-630	540-600	Best PF1	580-860	580-860
Other BP1	450-520	460-510	Other PF1	430-560	430-560
Irregularly lower up to Rs. 30.			About firm.		

Off Grades

Better FGS1 / FGS

	This Week	Last Week
High	580-650	530-650
Medium	380-440	380-450
Low	380-440	38-460
Best high quality liquoring teas were firm, but were dearer towards the ends. Medium low grown teas were easier Rs. 10 to Rs. 20.		

Other FGS1 / FGS

	This Week	Last Week
High	200-320	200-310
Medium	200-320	200-300
Low	200-320	200-310
Poorer quality teas were firm to dearer Rs. 10.		

Better BOP1A / BM

	This Week	Last Week
High	470-520	450-520
Medium	460-520	440-510
Low	480-540	470-530

Other BOP1A / BM

	This Week	Last Week
High	250-330	250-330
Medium	250-330	250-380
Low	250-330	250-390

Best teas were dearer Rs. 20.

Poorer teas were firm.

Better BP

	This Week	Last Week
	550-760	530-660

Other BP

	This Week	Last Week
	200-360	200-380

All round dearer Rs. 20.

Cleaner varieties were firm to easier Rs. 10 to Rs. 20. Whilst the poorer teas gained in value by Rs. 20.

Dust

Better Primary

(Orthodox)	This Week	Last Week
High	650-750	650-780
Medium	440-460	440-460
Low	400-650	420-650

Other Primary

(Orthodox)	This Week	Last Week
High	440-630	480-680
Medium	440-630	350-480
Low	440-630	250-350

All round irregularly lower.

Lower Rs. 20 to Rs. 30.

Better primary

(CTC)	This Week	Last Week
High	520-650	520-740
Medium	480-670	480-740
Low	480-680	500-700

Other Primary

(CTC)	This Week	Last Week
High	380-400	NA
Medium	330-420	320-400
Low	300-440	300-420

All round irregularly lower.

All round firm on last.

Better Secondary

	This Week	Last Week
	300-440	320-450

Other Secondary

	This Week	Last Week
	250-300	240-300

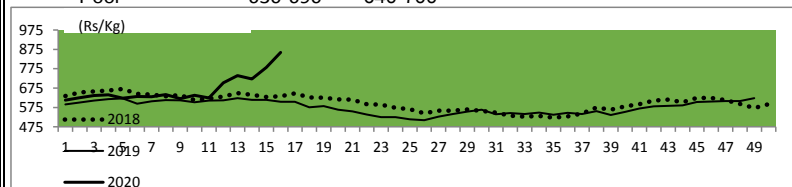
Lower Rs. 10 to Rs. 15.

All round firm on last.

Low Grown

	(Rs./Kg)		
FBOP1	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	900-950	900-950	Select best teas were firm on last. Best and below best teas were Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 per Kg dearer. All others gained Rs. 10 to Rs. 30 per Kg and more.
Best	830-870	800-850	
Secondary	740-780	700-750	
Poor	670-720	650-700	
FBOP	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	1000-1200	1100-1300	Select best teas were Rs. 50 per Kg lower. Best and below best teas were firm on last week's levels. Poorer teas gained Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 per Kg.
Best	900-950	900-1000	
Secondary	800-850	800-850	
Poor	740-780	730-760	
FBOPF1	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	1000-1100	1050-1150	Select best and best teas were Rs. 30 to Rs. 60 per Kg lower. All other gained Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per Kg and more at times.
Best	900-950	900-950	
Secondary	770-820	750-800	
Poor	640-680	630-660	
FBOPF	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	900-1000	800-900	Were Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 dearer all round.
Best	750-850	700-750	
Secondary	580-620	580-620	
Poor	470-520	450-500	
FBOPFEXSP / SP	This Week	Last Week	
Best (Long Leaf)	3000-3500	2000-2500	All Tippy teas were substantially dearer.
Below Best	1800-2200	1600-1900	
Best (Small Leaf)	2500-3000	2000-2500	
Below Best	1700-2000	1500-1800	
BOP	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	950-1050	1000-1100	Select best teas were Rs. 30 to Rs. 60 per Kg lower. Best teas were Rs. 20 to Rs. 40 per Kg lower. All others gained Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per Kg and more at times.
Best	850-900	850-900	
Secondary	750-800	750-800	
Poor	670-720	650-700	
BOPF	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	750-800	700-750	Appreciated Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per Kg all round.
Best	640-680	630-660	
Secondary	440-480	430-450	
Poor	370-400	360-380	

