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## **KENYA TEA INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2019**

### **PRODUCTION**

Tea production for the month of April 2019 decreased to 26.13 Million Kgs compared to 44.57 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding month of 2018. Lower production was largely attributed to drier weather conditions, delayed onset of 'long rains' season and poor temporal and spatially distributed rainfall that was experienced in the tea growing areas during the period up to April. The most affected region was the East of Rift where production declined from 18.35 Million Kgs to 7.87 Million Kgs, signifying a drop of 57% as most parts of the region received lower and scattered showers while the rest experienced drier conditions. Production within the West of Rift decreased from 26.22 Million Kgs recorded in April 2018 to 18.25 Million Kgs signifying a drop of 30%. Consequently, the Smallholder sub-sector recorded decreased tea output of 12.52 Million Kgs from 28.15 Million Kgs to 15.62 Million Kgs while the Plantation sub-sector registered a drop of 5.92 Million Kgs from 16.42 Million Kgs recorded in April 2018 to 10.50 Million Kgs.

Owing to poor weather conditions, cumulative production for the first four months (Jan-April) of the year was lower at 132.42 Million Kgs against 144.34 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding period of 2018.

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

Sector	Region	April 2019	April 2018	Variance +/-	Var.(%)	Jan - April 2019	Jan - April 2018	Variance +/-	Var.(%)
Plantation	West of Rift	9,923,230	14,913,146	- 4,989,916	-33.46%	49,146,797	53,895,344	- 4,748,547	-8.81%
	East of Rift	578,594	1,513,261	- 934,667	-61.77%	4,640,376	4,460,431	179,945	4.03%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,501,824</b>	<b>16,426,407</b>	<b>- 5,924,583</b>	<b>-36.07%</b>	<b>53,787,173</b>	<b>58,355,775</b>	<b>- 4,568,602</b>	<b>-7.83%</b>
Smallholder	West of Rift	8,329,525	11,307,637	- 2,978,112	-26.34%	33,314,910	38,151,634	- 4,836,724	-12.68%
	East of Rift	7,299,955	16,845,835	- 9,545,880	-56.67%	45,322,471	47,832,837	- 2,510,366	-5.25%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,629,480</b>	<b>28,153,472</b>	<b>- 12,523,992</b>	<b>-44.48%</b>	<b>78,637,381</b>	<b>85,984,471</b>	<b>- 7,347,090</b>	<b>-8.54%</b>
Plantation & Smallholder	West of Rift	18,252,755	26,220,783	- 7,968,028	-30.39%	82,461,707	92,046,978	- 9,585,271	-10.41%
	East of Rift	7,878,549	18,359,096	- 10,480,547	-57.09%	49,962,847	52,293,268	- 2,330,421	-4.46%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,131,304</b>	<b>44,579,879</b>	<b>- 18,448,575</b>	<b>-41.38%</b>	<b>132,424,554</b>	<b>144,340,246</b>	<b>- 11,915,692</b>	<b>-8.26%</b>

## **TEA SALES**

### **AUCTION**

During the month of April, 35.46 Million kgs of Kenyan tea was sold through Mombasa Auction against 30.94 Million kgs recorded in same period of last year. The average tea auction prices for Kenyan tea for the month USD 2.26 per Kg which was lower compared to 2.67 recorded in April 2018.

The Average Auction price for the period January- April 2019 stood at USD 2.22 per Kg compared to 2.84 per kg for the same period of last year. Lower prices to-date this year was attributed to higher volume of tea offered at the Auction.

### **EXPORTS**

The total export volume for the month of April 2019 was 43.90 Million Kgs compared to 36.73 Million Kgs recorded same period of last year, representing a 20% increase. During the month, Kenya tea was shipped to forty four (44) export destinations compared to fifty six (56) destinations for the same period of last year. Amongst these markets, Pakistan was the leading export destination for Kenyan tea having imported 17.01 Million Kgs, accounting for 39% of the total export volume. Other key export destinations for Kenyan tea were Egypt (8.98 Million Kgs), Sudan (2.62 Million Kgs), UK (2.50 Million Kgs), UAE (2.38 Million Kgs), Russia (1.64 Million Kgs), Afghanistan (1.10 Million Kgs), Yemen (1.03 Million Kgs), Kazakhstan (0.75 Million

kgs) and Iran (0.68 Million Kgs). The ten export destinations, most of which which are traditional markets for Kenyan tea accounted for 88% of Kenya tea export volume. Amongst the markets that recorded higher tea imports from Kenya included Pakistan, Egypt, UAE, Russia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Iran.

