

Market Report - week 27 (29 June - 03 July 2020)

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Yet another very large auction in **Mombasa** with almost 190K pkgs on offer. The market opened to good general demand with an improved absorption rate across all grades on offer with an outlot figure of 43K pkgs. At the end of the day the all Avg Hammer gained 3cts to close at \$1.81h. BP1's attracted good demand, EoR improved and better WoR was firm to dearer while the poorer types were easier and neglected. The interest on Rwanda was selective, selling very little at easier rates and most being out listed. Burundi broken on the other hand were sought after and improved up to 20cts for some marks. Best EoR PF1 gained a few cents with below best remaining firm. WoR was steady with selected better marks gaining while the mediums were irregularly steady with selective interest from UK operators. The plainer PF1's gained as they met good interest from Bazar, UK and Russia. PD's and D1's from both sides of the Rift appreciated up to 20cts after strong demand from Yemen and Bazar. The plantation types were of less interest and were let go at easier rates, except for the plainer types which were selling at firm to dearer levels. The weather EoR is chilly and cloudy in the mornings with some short periods of sun in the afternoon while WoR experienced bright and sunny mornings and cloudy afternoons with occasional precipitation. Most parts recorded a steady harvest and WoR higher compared to last week even while pruning has started in some areas. Next week there will be again an impressive amount of tea for sale, 192K pkgs followed by 179K which they plan to sell completely through the e-auction for the first time. In **Malawi** there was no auction but couldn't speak of a quiet week as the new president Dr Lazarus Chakwera was sworn in on Sunday following a landmark victory during the fresh presidential elections held last Tuesday 23rd June. Next week will be the kick-off for the auctions that will be held on Thursdays, with the first one having 3.340pkgs on offer. The crop intake is seasonally low. In **Jakarta**, Java/Sumatra mostly selling at steady to firm levels except for some Java PD's and fannings which were selling at firm to dearer level. In **Kolkata**, the market opened to strong demand with a total of 90% being sold. **Guwahati** witnessed the same strong demand with best and good Assams selling fully firm to dearer. In **Coonoor**, good demand prevailed over all grades on offer. The brighter lots were firm to dearer while the good and better medium types saw a mixed outcome with a slightly lower trend. Mediums were barely steady to easier whilst the black plainer lots saw a slight increase. Dust types met good demand at steady levels.

Orthodox

This week in **Colombo**, there was a marginal increase in offerings which stood at 6.9 Mn kg versus last week's 6.5 Mn kg. Better category teas eased considerably following quality, while bottom end teas softened due to increased quantities. Further to sellers' woe, a main buyer took an easy pace approach. In the medium Grown category, it was all around easier, save for FF1 and Pekoes which attracted more interest. Low Grown saw improved demand and are now on the up. Select best OP1s could not attract the attention needed to gain traction and sold at significantly lower levels. Western /Nuwara Eliya regions reported bright morning and overcast evenings. Uva/Udapussellawa regions clear mornings and dull evenings, though the Department of Meteorology expects light showers in the Central Province in the coming week. Low Grown, Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions reported bright weather with occasional showers. In **Jakarta**, Java/Sumatra mostly sold steady to firm except for some invoices of Sumatra BOP1 which sold steady to easier. In Java, irregular showers were reported in the late afternoon/evening hours in most planting districts. The intensity of the rain remains good enough for crop where the dry season was supposed to be starting in May. Similar conditions as last week presided over Sumatra, with partly bright and sunny in the morning with irregular rain. In **Kolkata**, 95% went sold and was an all-around dearer market. There was considerable demand for second flush descriptions on offer, following improved quality. In **Coonoor**, good demand across the board save for the medium category which sold at irregular levels. In **Coimbatore**, the market met strong demand with all varieties sold at dearer levels.

"The time has come for us to go beyond dreaming. We all must wake up because this is a time to arise from slumber and make our dream come true." – Lazarus Chakwera

Auction qty. (pkgs)	week 28	week 29	week 30
Mombasa	192,080	179,796	193,759
Blantyre	3,340	No closing	N/A
Colombo	7.01 m. kgs	6.89 m. kgs	N/A
Jakarta	11,260	11,920	N/A
Kolkata	74,718	94,704	N/A
Guwahati	167,034	No closing	N/A



Crop figures (m.kg)	Mar '20	Mar '19	Jan -Mar '20	Jan-Mar '19
North India	32.2	59.5	33.4	64.1
South India	11.3	15.1	40.6	39.5
Crop figures (m.kg)	Apr '20	Apr '19	Jan -Apr '20	Jan- Apr '19
Malawi	6.38	7.37	27.05	28.55
Kenya	49.66	26.13	208.23	132.42
Sri Lanka	13.28	23.62	73.31	97.1
Crop figures (m.kg)	May '20	May '19	Jan -May '20	Jan-May '19
Malawi	2.8	4.5	29.9	33.0

All price movements quoted in USD per kilo

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