	(Rs./Kg)		
BOP1	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	1990-2250	1200-2400	Select best and best teas lost Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 per Kg. All others were firm on last week's levels.
Best	1090-1180	1100-1190	
Secondary	1000-1070	1000-1070	
Poor	780-930	780-930	
OP1	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	1580-2550	1580-2750	Were barely steady on last week's levels.
Best	1200-1580	1200-1580	
Secondary	980-1140	980-1140	
Poor	680-880	680-880	
OP	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	940-2150	960-1250	Well made and best teas lost Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 per Kg and more at times. All others were firm on last week's levels.
Best	880-930	900-950	
Secondary	830-850	830-850	
Poor	650-760	650-760	
OPA	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	800-1200	820-1350	Select best teas were Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 per Kg lower. All others were firm on last week's levels.
Best	740-770	740-770	
Secondary	680-720	680-720	
Poor	530-660	530-660	
PEK	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	950-1350	980-1300	Well made teas were Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 per Kg lower. All others were barely steady on last week's levels.
Best	800-900	800-900	
Secondary	690-780	690-780	
Poor	630-690	630-690	
PEK1	This Week	Last Week	
Select Best	980-1250	990-1150	Eased Rs. Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 per Kg and more at times.
Best	770-860	780-870	
Secondary	730-770	740-780	
Poor	630-690	640-700	



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Sale Date: 13-14 May 2020 Sale No: 18

Sale Averages

TOP PRICES

LOW GROWN (Rs/kg)		PREMIUM FLOWERY		NUWARA ELIYA	
BOP1	Pothotuwa	2250	FBOPFS	Wewesse	3300
	Ceciliyan	2100		Mulatiyana Hills	3150
OP1	New Vithanakande	+2550	FBOPFEFS	New Vithanakande	+3750
	Ceyenta / Sihara	2350		Sachitha	3650
	Suduwelipothahena Super	2350			
	Gunawardane	2350	FBOPFEFS1	Kamarangapitiya	3700
				New Vithanakande	+3350
OP	Sithaka	**2150			
	Gunawardane	1100			
	Green Lanka	1100			
	Subhagya	1100			
	New Kottawa Valley	+1050			
OPA	Mulatiyana Hills	1200	BOP	Annefield	750
	Green Lanka	1150	BOPS	N/A	
	Matuwagalla Super	1150	BOPF/BOPFS	Dessford	+870
	Sunrise / Himara	1150		Adisham	870
				Annfield	870
			PEK/PEK1	Weddemulla	920
PEK	Nilgiri / Nilrich	1350	FBOP/FOB1	Inverness	1000
	Mulatiyana Hills	1350	OP1	Venture	870
	Maliboda / Lions	1300	BOP1	N/A	
	Lucky Dias	1300	OP/OPA	Weddemulla	750
	Willie Group Super	1300	FF/FF1	Venture	880
PEK1	Matuwagalla Super	1250			
	Nilrich	1200			
			WESTERN MEDIUM	UVA MEDIUM	
			BOP	Craighead	1000
			BOPS	Doombagastalawa	**980
BOP	Ceciliyan	1100	BOPF/BOPFS	Vellaioya	800
	Brombil / Dellawa	1050	PEK/PEK1	Craighead	1000
	Suduwelipothahena Super	1050	FBOP/FOB1	Craighead	1300
			OP1	Berawila Super	920
				Dehiwatte Super	920
BOPS	Andaradeniya Super	960	BOP1	Craighead	1500
	Andaradeniya Super	940	OP/OPA	Harangalla	840
BOPF	Hidellana	870		Sanquhar	840
	Pothotuwa	830	FF/FF1	Craighead	**1450
BOPFS	Broadlands SH	850			
	Kiruwanaganga	840	UDAPUSSELLAWA	OTHERS	
			BOP	Kirklees	580
			BOPS	Blairlomond	530
FBOP	Aruna	1300	BOPF/BOPFS	Luckyland	780
	Peak Paradise	1300	PEK/PEK1	Delmar	820
	Karagoda / Pothotuwa	1250	FBOP/FOB1	Delmar	820
	Sunrise / Gunawardane	1250	OP1	Delmar	650
			BOP1	Gonapitiya	770
FBOP1	Ceciliyan	1550		Gordon	770
	Hidellana / Sithaka	1250	OP/OPA	Gampaha	840
			FF / FF1	Delmar	810
FBOPF	Himara	1400		Gonapitiya	810
	Ceyenta	1350			
FBOPF1	Sirimewana	1450			
	Brombil	1300			

