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KENYA TEA INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

PRODUCTION

Tea production for the month of February 2020 was 49.20 Million Kgs, against 31.44 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding month of 2019. Higher production was largely attributed to scattered showers and moderate temperatures that were experienced across the West and East Regions. Within the East of Rift, output increased from 13.50 Million Kgs recorded in February 2019 to 19.12 Million Kgs. However, the tea growing areas in the West of Rift recorded increased production from 17.94 Million Kgs to 30.07 Million Kgs.

Consequently, production within the Plantation sub-sector, which is more wide-spread in the West of Rift rose from 12.42 Million Kgs to 19.70 Million Kgs. Significant increase was recorded within Smallholder sub-sector from 19.02 Million Kgs to 29.49 Million Kgs.

Cumulative production for the two months period of the year was higher by 28.82% to stand at 102.83 Million Kgs against 79.83 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding period of 2019.

Table 1: Production by Sector and Region (2020 vis-à-vis 2019)

Sector	Region	Feb-20	Feb-19	Variance	Var.(%)	Jan - Feb 2020	Jan - Feb 2019	Variance +/-	Var.(%)
Plantation	West of Rift	17,813,704	10,828,718	6,984,986	64.50%	37,063,174	29,741,616	7,321,558	24.62%
	East of Rift	1,894,718	1,593,673	301,045	18.89%	3,998,082	3,317,095	680,987	20.53%
	Total	19,708,422	12,422,391	7,286,031	58.65%	41,061,256	33,058,711	8,002,545	24.21%
Smallholder	West of Rift	12,260,630	7,111,387	5,149,243	72.41%	25,648,890	18,230,901	7,417,989	40.69%
	East of Rift	17,232,126	11,911,302	5,320,824	44.67%	36,126,686	28,541,935	7,584,751	26.57%
	Total	29,492,756	19,022,689	10,470,067	55.04%	61,775,576	46,772,836	15,002,740	32.08%
Plantation & Smallholder	West of Rift	30,074,334	17,940,105	12,134,229	67.64%	62,712,064	47,972,517	14,739,547	30.72%
	East of Rift	19,126,844	13,504,975	5,621,869	41.63%	40,124,768	31,859,030	8,265,738	25.94%
	Total	49,201,178	31,445,080	17,756,098	56.47%	102,836,832	79,831,547	23,005,285	28.82%

TEA SALES

AUCTION

During the month of Feb, 37.49 Million kgs of Kenyan tea was sold through Mombasa Auction against 34.40 Million kgs recorded in same period of last year. The average tea auction prices for Kenyan tea for the month was USD 2.13 per Kg which was lower compared to 2.16 recorded in Feb 2019.

The Average Auction price for the period January- Feb 2020 stood at USD 2.21 per Kg compared to 2.24 per kg for the same period of last year.

EXPORTS

The total export volume for the month of February 2020 was 40.58 Million Kgs compared to 44.51 Million Kgs recorded in the same period of last year.

During the month, Kenya tea was shipped to forty eight (48) export destinations compared to forty seven (47) destinations for the same period of last year. Amongst these markets, Pakistan was the leading export destination for Kenyan tea having imported 14.16 Million Kgs, accounting for 35% of the total export volume.

Other key export destinations for Kenyan tea were Egypt (8.40 Million Kgs), UAE (3.75 Million Kgs), UK (3.36 Million Kgs) Sudan (1.89 Million Kgs), Russia (1.54 Million Kgs), Kazakhstan (0.77 Million Kgs), Afghanistan (0.69 Million Kgs), Saudi Arabia (0.57 Million Kgs), and Poland(0.56 Million Kgs). The top ten export destinations, most of which are traditional markets for Kenyan tea accounted for 88% of Kenya tea export volume. UAE, Sudan, Russia, Kazakhstan and Poland markets recorded higher tea imports from Kenya.

Significantly higher tea imports from Kenya were also recorded amongst the emerging markets of Jordan, Iran, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Oman, Morocco, Myanmar and Belgium.

