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## **KENYA TEA INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY 2021**

### **PRODUCTION**

Tea production for the month of January 2021 slumped to 48.89 Million Kgs compared to 54.41 Million Kgs recorded during the month of December 2020. The output was also lower compared to 53.63 Million Kgs recorded during the corresponding month of 2020. Lower production follows the cessation of the "Long rains" season and the onset of the dry season.

The effect of dry weather on production was more pronounced in tea growing areas in the East of Rift due to significant reduction in rainfall within Embu/Meru region and minimal rainfall amounts in the other areas during the second half of the month.

Within the West of Rift, precipitation waned towards the end of the month in some parts such as in Nandi, Nyamira and Kisii to an average of less than 10 mm daily while maximum temperatures rose to up to 26°C. However, the other parts of the tea growing areas in the West of Rift especially Kericho and Bomet received slightly enhanced rainfall amounts.

Consequently, within the East of Rift, tea output dropped from 20.99 Million Kgs recorded in January 2020 to 17.39 Million Kgs. However, in the West of Rift production reduced marginally from 32.63 Million Kgs to 31.49 Million Kgs.

In this regard, production within the Smallholder sub-sector, which is more wide-spread in the East of Rift dropped significantly from 32.28 Million Kgs to 26.49 Million Kgs. Within Plantation sub-sector, output increased marginally from 21.35 Million Kgs to 22.39 Million Kgs.

**Table 1: Production by Sector and Region (2021 vis-à-vis 2020)**

Sector	Region	Jan-2021	Jan-2020	Variance	Var.(%)
<b>Plantation</b>	West of Rift	20,505,029	19,249,471	1,255,558	6.52%
	East of Rift	1,891,796	2,103,364	-211,568	-10.06%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,396,825</b>	<b>21,352,835</b>	<b>1,043,990</b>	<b>4.89%</b>
<b>Smallholder</b>	West of Rift	10,991,416	13,388,260	-2,396,844	-17.90%
	East of Rift	15,507,885	18,894,559	-3,386,674	-17.92%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,499,301</b>	<b>32,282,819</b>	<b>-5,783,518</b>	<b>-17.92%</b>
<b>Plantation &amp; Smallholder</b>	West of Rift	31,496,445	32,637,731	-1,141,286	-3.50%
	East of Rift	17,399,681	20,997,923	-3,598,242	-17.14%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>48,896,126</b>	<b>53,635,654</b>	<b>-4,739,528</b>	<b>-8.84%</b>

**TEA SALES****AUCTION**

During the month, 31.72 Million kgs of Kenyan tea was sold through Mombasa Auction against 34.25 Million kgs in the previous month of December and 35.35 Million kgs in January 2020. Lower purchases at the Auction were attributed to higher stocks bought in the previous months. The average auction price was slightly lower at USD 2.03 per Kg compared to USD 2.29 per Kg for the same period of last year and 2.30 per kg for the same period of 2019.

During the month, "Best", "Good" and "Good medium" categories of primary leaf grades fetched between USD 2.26 to 5.02 per Kg while tea prices for the dust grades ranged between USD 2.20 to 3.20 with well sorted grades and those with brighter liquors attracting much higher prices.

For the month of January, buyers for the Pakistan, Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries and Sudan were more active in auction purchases.

**EXPORTS**

The total export volume for the month of January 2021 was 45.1 Million Kgs compared to 44.00 Million Kgs recorded in the same period of last year.

During the month, Kenya tea was shipped to fifty (50) export destinations compared to forty three (43) destinations for the same period of last year. Amongst these markets, Pakistan was the leading export destination for Kenyan tea having imported 17.42 Million Kgs, accounting for 39% of the total export volume.

Other key export destinations for Kenyan tea were Egypt (6.12 Million Kgs), UK (4.31 Million Kgs), Russia (3.29 Million Kgs), UAE (2.87 Million Kgs), Sudan (1.95 Million Kgs), Yemen (1.58 Million Kgs), Poland (1.04 Million Kgs), Kazakhstan (0.94 Million Kgs), and Ireland (0.67 Million Kgs). The top ten export destinations, most of which are traditional markets for Kenyan tea accounted for 89% of Kenya tea export volume. Amongst these markets, higher tea imports from Kenya was recorded in Pakistan, Russia, Yemen, Ireland and Kazakhstan compared to the same period of last year.