* Sold by Asia Siyaka/ ** All Time Record / * Equal All Time

Top Prices Contd....

CTC TEAS		PF1	BP1	BPS	OF
High	Dunsinane CTC	650			
	Mt Vernon		490	550	
Medium	Rothschild CTC	600			
	Carolina CTC		490	490	
Low	Kalubowitiyana CTC	860		N/A	
	Ceciliyan CTC		630		
* Sold by Asia Siyaka/ ** All Time Record / * Equal All Time					
Sale of 13th / 14th May 2020					
Offers					
(KG)	Ex-Estate	535	624,305		
	Main Sale - High & Medium	1,283	668,900		
	Low Grown - Leafy Grade	3,026	1,446,560		
	-Tippy Small Grade	1,568	891,810		
	Off Grades / BOP1A	2,275	1,290,463		
	Dust	424	435,979		
	Premium Flowery	193	39,132		
Total		9,304	5,397,149		
Order Of Sale					
Selling Brokers		Ex Estate	Main Sale		
			1*	2*	
Asia Siyaka.	- AS	LCB	JK	AS	
Bartleet & Co.	- BC	BC	LC	LCB	
Ceylon Tea Brokers	- CTB	JK	AS	MB	
Eastern Brokers	- EB	CTB	BC	FW	
Forbes & Walker.	- FW	EB	EB	EB	
John Keells	- JK	FW	CT	JK	
Lanka Commodity Brokers -	LCB	AS	MB	CT	
Mercantile Brokers	- MB	MB	FW	BC	
1* - Leafy / Tippy / BOP1A / Premium Flowery 2* - High & Medium / Off Grades / Dust					
Currencies					
As at 13/05/2020					
This Week (Prev. Wk)		Buying Rates (Rs.)		This Week (Prev. Wk)	
GBP	225.76	230.76	US\$	184.54	185.81
EURO	199.37	201.67	YEN	1.70	1.73

Gross Sale Averages

Sale of 06th May 2020				
	(Rs/Kg)			
	Week		To date	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Uva High	621.64	500.18	548.79	508.69
Western High	690.98	545.44	601.94	584.46
High Grown	663.54	530.89	586.91	564.20
Uva Medium	672.5	539.89	594.49	535.84
Western Medium	575.74	474.26	531.20	497.10
Medium Grown	621.24	495.48	549.85	507.26
Low Grown	812.18	599.42	660.37	608.81
TOTAL	733.60	569.01	625.84	583.75
Weekly Averages				
	(Rs/Kg)			
	06/05/2020	30/04/2020	24/04/2020	18/04/2020
Uva High	621.64	631.94	648.28	639.42
Western High	690.98	662.91	663.92	648.84
High Grown	663.54	649.16	657.77	644.59
Uva Medium	672.50	676.98	689.45	698.52
Western Medium	575.74	566.19	584.85	588.50
Medium Grown	621.24	615.80	627.35	630.37
Low Grown	812.18	768.87	781.99	722.03
TOTAL	733.60	712.44	724.25	685.62
Crop & Weather				
All planting districts experienced bright mornings along with evening showers.				
Western and Eastern palanting districts reported an increase in the crop intake whilst Low grown reported a moderate crop intake throughout the week.				