The total export volume for the period January-February 2020 was 84.58 Million Kgs compared to 92.44 Million Kgs recorded same period of last year.

LOCAL TEA SALES

Local tea sales for February 2020 stood at 2.86 Million Kgs against 2.95 Million Kgs for the corresponding period of 2019 while cumulative tea consumption for the two months period upto February 2020 was 5.80 Million Kgs against 6.56 Million Kgs for the same period of 2019.

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Table 2: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (Feb. 2020 vis-à-vis Feb. 2019)

DESTINATION	2020- QUANTITY KGS	2019 - QUANTITY KGS	QUANTITY KGS	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	14,167,349	16,531,745	- 2,364,397	-14%
EGYPT	8,404,544	9,479,069	- 1,074,525	-11%
UAE	3,756,063	1,806,414	1,949,649	108%
UK	3,362,990	4,108,140	- 745,150	-18%
SUDAN	1,895,087	1,228,021	667,066	54%
RUSSIA	1,542,205	1,270,000	272,205	21%
KAZAKSTAN	770,227	341,548	428,679	126%
AFGHANISTAN	695,105	874,321	- 179,216	-20%
SAUDI ARABIA	574,024	807,799	- 233,775	-29%
POLAND	561,435	357,164	204,271	57%
YEMEN	544,755	1,161,666	- 616,911	-53%
NIGERIA	489,367	1,106,147	- 616,780	-56%
JORDAN	412,500	328,250	84,250	26%
IRAN	367,994	293,033	74,961	26%
IRELAND	334,320	597,607	- 263,287	-44%
NETHERLANDS	302,610	356,679	- 54,069	-15%
USA	213,172	252,004	- 38,832	-15%
UKRAINE	170,235	116,220	54,015	46%
TURKEY	158,408	246,827	- 88,419	-36%
MALAYSIA	152,343	225,374	- 73,031	-32%
JAPAN	143,760	131,800	11,960	9%
CHILE	143,452	181,295	- 37,843	-21%
CHAD	139,547	153,665	- 14,118	-9%
SOMALIA	122,915	208,344	- 85,429	-41%
UZBEKISTAN	118,534	41,800	76,734	184%
CHINA	118,296	278,956	- 160,660	-58%
INDONESIA	108,466	236,727	- 128,261	-54%
SRI LANKA	102,278	55,371	46,907	85%
SWITZERLAND	98,148	519,952	- 421,804	-81%
INDIA	90,019	199,164	- 109,145	-55%
OMAN	87,937	50,673	37,264	74%
GHANA	60,120	63,860	- 3,740	-6%
QATAR	58,020	51,880	6,140	12%
CANADA	53,900	151,400	- 97,500	-64%
BANGLADESH	48,000	392,754	- 344,754	-88%
MOROCCO	48,000	5,457	42,543	780%
MYANMAR	30,828	28,080	2,748	10%
SOUTH AFRICA	28,000	42,000	- 14,000	-33%
LEBANON	26,840	-	26,840	0%
BELGIUM	25,680	20,080	5,600	28%
FINLAND	13,200	-	13,200	0%
ISLE OF MAN	12,400	-	12,400	0%
TAIWAN	10,200	-	10,200	0%
IVORY COAST	5,174	-	5,174	0%
MALI	5,174	-	5,174	0%
ITALY	4,600	6,900	- 2,300	-33%
MEXICO	2,634	-	2,634	0%
SINGAPORE	500	-	500	0%
CZECH REPUBLIC	-	100	- 100	0%
DJIBOUTI	-	50,975	- 50,975	0%
GERMANY	-	110,262	- 110,262	0%
GUINEA	-	10,944	- 10,944	0%
NEW ZEALAND	-	12,800	- 12,800	0%
PALAU	-	15,332	- 15,332	0%
SINGAPORE	-	9,196	- 9,196	0%
TOTAL	40,581,355	44,517,795	- 3,936,440	-9%