Amongst the emerging markets that recorded significantly higher tea imports from Kenya included Switzerland, Ireland, India, Netherlands, Japan, Jordan, China, South Africa, Oman, Ukraine, Chad, Taiwan, New Zealand and Brazil.

The total export volume for the period January-April 2019 stood at 181.12 Million Kgs compared to 152.54 Million Kgs recorded same period of last year.

## **LOCAL CONSUMPTION**

Local tea consumption for April 2019 stood at 2.35 Million Kgs against 2.45 Million Kgs for the corresponding period of 2018 while cumulative tea consumption for the first four months period upto April 2019 was 11.52 Million Kgs against 9.54 Million Kgs for the same period of last year.

30<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019

**Table 3: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (April 2019 vis-à-vis April 2018)**

DESTINATION	2019 - QUANTITY (KGS)	2018 - QUANTITY (KGS)	QUANTITY DIFF	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	17,018,927	12,403,078	4,615,849	37%
EGYPT	8,982,679	3,054,931	5,927,748	194%
SUDAN	2,625,214	1,652,529	972,685	59%
UK	2,508,297	4,800,300	- 2,292,003	-48%
UAE	2,385,654	2,362,032	23,622	1%
RUSSIA	1,648,442	1,358,461	289,981	21%
AFGHANSTAN	1,110,904	351,672	759,232	216%
YEMEN	1,031,575	1,404,488	- 372,913	-27%
KAZAKSTAN	754,886	592,934	161,952	27%
IRAN	688,135	111,941	576,194	515%
SWITZERLAND	599,280	103,637	495,643	478%
POLAND	515,768	1,145,576	- 629,808	-55%
IRELAND	440,124	334,422	105,702	32%
SAUDI ARABIA	405,278	397,220	8,058	2%
INDIA	379,694	162,150	217,544	134%
NETHERLANDS	301,807	91,706	210,101	229%
TURKEY	231,636	389,190	- 157,554	-40%
JAPAN	226,800	131,440	95,360	73%
JORDAN	218,834	198,000	20,834	11%
CHINA	190,871	23,608	167,263	709%
INDONESIA	186,846	148,625	38,221	26%
SOMALIA	164,215	320,174	- 155,959	-49%
SOUTH AFRICA	163,568	14,182	149,386	1053%
USA	152,454	262,186	- 109,732	-42%
SRI LANKA	127,856	64,838	63,018	97%
OMAN	121,126	54,529	66,597	122%
CHILE	103,580	183,448	- 79,868	-44%
UKRAINE	91,859	39,450	52,409	133%
CHAD	89,791	75,264	14,527	19%
DJIBOUTI	80,000	78,600	1,400	2%
MAURITIUS	60,000	-	60,000	0%
MALAYSIA	54,696	113,066	- 58,370	-52%
CANADA	47,900	105,018	- 57,118	-54%
TAIWAN	32,400	15,600	16,800	108%
UZBEKISTAN	26,040	52,800	- 26,760	-51%
NEW ZEALAND	25,080	12,800	12,280	96%
SINGAPORE	24,000	-	24,000	0%
HONG KONG	22,680	25,712	- 3,032	-12%
GERMANY	21,680	53,520	- 31,840	-59%
EPZ	14,000	3,123,790	- 3,109,790	-100%
AZERBAIJAN	10,515	20,943	- 10,428	-50%
BRAZIL	9,000	4,789	4,211	88%
LITHUANIA	8,986	-	8,986	0%
GUINEA	5,472	5,472	-	0%
BANGLADESH	-	70,210	- 70,210	0%
BOTSWANA	-	100	- 100	0%
D R CONGO	-	16,409	- 16,409	0%
ERITREA	-	84,004	- 84,004	0%
GEORGIA	-	23,650	- 23,650	0%
GHANA	-	50,400	- 50,400	0%
GREECE	-	850	- 850	0%
IRAQ	-	2	- 2	0%
KOREA REPUBLIC	-	436	- 436	0%
MACAO	-	7,500	- 7,500	0%
NIGERIA	-	592,280	- 592,280	0%
NORWAY	-	896	- 896	0%
SOUTH SUDAN	-	32,262	- 32,262	0%
TANZANIA	-	8,120	- 8,120	0%
UGANDA	-	50	- 50	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,908,549</b>	<b>36,731,290</b>	<b>7,177,259</b>	<b>20%</b>