Market Comment

5.39 Mnkg of tea were on offer at this weeks Colombo Tea Auction 2.33 Mnkg were Low Grown Main Grades and 1.91 Mnkg were High and Mid Grown Main Grades.

Low Grown met with less demand. Select best and best BOP1s sold at lower rates, whilst poorer varieties held firm. OP1s were barely steady on last week's levels. Well-made and best OP / OPAs sold at lower rates, whilst poorer varieties held firm. Bolder Pekoe's were substantially lower, whilst well-made types held firm. Pekoe1's lost out in value. In the Tippy Small leaf catalogues select best FBOP1s held firm; others sold at dearer rates. Well-made stylish FBOP / FBOPF1s sold at lower rates; below best varieties were firm to dearer. FBOPFs appreciated in value. Liquoring BOPs sold at lower rates, whilst others sold at dearer rates. BOPFs appreciated in value. In the Premium Flowery catalogues long leaf and small leaf tippy teas appreciated in value.

Fair general demand prevailed at the Ex-Estate sale with the BOPFs sold at dearer rates. Best and below best Western BOPs were lower Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 and bottom losing a little more. BOPFs gained Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 on last. Nuwara Eliya BOPs were difficult of sale but the BOPFs gained Rs. 20 to Rs. 30. Udupussellawa BOPs were a lower market and the BOPFs particularly the cleaner sorts gained Rs. 40 to Rs. 60 and more. Uva BOPs were lower Rs. 20 to Rs. 30 and BOPFs were Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 dearer. Better Medium BOPs gained upto Rs. 40, whilst BOPFs were firm. CTC BP1s were irregular lower upto Rs. 30, whilst PF1s were about firm.

India - Assam tea industry seeks government's support

state government's intervention in getting banks to raise adhoc working capital limits, grant one-year moratorium on loan repayment interest subvention on working capital and term loans at the rate of 5% besides seeking reduction in GST from 5% to 2.5% or 3%. The industry also underlined the need for shorter printing time as auction reforms, distribution of tea through PDS, marketing tea as immunity booster through Ministry of AYUSH and immediate disbursement of pending subsidies of Tea Board and other government departments. North East Tea Association advisor Bidyananda Barkakoty said on behalf of joint forum of Assam Tea Planters' Association (ATPA), North East Tea Association (NETA) and Bharatiya Cha Parishad (BCP) said that all tea associations raised the liquidity crunch issue at the interactive meeting organized by the Industries and Commerce Department, which was attended by chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

"We are grateful to the chief minister for giving huge importance to tea sector during an interactive session with industry associations and PSUs on 'impact of Covid-19 pandemic on industries of Assam' held today here. The chief minister reiterated on implementation of 'tea mission' announced in the state budget 2020-21, which includes subsidy of Rs 7 per kg for production of "Orthodox tea", subsidy on orthodox machinery to be given to manufacturing units of orthodox tea commencing operations after April 1, 2020, withdrawal of agricultural income tax for three years and 3% interest subvention on all term loans and working capital loans," Barkakoty said. The chief minister also took note of restoration of supply chain of Assam tea in best way possible in the present circumstances, he said. "The chief minister also said that he will soon have a meeting with state level bankers' committee," Barkakoty added. "We have raised at them meeting that on receipt of application from the borrower, banks should automatically increase adhoc working capital limits by at least 25% at a nominal rate of interest to ensure that tea estates can run their operations smoothly. In majority of cases, Banks are already secured by way of mortgage and guarantees," he said. "There should be a one-year moratorium on all loan repayment schedules along with interest payments to prevent most companies from defaulting in loan repayment and we solicit Interest subvention on working capital and term loans @5%," he added. (The Times of India),

Besides, the tea associations also asked for waiving the fixed demand charge of electricity by APDCL for March and April and added that state government has made arrangements to provide food grains to tea garden management through FCI at Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) rate. "But this rate is too high for the tea garden management to sustain. Therefore, we solicit allotment of food grains from the Food Corporation of India to the Assam Tea Sector at concessional rate for distribution to the workers," he said.

