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KENYA TEA INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

PRODUCTION

Tea production for the month of February 2019 was 31.44 Million Kgs, against 27.93 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding month of 2018. The increase in production was largely attributed to scattered precipitation which was experienced in the East of Rift following which the region's output rose from 9.28 Million Kgs to 13.50 Million Kgs. Consequently, good production was recorded within Plantation sub-sector with output increasing from 15.92 Million Kgs to 19.00 Million Kgs. However, owing to drier weather conditions coupled with less rainfall, the output within the West of Rift dropped marginally from 18.65 Million Kgs recorded in February 2018 to 17.94 Million Kgs. Similarly, production within the Estate sub-sector increased marginally from 12.01 Million Kgs to 12.42 Million Kgs.

Cumulative production for the two months period of the year was higher by 16.08% to stand at 79.83 Million Kgs against 68.77 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding period of 2018.

Table 1: Tea Production by Sub-Sector and Region (2019 vis-à-vis 2018)

Sector	Region	February 2019	February 2018	Variance	Var.(%)	Jan - Feb 2019	Jan - Feb 2018	Variance +/-	Var.(%)
Plantation	West of Rift	10,828,718	11,192,827	- 364,109	-3.25%	29,741,616	26,909,365	2,832,251	10.53%
	East of Rift	1,593,673	820,994	772,679	94.12%	3,317,095	2,119,300	1,197,795	56.52%
	Total	12,422,391	12,013,821	408,570	3.40%	33,058,711	29,028,665	4,030,046	13.88%
Smallholder	West of Rift	7,111,387	7,462,185	- 350,798	-4.70%	18,230,901	18,229,121	1,780	0.01%
	East of Rift	11,911,302	8,463,119	3,448,183	40.74%	28,541,935	21,515,755	7,026,180	32.66%
	Total	19,022,689	15,925,304	3,097,385	19.45%	46,772,836	39,744,876	7,027,960	17.68%
Plantation & Smallholder	West of Rift	17,940,105	18,655,012	- 714,907	-3.83%	47,972,517	45,138,486	2,834,031	6.28%
	East of Rift	13,504,975	9,284,113	4,220,862	45.46%	31,859,030	23,635,055	8,223,975	34.80%
	Total	31,445,080	27,939,125	3,505,955	12.55%	79,831,547	68,773,541	11,058,006	16.08%

TEA SALES AUCTION

During the month of February 2019, 34.40 Million kgs of Kenyan tea was sold through Mombasa Auction against 20.41 Million kgs recorded in February 2018. The average tea auction prices for Kenyan tea for the month was lower at USD 2.16 per Kg against 2.98 for the corresponding period of last year.

The Average Auction price for the period January- February was lower at USD 2.24 per Kg compared to 2.97 per Kg for the same period of last year.

EXPORTS

The total export volume for the month of February 2019 was 44.51 Million Kgs compared to 48.08 Million Kgs recorded in the same period of last year.

During the month, Kenya tea was shipped to forty nine (49) export destinations compared to fifty three (53) destinations for the same period of last year. Amongst these markets, Pakistan was the leading export destination for Kenyan tea having imported 16.53 Million Kgs, accounting for 37% of the total export volume.

Other key export destinations for Kenyan tea were Egypt (9.47 Million Kgs), UK (4.10 Million Kgs), UAE (1.86 Million Kgs), Russia (1.27 Million Kgs), Sudan (1.22 Million Kgs), Yemen (1.16 Million Kgs), Nigeria (1.10 Million Kgs), Afghanistan (0.87 Million Kgs) and Saudi Arabia (0.80 Million Kgs). The top ten export destinations, most of which are traditional markets for Kenyan tea accounted for 86% of Kenya tea export volume. Egypt, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia markets recorded higher tea imports from Kenya.

Significantly higher tea imports from Kenya were also recorded amongst the emerging markets of Ireland, Switzerland, Poland, Netherlands, Jordan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Chad, Canada, Ghana, Sri-Lanka, Guinea and Italy.