Table 3: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (Jan- Feb 2020 vis-à-vis Jan- Feb 2019)

DESTINATION	2020- QUANTITY KGS	2019 - QUANTITY KGS	QUANTITY KGS	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	27,751,282	31,791,659	- 4,040,378	-13%
EGYPT	18,409,815	20,552,113	- 2,142,298	-10%
UK	8,298,582	9,935,493	- 1,636,911	-16%
UAE	6,868,425	4,600,995	2,267,430	49%
SUDAN	4,149,673	2,670,503	1,479,170	55%
RUSSIA	3,096,753	3,115,199	- 18,446	-1%
POLAND	1,567,232	951,049	616,183	65%
AFGHANSTAN	1,468,707	1,599,568	- 130,861	-8%
KAZAKSTAN	1,421,184	968,777	452,407	47%
SAUDI ARABIA	1,347,120	1,593,056	- 245,936	-15%
YEMEN	1,240,645	2,283,350	- 1,042,705	-46%
JORDAN	906,500	656,500	250,000	38%
NETHERLANDS	808,544	480,907	327,637	68%
IRAN	750,512	996,102	- 245,590	-25%
NIGERIA	709,368	1,782,225	- 1,072,858	-60%
IRELAND	545,904	1,031,047	- 485,143	-47%
CHILE	536,720	181,295	355,425	196%
TURKEY	468,793	566,615	- 97,822	-17%
USA	407,442	431,676	- 24,234	-6%
JAPAN	347,600	259,200	88,400	34%
MALAYSIA	325,220	391,960	- 66,740	-17%
UKRAINE	313,679	228,120	85,559	38%
INDIA	308,113	342,852	- 34,739	-10%
INDONESIA	233,580	481,065	- 247,485	-51%
SOMALIA	219,483	489,222	- 269,739	-55%
CHAD	188,647	229,789	- 41,142	-18%
CHINA	185,068	521,109	- 336,041	-64%
SWITZERLAND	176,904	1,297,610	- 1,120,706	-86%
AUSTRALIA	158,720	-	158,720	0%
SRI LANKA	158,253	70,771	87,482	124%
SOUTH AFRICA	146,452	158,856	- 12,404	-8%
BANGLADESH	144,000	600,042	- 456,042	-76%
QATAR	119,386	51,880	67,506	130%
UZBEKISTAN	118,534	112,600	5,934	5%
OMAN	114,004	147,792	- 33,788	-23%
CANADA	79,380	257,316	- 177,936	-69%
GHANA	60,120	68,792	- 8,672	-13%
MOROCCO	48,000	5,457	42,543	780%
TAIWAN	41,160	5,850	35,310	604%
PERU	40,264	-	40,264	0%
SINGAPORE	34,700	48,626	- 13,926	-29%
MYANMAR	32,003	28,080	3,923	14%
DJIBOUTI	32,000	82,975	- 50,975	-61%
LEBANON	26,840	-	26,840	0%
BELGIUM	25,680	20,080	5,600	28%
ZAMBIA	25,025	-	25,025	0%
GERMANY	24,112	137,438	- 113,326	-82%
IVORY COAST	20,696	-	20,696	0%
ISLE OF MAN	20,564	-	20,564	0%
FINLAND	13,200	-	13,200	0%
HONG KONG	12,640	11,340	1,300	11%
BURKINA FASO	10,348	-	10,348	0%
ITALY	9,200	9,200	-	0%
AZERBAIJAN	7,676	-	7,676	0%
TOGO	5,174	-	5,174	0%
MALI	5,174	-	5,174	0%
MEXICO	2,634	-	2,634	0%
CZECH REP.	100	100	-	0%
ERITREA	-	129,920	- 129,920	0%
GUINEA	-	10,944	- 10,944	0%
KYRGYZSTAN	-	2,094	- 2,094	0%
NEW ZEALAND	-	38,400	- 38,400	0%
PALAU	-	15,332	- 15,332	0%
TOTAL	84,587,532	92,442,941	- 7,855,409	-8%