India -Tea production expected to improve from June onwards.

Tea Board expects that the production of the crop, which was severely affected due to the coronavirus-triggered lockdown, will improve significantly from June onwards as good monsoon is predicted by the meteorological department, an official said on Tuesday.

Production in the first flush season was hit in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, Tea Board Deputy Chairman Arun Kumar Ray said. "Tea production will improve from June. We are expecting a significant quantity of crop in the second quarter as good monsoon is predicted. The yield will be higher than the previous year," he said.

Both quality and quantity of tea will be better in June, July and August this year, he said, adding that the logistics sector will have an important role to play in transportation of the crop to various markets in this critical period. The estimated production loss will be between 100 and 120 million kg in 2020 due to the lockdown. The country had produced around 1,389 mkg of tea in 2019. Ray said several industry bodies like Indian Tea Association (ITA), Darjeeling Tea Association (DTA) and Indian Tea Exporters Association (ITEA) have submitted their proposals, seeking a relief package. "We have forwarded all to the commerce ministry," he told PTI. He said the industry should try to increase production by introducing shifts with more availability of labourers.

The West Bengal government has allowed tea planters to deploy 50 per cent workforce in the gardens while the estate owners in Assam have been given permission to engage 100 per cent labour force. Regarding exports, Ray said the main problem is that exporters are not able to send samples to overseas buyers. "International couriers are not functioning. Sending by ships is a problem because samples are opened at ports for checking," he added. (Source; Economic Times).

Order of Sale No. 19				
19th / 20th May 2020				
Selling Brokers		Ex-Estate	Main Sale	
		1*	2*	
ASIA SIYAKA	AS	JK	AS	LCB
Bartleet & Co.	BC	CTB	BC	MB
Ceylon Tea Brokers	CTB	EB	MB	FW
Eastern Brokers	EB	FW	FW	EB
Forbes & Walker	FW	AS	JK	JK
John Keells	JK	MB	EB	CTB
Lanka Commodity Brokers	LCB	BC	LCB	BC
Mercantile Brokers	MB	LCB	CTB	AS

1* - Leafy / Tippy / BOP1A / Supplementary

2* - High & Medium / Off Grades / Dust

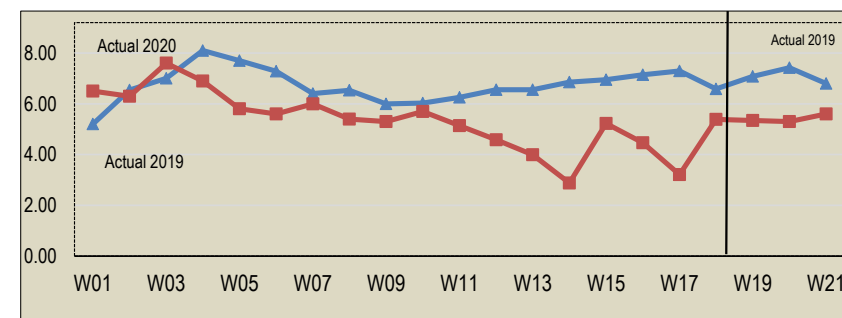
What's on Offer

SALE NO. 19				SALE NO. 20			
		LOTS	QUANTITY	CLOSED ON	LOTS	QUANTITY	CLOSED ON
		19th / 20th May 2020.			26th / 27th May 2020.		
Ex-Estate		547	628,380	30/04/2020	571	652,666	06/05/2020
Main Sale	High & Medium	1,262	658,908	30/04/2020	1,292	656,500	06/05/2020
	Large Leaf	3,474	1,695,550	30/04/2020	3,542	1,661,677	06/05/2020
	Small Leaf	1,814	998,509	30/04/2020	1,823	980,707	06/05/2020
Off Grade / BOP1A		1,802	995,583	30/04/2020	1,822	1,019,848	06/05/2020
Dust		321	317,290	30/04/2020	357	350,251	06/05/2020
Premium Flowery		225	46,905	30/04/2020	247	47,844	06/05/2020
TOTAL		9,445	5,341,125		9,654	5,369,493	
Re-prints		39	36,619		288	167,472	
Last Year		11,762	7,081,698		12,227	7,424,210	

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Auction Quantity Forecast



13 - 14 May 2020.