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

DESTINATION	2019 - QUANTITY (KGS)	2018 - QUANTITY (KGS)	QUANTITY DIFF	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	66,325,859	58,446,893	7,878,966	13%
EGYPT	37,350,200	18,551,278	18,798,922	101%
UK	16,334,026	16,497,563	-163,537	-1%
UAE	9,311,926	12,166,471	-2,854,545	-23%
SUDAN	7,428,900	5,841,954	1,586,946	27%
RUSSIA	6,130,492	6,087,434	43,058	1%
YEMEN	4,583,135	5,166,418	-583,283	-11%
AFGHANISTAN	3,670,841	2,152,988	1,517,853	70%
KAZAKSTAN	2,599,582	2,270,260	329,322	15%
SAUDI ARABIA	2,579,112	1,302,090	1,277,022	98%
IRAN	2,514,984	1,067,756	1,447,228	136%
SWITZERLAND	2,405,078	1,257,823	1,147,255	91%
NIGERIA	2,320,811	1,871,241	449,570	24%
POLAND	1,846,541	2,356,010	-509,469	-22%
IRELAND	1,791,599	1,026,516	765,083	75%
JORDAN	1,203,584	874,000	329,584	38%
NETHERLANDS	1,106,600	234,938	871,662	371%
CHINA	1,022,262	214,002	808,260	378%
SOMALIA	974,823	1,687,975	-713,152	-42%
TURKEY	958,328	1,268,192	-309,864	-24%
INDIA	904,800	639,021	265,779	42%
USA	811,956	1,077,423	-265,467	-25%
JAPAN	775,650	604,451	171,199	28%
INDONESIA	768,591	701,714	66,877	10%
MALAYSIA	651,804	298,534	353,270	118%
BANGLADESH	600,042	97,772	502,270	514%
UKRAINE	459,664	440,737	18,927	4%
CHAD	428,923	229,365	199,558	87%
SOUTH AFRICA	415,696	230,385	185,311	80%
CANADA	333,216	241,539	91,677	38%
OMAN	302,273	128,901	173,372	135%
CHILE	299,035	726,968	-427,933	-59%
SRI LANKA	271,507	203,961	67,546	33%
UZBEKISTAN	258,950	357,796	-98,846	-28%
QATAR	255,540	-	255,540	0%
GERMANY	247,182	211,536	35,646	17%
DJIBOUTI	162,975	174,600	-11,625	-7%
ERITREA	129,920	84,004	45,916	55%
GHANA	102,632	150,840	-48,208	-32%
SINGAPORE	85,495	36,528	48,967	134%
MAURITIUS	80,000	22,995	57,005	248%
NEW ZEALAND	63,480	146,568	-83,088	-57%
TAIWAN	45,390	22,884	22,506	98%
BEIGIUM	45,280	-	45,280	0%
HONG KONG	34,020	89,388	-55,368	-62%
MYANMAR	28,080	1,832	26,248	1433%
GUINEA	16,416	10,944	5,472	50%
PALAU	15,332	-	15,332	0%
EPZ	14,000	4,819,325	-4,805,325	-100%
ITALY	11,500	15,650	-4,150	-27%
AZERBAIJAN	10,515	42,706	-32,191	-75%
BRAZIL	9,000	110,269	-101,269	-92%
LITHUANIA	8,986	7,500	1,486	20%
MOROCCO	8,071	-	8,071	0%
MOZAMBIQUE	7,800	-	7,800	0%
KYRGYZSTAN	2,094	-	2,094	0%
CZECH REPUBLIC	100	-	100	0%
AUSTRALIA	-	32	-32	0%
BOTSWANA	-	100	-100	0%
D R CONGO	-	16,409	-16,409	0%
FRANCE	-	18	-18	0%
GEORGIA	-	23,650	-23,650	0%
GREECE	-	4,660	-4,660	0%
GRENADA	-	24,830	-24,830	0%
IRAQ	-	2	-2	0%
ISRAEL	-	4,074	-4,074	0%
KOREA	-	616	-616	0%
LIBERIA	-	90	-90	0%
MACAO	-	7,500	-7,500	0%
MALI	-	3	-3	0%
NORWAY	-	896	-896	0%
RWANDA	-	6	-6	0%
SEYCHELLES	-	3,360	-3,360	0%
SOUTH SUDAN	-	87,807	-87,807	0%
TANZANIA	-	40,857	-40,857	0%
UGANDA	-	6,732	-6,732	0%
VIETNAM	-	54,368	-54,368	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181,124,598</b>	<b>152,543,948</b>	<b>28,580,650</b>	<b>19%</b>