

BRAZIL

The start of the year continues with limited coffee flow. Producers and local traders are operating conservatively, even though the rise in the NY market provided a boost to local offers. Transactions remain limited on Arabicas as buyers focus on lower-priced Conillons instead. Following the pattern from the end of 2025, trading remains subdued with inconsistent coffee flow. Widespread and above-average rains since October have helped maintain adequate growing conditions. While recent climatic patterns turned drier, forecasts show renewed rainfall from Paraná to Minas Gerais and Cerrado in the days ahead. Overall, the outlook for the 2026/27 crop remains positive.

COLOMBIA

Days after US President Trump threatened Colombia with a similar intervention to Venezuela's, a phone call between the countries' leaders took place, defusing the situation. Colombia's President Gustavo Petro and Trump have clashed repeatedly over several issues, but a possible meeting in Washington is now in the works. Colombia is one of Washington's closest allies, receiving billions in aid as part of the "war on drugs." But narcotics remain a sensitive issue, driven by soaring demand in Europe and the US, and the Colombian government's inability to eradicate coca production and provide farmers with viable alternatives.

KENYA

Coffee harvesting across Central Kenya is concluding, with activities now centered on processing and rapid delivery to mills to capitalize on strong auction prices. However, recent unseasonal flowering is complicating essential farm maintenance and pruning schedules for the next cycle.

TANZANIA

With the Arabica and Robusta seasons now concluded, local traders holding stocks are conducting sales opportunistically. Port performance is adequate, but due to the scarcity of 20ft containers, exporters are increasingly opting for 40ft options to avoid delays.

UGANDA

Most coffee operations will be closed the rest of the week in observance of Uganda's national elections. During this period, internet connectivity may be limited, and buying and export activity will likely be subdued. A few disruptions to supply chains are expected as cargo clearance will slow down, there will be fewer movements of people and goods, and transporters are opting not to dispatch cargo trucks during this period for security reasons. Normal business operations are expected to resume the following week, and commercial activity will continue through this period as normal, so please contact your trader with any enquiries.

INDONESIA

Robusta: Extremely limited coffee flow. It is estimated that volumes traded locally in December 2025 were half of the previous December and new offers are hard to come by.

Arabica: Road access is slowly being restored and the main route from Takengon to Medan can now handle light trucks. However, several Sumatra regions remain isolated and their coffee cannot be brought to market. Local prices are rising on a daily basis as exporters remain short and the harvest outlook for the next 1-2 months is limited.

VIETNAM

Local prices have eased as speculative buyers back off and become more cautious. Growers and local traders continue to hold most stocks as exporters appear to be well covered for short-term commitments.