Other Markets

MOMBASA MARKET REPORT: SALE NO 19 – 11TH & 12TH MAY, 2020

Fair general demand for the 176,925 packages (11,839,272.00 kilos) in the market at irregularly easier rates. However, 14.28% were neglected.

The best BP1s available met an irregular enquiry varying between steady to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC14 while brighter sorts held firm to USC20 easier with medium categories a weak feature and shed USC2 to USC36 with some lines neglected but a few improved invoices advanced by up to USC5. Lower mediums saw better absorption gaining USC2 to USC4 with plainer descriptions USC7 to USC10 dearer but some invoices were unsold.

Best PF1s in the market appreciated by USC6 to USC15 with brighter types irregular and varied between steady to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC3 and some invoices were unsold. Medium sorts shed USC2 to USC6 and many lines remained without bids particularly towards the close while lower mediums met an irregular interest and ranged between firm to USC5 above previous levels to easier by up to USC10 and some lines were neglected with plainer descriptions discounted by USC8 to USC14 and some teas remained unsold especially towards the close.

The best PDUSTs available saw an irregular enquiry ranging between steady to USC8 above previous rates to easier by up to USC4 with brighter varieties USC5 to USC8 easier while medium types were irregular varying between firm to USC5 dearer to easier by USC10 to USC14 and a few invoices remained unsold. Lower mediums ranged between steady to USC4 above last rates to easier by up to USC8 with some teas unsold while plainer categories shed USC6 to USC7 where sold.

Best DUST1s on offer shed USC4 to USC52 while brighter types ranged between firm to USC4 dearer to easier by a similar margin with medium categories varying between steady to USC15 above last rates to easier by USC8 to USC12 and many lines were neglected. Lower medium types varied between firm to USC7 dearer to easier by up to USC12 with plainer categories ranging between steady to USC10 above last week's levels to easier by up to USC5. In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs held value with PFs easier. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings were firm while similar DUSTs eased. Other Fannings were discounted with DUSTs firm. BMFs were dearer.

Pakistan Packers showed strong support with more and useful interest from Sudan. Afghanistan were active but selective with Kazakhstan, other CIS states and Bazaar active but at lower levels. There was reduced participation from Egyptian Packers, Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries, UK and Russia with some select activity from Iran. Somalia were more active at the lower end of the market.

KENYA CTC Quotations

USC/kg	BP1 (12/05/2020)	BP1 5/5/2020	PF1 (12/05/2020)	PF1 5/5/2020
Best	204-632	200-646	215-336	200-330
Good	200-230	200-280	215-235	210-238
Good Medium	200-230	195-266	206-232	210-238
Medium	190-206	192-214	200-222	202-224
Lower Medium	126-232	122-230	155-194	150-204
Plainer	087-170	080-160	084-178	198-186

KENYA CTC Quotations

USC/kg	PD (12/05/2020)	PD 5/5/2020	D1 (12/05/2020)	D1 5/5/2020
Best	206-318	210-310	204-255	208-307
Good	205-234	210-242	204-234	200-248
Good Medium	205-219	200-229	205-214	190-226
Medium	184-220	194-261	180-212	180-220
Lower Medium	140-204	136-212	147-204	140-216
Plainer	084-182	090-189	10-180	090-185

Country Report - U.K

United Kingdom Tea Imports

Country	Jan - Feb 2020		Jan - Feb 2019	
	MT	%	MT	%
Kenya	11,369	58.84	10,495	57.28
India	1,888	9.77	2,110	11.52
Malawi	1,021	5.28	1,290	7.04
Tanzania	497	2.57	500	2.73
China	380	1.97	455	2.48
Mozambique	164	0.85	369	2.01
Sri Lanka	168	0.87	234	1.28
Zimbabwe	288	1.49	115	0.63
Argentina	300	1.55	97	0.53
South Africa	145	0.75	85	0.46
UAE	9	0.05	406	2.22
Germany	125	0.65	242	1.32