LOCAL CONSUMPTION

Local tea consumption for February 2019 stood at 2.95 Million Kgs against 1.67 Million Kgs for the corresponding period of 2018 while cumulative tea consumption for the two months period upto February 2019 was 6.56 Million Kgs against 4.07 Million Kgs for the same period of 2018.

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Table 2: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (February 2019 vis-à-vis February 2018)

DESTINATION	2019 - QUANTITY (KGS)	2018 - QUANTITY (KGS)	QUANTITY DIFF	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	16,531,745	20,548,957	-4,017,212	-20%
EGYPT	9,479,069	6,104,847	3,374,222	55%
UK	4,108,140	5,760,083	-1,651,943	-29%
UAE	1,806,414	4,210,563	-2,404,149	-57%
RUSSIA	1,270,000	1,567,603	-297,603	-19%
SUDAN	1,228,021	1,601,130	-373,109	-23%
YEMEN	1,161,666	1,396,431	-234,765	-17%
NIGERIA	1,106,147	212,532	893,615	420%
AFGHANISTAN	874,321	767,296	107,025	14%
SAUDI ARABIA	807,799	336,076	471,723	140%
IRELAND	597,607	369,070	228,537	62%
SWITZERLAND	519,952	235,954	283,998	120%
BANGLADESH	392,754		392,754	0%
POLAND	357,164	271,680	85,484	31%
NETHERLANDS	356,679	74,832	281,847	377%
KAZAKSTAN	341,454	497,817	-156,363	-31%
JORDAN	328,250	198,000	130,250	66%
IRAN	293,033	530,670	-237,637	-45%
CHINA	278,956	40,250	238,706	593%
USA	252,004	248,363	3,641	1%
TURKEY	246,827	436,564	-189,737	-43%
INDONESIA	236,727	171,380	65,347	38%
MALAYSIA	225,374	16,900	208,474	1234%
SOMALIA	208,344	477,451	-269,107	-56%
INDIA	199,164	266,763	-67,599	-25%
CHILE	181,295	251,972	-70,677	-28%
CHAD	153,665	43,966	109,699	250%
CANADA	151,400	59,780	91,620	153%
JAPAN	131,800	25,146	106,654	424%
UKRAINE	116,220	123,981	-7,761	-6%
GERMANY	110,262	80,126	30,136	38%
GHANA	63,860	24,840	39,020	157%
SRI LANKA	55,371	16,995	38,376	226%
QATAR	51,880	-	51,880	0%
DJIBOUTI	50,975	-	50,975	0%
OMAN	50,673	-	50,673	0%
SOUTH AFRICA	42,000	53,025	-11,025	-21%
UZBEKISTAN	41,800	210,600	-168,800	-80%
MYANMAR	28,080	-	28,080	0%
BEIGIUM	20,080	-	20,080	0%
PALAU	15,332	-	15,332	0%
NEW ZEALAND	12,800	-	12,800	0%
GUINEA	10,518	5,472	5,046	92%
SINGAPORE	9,196	14,240	-5,044	-35%
ITALY	6,900	2,300	4,600	200%
MOROCCO	5,457	-	5,457	0%
GUINEA	426	-	426	0%
CZECH REPUBLIC	100	-	100	0%
KAZAKHSTAN	94	-	94	0%
AUSTRALIA	-	32	-32	0%
AZERBAIJAN	-	21,763	-21,763	0%
BRAZIL	-	100,500	-100,500	0%
EPZ	-	572,326	-572,326	0%
FRANCE	-	18	-18	0%
GREECE	-	3,810	-3,810	0%
GRENANDA	-	24,830	-24,830	0%
HONG KONG	-	12,634	-12,634	0%
KOREA REPUBLIC	-	68	-68	0%
LIBERIA	-	90	-90	0%
MALI	-	3	-3	0%
MAURITIUS	-	22,995	-22,995	0%
SOUTH SUDAN	-	29,335	-29,335	0%
TANZANIA	-	16,250	-16,250	0%
UGANDA	-	5,151	-5,151	0%
VIETNAM	-	26,480	-26,480	0%
TOTAL	44,517,795	48,089,940	-3,572,145	-7%

