

Tea Market Report: Sale 13 of the 26th—27th March, 2018

Fair demand for the 133,419 packages (8.69m/kgs) on offer at easier rates with prices following quality and 11.71% were unsold.

The Best BP1s available shed USC5 with Brighter varieties easing by USC6 - USC28 while Medium categories were irregular ranging between USC15 dearer to easier by USC4 - USC17. Lower Mediums held firm to USC10 below last prices and some lines were neglected with plainer types varying between firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC14.

Best PF1s on offer appreciated by USC30 while Brighter descriptions met an irregular enquiry and varied between firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC5 with Medium sorts irregular varying between firm to USC8 above last levels to easier by a similar rate. Lower Medium categories met improved enquiry holding firm to USC18 dearer while Plainer types were a weak feature with poorest discounted by USC5 - USC8 but a few improved invoices were steady.

The Best PDUSTs in the market advanced by up to USC20 while Brighter categories eased by USC4 to USC15 with Mediums USC6 - USC14 below previous rates. Lower Medium descriptions held firm to USC10 easier with Plainer sorts varying between USC4 dearer to easier by a similar level and poorest were heavily discounted where sold.

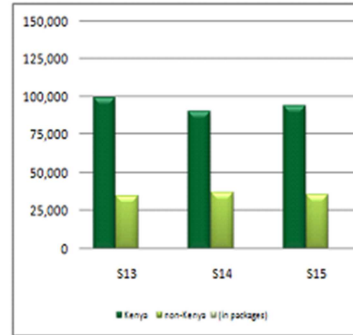
Best DUST1s in the market were well competed for at irregular levels and a few Invoices gained substantially with quality while Brighter types were steady to USC10 easier with Me-

Current and Future Auction Offerings

Country	Sale 13 26 - 27 Mar'18		Sale 13 27 - 28 Mar'17		Sale 14 3 - 4 Apr'18		Sale 15 9 - 10 Apr'18	
	MG	SG	MG	SG	MG	SG	MG	SG
Kenya	90,680	8,040	74,560	7,239	80,740	9,020	85,780	7,600
Uganda	10,620	7,400	7,880	4,819	10,280	6,578	10,980	5,600
Tanzania	3,479	1,880	920	1,240	5,780	2,860	3,080	2,307
Rwanda	6,100	1,280	5,160	1,320	5,960	1,640	6,880	1,460
Burundi	2,760	60	2,800	160	2,800	140	3,480	340
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	380	20	180	20	280	0	0	0
Mozambique	0	720	280	160	0	520	440	360
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
Reprints	14,680	1,280	8,300	899	9,900	1,500	11,560	1,020
Total	114,019	19,400	91,780	14,958	105,840	20,758	110,640	18,367
	133,419		106,738		126,598		129,007	

dium varieties easing by USC2 - USC14. Lower Medium types lost USC6 - USC22 with Plainer categories easier by USC3 - USC10 but poorest were heavily discounted by up to USC30 where sold.

In the Secondary Catalogues BPs were firm while PFs were steady. Clean well sorted colour Fannings gained while similar DUSTs held value. Other Fannings were dearer while similar DUSTs were firm. BMFs were readily absorbed at dearer levels.



Pakistan Packers lent strong support and were dominant with maintained useful interest from Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries but at lower levels. There was more activity from Afghanistan and Sudan while Egyptian Packers maintained interest but at lower rates. UK were more active but selective on quality with Russia, Kazakhstan and other CIS nations maintaining interest while Iran were active but there was reduced interest from Bazaar. Somalia were more active at the lower end of the market.

CTC Quotations and Highest Prices (USC)

	BP1	PF1	PD	D1
Best	278 - 400	330 - 386	325 - 462	316 - 510
Good	280 - 350	332 - 352	320 - 342	320 - 333
Good Medium	275 - 324	310 - 342	326 - 334	310 - 330
Medium	260 - 292	280 - 313	268 - 306	267 - 318
Lower Medium	158 - 244	164 - 278	180 - 269	188 - 272
Plainer	150 - 176	144 - 232	146 - 240	147 - 216

Courtesy- Tea brokers East Africa Limited.