Country	Jan - Feb 2020		Jan - Feb 2019	
	MT	%	MT	%
Netherlands	96	0.50	51	0.28
Indonesia	88	0.46	167	0.91
Vietnam	204	1.06	80	0.44
Turkey	43	0.22	40	0.22
Taiwan	23	0.12	6	0.03
Iran	-	0.00	-	0.00
Others	2,514	13.01	1,579	8.62
Total	19,322	100.00	18,321	100.00

Re - Exports	2,606	13.49	3,004	16.40
Net Imports	16,716	86.51	15,317	83.60
Grand Total	19,322	100.00	18,321	100.00

Country Report - U.S.A

United States Tea Imports

Country	Jan - Feb 2020		Jan - Feb 2019	
	MT	%	MT	%
Argentina	4,852	38.57	5,898	41.56
India	1,589	12.63	2,081	14.66
China	918	7.30	1,296	9.13
Malawi	999	7.94	720	5.07
Sri Lanka	1,081	8.59	821	5.78
Vietnam	628	4.99	650	4.58
Indonesia	370	2.94	393	2.77
Zimbabwe	376	2.99	462	3.26
Kenya	323	2.57	404	2.85
Germany	169	1.34	138	0.97
Taiwan	149	1.18	200	1.41

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Country	Jan - Feb 2020		Jan - Feb 2019	
	MT	%	MT	%
United Kingdom	100	0.79	154	1.09
Ecuador	80	0.64	60	0.42
Turkey	39	0.31	18	0.13
Papua New Guinea	0	0.00	19	0.13
South Africa	1	0.01	5	0.04
Others	906	7.20	874	6.16
Black Tea	12,580	100.00	14,193	100.00

Green Tea	2,324	15.59	3,028	17.58
Black Tea	12,580	84.41	14,193	82.42
Grand Total	14,904	100.00	17,221	100.00

World Production Figures Major Producer Exporting Countries

Month & Todate Production

(In MnKg)

Country	During	2020	2019	TOTAL	2020	2019	+/-
Sri Lanka	Mar	13.28	28.35	Mar	53.26	73.42	-20.16
North India	Feb	1.24	4.64	Feb	1.24	4.64	-3.40
South India	Feb	13.29	10.16	Feb	29.30	24.38	4.92
All India*	Feb	14.53	14.80	Feb	30.54	29.02	1.52
Kenya	Mar	55.73	26.46	Mar	158.56	106.29	52.27
Bangladesh	Feb	1.20	4.60	Feb	1.20	4.60	-3.40
Malawi	Feb	7.60	7.70	Feb	13.90	14.70	-0.80

Country	During	2019	2018	TOTAL	2019	2018	+/-
Tanzania	Dec	2.37	3.43	Dec	33.65	35.17	-1.52
Uganda	Nov	3.45	7.42	Nov	50.83	64.86	-14.03

Annual Production

(Million Kg)

Country	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	(+/- 19/18)
Sri Lanka	328.96	292.57	307.71	303.84	300.13	-3.71
India*	1,208.66	1,267.36	1,321.76	1,338.63	1,389.70	51.07
Indonesia*	132.61	137.01	134.00	131.00	128.80	-2.20
Bangladesh	67.37	85.05	78.94	82.13	96.06	13.93
Vietnam*	170.00	180.00	175.00	163.00	158.00	-5.00
China*	2,248.99	2,404.94	2,496.41	2,610.39	2,700.00	89.61
Kenya	399.21	473.01	439.85	492.99	458.85	-34.14
Malawi	39.44	43.12	45.58	50.58	48.19	-2.39
Uganda*	58.58	55.73	53.00	71.56	57.00	-14.56
Tanzania	31.65	29.11	31.81	35.17	33.65	-1.52

Source: Siyaka Research/ATB/Paramount