Table 3: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (Jan- Feb 2019 vis-à-vis Jan- Feb 2018)

DESTINATION	2019 - QUANTITY (KGS)	2018 - QUANTITY (KGS)	QUANTITY DIFF	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	31,791,659	33,186,577	-1,394,918	-4%
EGYPT	20,552,113	12,408,964	8,143,149	66%
UK	9,935,493	8,497,233	1,438,260	17%
UAE	4,600,995	6,014,486	-1,413,491	-24%
RUSSIA	3,115,199	3,068,957	46,242	2%
SUDAN	2,670,503	2,232,989	437,514	20%
YEMEN	2,283,350	2,358,481	-75,131	-3%
NIGERIA	1,782,225	577,380	1,204,845	209%
AFGHANISTAN	1,599,568	1,141,208	458,360	40%
SAUDI ARABIA	1,593,056	601,926	991,130	165%
SWITZERLAND	1,297,610	783,282	514,328	66%
IRELAND	1,031,047	502,141	528,906	105%
IRAN	996,102	669,651	326,451	49%
KAZAKSTAN	968,683	977,715	-9,032	-1%
POLAND	951,049	903,628	47,421	5%
JORDAN	656,500	478,000	178,500	37%
BANGLADESH	600,042	-	600,042	0%
TURKEY	566,615	508,756	57,859	11%
CHINA	521,109	55,950	465,159	831%
SOMALIA	489,222	746,630	-257,408	-34%
INDONESIA	481,065	403,213	77,852	19%
NETHERLANDS	480,907	74,832	406,075	543%
USA	431,676	567,429	-135,753	-24%
MALAYSIA	391,960	83,100	308,860	372%
INDIA	342,852	279,215	63,637	23%
JAPAN	259,200	406,486	-147,286	-36%
CANADA	257,316	87,980	169,336	192%
CHAD	229,789	89,866	139,923	156%
UKRAINE	228,120	240,796	-12,676	-5%
CHILE	181,295	362,292	-180,997	-50%
SOUTH AFRICA	158,856	95,505	63,351	66%
OMAN	147,792	70,172	77,620	111%
GERMANY	137,438	158,016	-20,578	-13%
ERITREA	129,920	-	129,920	0%
UZBEKISTAN	112,600	233,220	-120,620	-52%
DJIBOUTI	82,975	48,000	34,975	73%
SRI LANKA	70,771	64,995	5,776	9%
GHANA	68,792	24,840	43,952	177%
QATAR	51,880	-	51,880	0%
SINGAPORE	48,626	14,240	34,386	241%
NEW ZEALAND	38,400	120,968	-82,568	-68%
MYANMAR	28,080	-	28,080	0%
BEIGIUM	20,080	-	20,080	0%
PALAU	15,332	-	15,332	0%
HONG KONG	11,340	58,634	-47,294	-81%
GUINEA	10,518	5,472	5,046	92%
ITALY	9,200	2,300	6,900	300%
TAIWAN	5,850	7,140	-1,290	-18%
MOROCCO	5,457	-	5,457	0%
KYRGYZSTAN	2,094	-	2,094	0%
GUINEA	426	-	426	0%
CZECH REPUBLIC	100	-	100	0%
KAZAKHSTAN	94	-	94	0%
AUSTRALIA	-	32	-32	0%
AZERBAIJAN	-	21,763	-21,763	0%
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MAURITIUS	-	22,995	-22,995	0%
SEYCHELLES	-	3,360	-3,360	0%
SOUTH SUDAN	-	29,335	-29,335	0%
TANZANIA	-	16,250	-16,250	0%
UGANDA	-	5,151	-5,151	0%
VIETNAM	-	26,480	-26,480	0%
TOTAL	92,442,941	80,039,688	12,403,253	15%