Tea Market Report: Sale 51 of 16th - 17th December 2024

The final sale of the year 2024 saw improved general demand for the 178,470 packages (12.05m/kgs) available in the market, 24.16% remained unsold.

Leaf Grades (M2 & M3)

Offerings: 91,580 packages (6,08m/kgs) — 28.13% unsold.

BP1:

Best – Saw improved absorption at dearer levels irregularly advancing by up to USC70; a few lines lost up to USC6.

Brighter – Mostly dearer by up to USC53; some invoices however lost up to USC10.

Mediums — KTDA mediums were irregular and ranged between USC54 above previous levels to easier by up to USC41. Plantation mediums saw improved enquiry gaining up to USC74.

Lower Medium – Were irregular and varied between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC30 with some lines USC39 above last rates to easier by up to USC6.

Plainer – Mostly easier by up to USC12 but select teas were USC4 and USC11 dearer.

PF1:

Best – Were irregular at firm to mostly dearer by up to USC32 with some invoices USC46

Current and Future Fresh Auction Offerings

Country	Sale 51 16 - 17 Dec/24		Sale 51 18-19 Dec 23		Sale 01 6-7.ba/25		Sale 02 13 -14 Jan 25	
	MB	56	MB .	96	MB.	96	MB:	96
Kerya	96,320	12,070	128,380	15,000	94,520	10,119	95,760	8,520
Uganda	12,440	8,200	12,840	7,551	12,000	7,239	12,080	7,580
Tanzaria	2,480	260	1,000	700	1,440	200	700	100
Rwanda	6,880	720	9,580	1,200	6,040	880	6,680	800
Buundi	1,520	300	680	400	0	0	600	5/8
Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milawi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madagas car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbelowe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D R Congo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meantique	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reprints	35,240	2,040	62,740	3,859	25,800	2,059	42,920	1,860
Total	119,640 21,550 141,150		152,460 24,951 177,311		114,000 12,438 132,438		115,820 17,578 133,388	

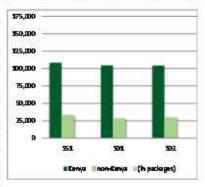
above last rates to easier by up to USC22 for a few lines.

Brighter – Mostly dearer by up to USC10 but some lines eased by up to USC7.

Mediums — KTDA mediums were irregular and varied between firm to USC32 above previous levels to mostly easier by up to USC20 with plantation mediums up to USC17 below last rates but some invoices gained USC5.

Lower Medium – Irregular and lost up to USC14 with some teas up to USC10 dearer.

Plainer – Mostly easier up to USC22 but a few lines were USC22 above previous levels.



DUST Grades (M1)

Offerings: 63,300 packages (4.72m/kgs) – 26.03% unsold.

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PDUST:

Best – Met strong absorption up to USC16 above previous rates but select invoices irregularly lost up to USC24.

Brighter – Mostly gained by up to USC22 with a few lines up to USC6 below previous prices.

Mediums - KTDA mediums varied between USC2 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC15; plantation mediums were well competed for advancing by up to USC10 with some teas discounted by up to a similar margin.

Lower Medium – Saw strong enquiry at mostly dearer rates gaining by up to USC15 although a few invoices were irregularly easier by up to USC3.

Plainer - Were dearer by up to USC14 but some teas lost up to USC3.

DUST1:

Best – Steady to USC10 above previous rates to easier by up to a similar margin.

Brighter – Irregular interest and ranged between firm to USC16 dearer to easier by up to USC15.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were irregular at USC15 above last rates to easier by a similar margin with plantation mediums well competed for advancing by up to USC20.

Lower Medium – Saw irregular support at USC7 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC20.

Plainer – Mostly dearer by up to USC12 to easier by up to USC6 for some Invoices.

Secondary Grades (S1)

Offerings: 23,590 packages (1.27m/kgs) – 18.82% unsold.

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs eased while PFs were firm to irreg-

ularly dearer. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings held value with similar DUSTs steady. Other Fannings were firm with DUSTs holding on last levels. BMFs were readily absorbed.

Markets

Pakistan Packers were more active with maintained interest from Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries. Afghanistan lent more support with improved activity from Kazakhstan and other CIS states. Bazaar were active with more participation from UK. There was improved participation from Egyptian Packers with some activity from Russia. Sudan lent strong support with some interest from South Sudan. China maintained activity with reduced enquiry from Local Packers. Somalia were active at the lower end of the market.

	Category (8and)	Percentage volume sold	Average Price ranges (for the marks within the category)		Min-Max Prices per grade								
					BP1		PF:		PD		DUST1		
			Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
-1	Best Below Boot	84%	3.32	4.36	2.87	4.66	3.4	4.09	3.14	4	2.94	3.47	
-1	Below Best	84%	2.72	3.84	2.46	2.7	2.52	4.06	2.62	3.76	2.62	3.32	
-1	Good Best Medium	56% 89%	1.61	2.82	1.46		1.52	2.8	1.6	2.99	1.45	2.66	
н			1.33	2.01	1,3	1.96	1.44	1,76	1.25	2.12	1.5	1.86	
-1	Medium	86%	1.09	1.75	1.22	1,68	1,2	1.77	1.1	1.8	1.06	1.6	
-1	Lower Medium	83%	0.97	1.29	1.1	1,35	0.96	1.4	0,94	1.37	0.9	1.27	
	Plain	65%	0.74	1.26	0.7	1.26	0.8	1.24	0.74	1.3	0.89	1.24	
l	Totals	73%	0.74	4.36	0.7	4.66	0.8	4.09	0.74	4	0.89	3.47	
1	Category	Percentage	Average Prices per grade Totals								ia.		
	(Band)	of Total	BP1		PF1		PD		DUST1				
4		Sold	Kgs	Avg	Kgs	Avg	Kgs	Avg	Kgs	Avg	Kgs	Avg	
-1	Best	11%	109154	3.72	444240	3.64	161980	3.32	113792	3.21	829166	3.53	
	Below Best	24%	159448	3.18	1034876	3.32	440668	3.17	195730	2.96	1830722	3.23	
١	Good	31%	205370	2.01	1243568	1.86	667644	1.97	202824	1.85	2319406	1.91	
	Best Medium	13%	99240	1.71	334548	1.55	516020	1.77	42160	1.67	991968	1.68	
1	Medium	13%	96217	1.44	317112	1.5	492113	1.51	60940	1.3	966382	1.49	
	Lower Medium	696	48405	1.21	101592	1.1	173610	1.13	113954	1.13	437561	1.13	
1	Plain	296	13992	0.98	53432	0.96	78292	1.04	28448	1.05	174164	1.01	
1	Totals	100%	731826	2.33	3529368	2.42	2530327	2.05	757848	2.14	7549369	2.26	

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