Significantly higher tea imports from Kenya were also recorded by the emerging markets of China, Switzerland, Sri-Lanka, Ukraine, Indonesia, Iran and Somalia.

### **LOCAL SALES**

Local tea sales in January 2021 was slightly higher at 2.95 Million Kgs against 2.94 Million Kgs for the corresponding period of 2020.

2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2021

**Table 2: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (Jan. 2021 vis-à-vis Jan. 2020)**

DESTINATION	2021- QUANTITY KGS	2020 - QUANTITY KGS	QUANTITY KGS	%AGE VARIANCE
PAKISTAN	17,421,485.50	13,583,933	3,837,553	28%
EGYPT	6,117,548.00	10,005,271	-3,887,723	-39%
UK	4,313,516.00	4,935,592	-622,076	-13%
RUSSIA	3,289,363.00	1,554,548	1,734,816	112%
UAE	2,868,198.00	3,112,362	-244,164	-8%
SUDAN	1,945,923.00	2,254,586	-308,663	-14%
YEMEN	1,575,240.00	695,890	879,350	126%
POLAND	1,039,524.00	1,005,797	33,727	3%
KAZAKHSTAN	944,753.35	650,957	293,796	45%
IRELAND	670,008.00	211,584	458,424	217%
IRAN	569,874.00	382,518	187,356	49%
UKRAINE	343,338.00	143,444	199,894	139%
CHINA	336,817.00	66,772	270,045	404%
INDIA	330,182.00	218,094	112,088	51%
SWITZERLAND	329,336.00	78,756	250,580	318%
INDONESIA	320,338.00	125,114	195,224	156%
JAPAN	298,896.00	203,840	95,056	47%
NIGERIA	288,544.00	220,001	68,544	31%
MALAYSIA	276,160.00	172,877	103,283	60%
SOMALIA	274,496.00	96,568	177,928	184%
TURKEY	271,671.00	310,385	-38,714	-12%
SRI LANKA	266,356.00	55,975	210,381	376%
USA	174,118.00	194,270	-20,152	-10%
NETHERLANDS	125,704.00	505,934	-380,230	-75%
AFGHANSTAN	116,100.00	773,602	-657,502	-85%
CHAD	113,210.00	49,100	64,110	131%
UZBEKISTAN	87,896.00		87,896	
SAUDI ARABIA	66,444.00	773,096	-706,652	-91%
GERMANY	53,640.00	24,112	29,528	122%
OMAN	53,294.00	26,067	27,227	104%
SINGAPORE	30,400.00	34,200	-3,800	-11%
MYANMAR	28,094.00	1,175	26,919	2291%
TAIWAN	26,640.00	30,960	-4,320	-14%
SOUTH AFRICA	25,408.00	118,452	-93,044	-79%
QATAR	22,082.00	61,366	-39,284	-64%
VIETNAM	22,000.00		22,000	
CANADA	20,950.00	25,480	-4,530	-18%
MAURITIUS	20,000.00		20,000	
TURKMENISTAN	16,890.00		16,890	
KYTRGYZSTAN	16,120.00		16,120	
DJIBOUTI	14,846.00	32,000	-17,154	-54%
HONG KONG	12,512.00	12,640	-128	-1%
GHANA	10,800.00		10,800	
MALI	10,348.00		10,348	
MEXICO	9,000.00		9,000	
BAHRAIN	8,776.00		8,776	
CAMEROON	8,083.00		8,083	
SENEGAL	5,174.00		5,174	
ITALY	4,600.00	4,600	0	0%
BRAZIL	4,580.00		4,580	
SOUTH KOREA	200.00		200	
AUSTRALIA		158,720	-158,720	-100%
AZERBAIJAN		7,676	-7,676	-100%
BANGLADESH		96,000	-96,000	-100%
BURKINA FASO		10,348	-10,348	-100%
CHILE		393,268	-393,268	-100%
CZECH REP.		100	-100	-100%
ISLE OF MAN		8,164	-8,164	-100%
ITALY			0	

IVORY COAST		15,522	-15,522	-100%
JORDAN		494,000	-494,000	-100%
PERU		40,264	-40,264	-100%
TOGO		5,174	-5,174	-100%
ZAMBIA		25,025	-25,025	-100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,199,475.85</b>	<b>44,006,178</b>	<b>1,193,298</b>	<b>3%</b>

