

BRAZIL

The local market has remained steady and has not responded to recent price movements in the NY market. Well-capitalized producers continue to offer coffee at prices few buyers are willing to take and global demand has slowed as a result. Climatic conditions continue to be a point of attention and it's important to acknowledge hot weather has always been characteristic of this time of year. The Brazilian customs service continues to operate at a slowdown pace (labor negotiation strategy), adding more sluggishness to the transit of goods, which is impacting shipments timeliness.

MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Chronic shipping delays continue to plague the region as the late crop development compressed delivery schedules. Full normalization of shipping timelines was expected to occur by the end of February, but this has not materialized. Port congestion is also becoming a growing concern.

KENYA

Shipping line schedule unreliability continues to be a challenge for timely exports. Main field activities such as pruning, soil conservation, liming, manure application and pest and disease control are ongoing. Heavy rains have been reported around Mount Kenya, but not yet raising any alarms. Record volume was traded at auction the previous week with 37,000 bags. Market swings are creating opportunities for both buyers and sellers across multiple grades.

UGANDA

Robusta: The local market has been sluggish, with most trading companies pausing purchases due to cash constraints and a lack of firm demand.

Arabica: Farmers supply washing stations instead of delivering Natural home-processed coffee. Three factors are driving the improved cherry flow: 1) A 20% increase in production, 2) the absence of a Dry Arabica (DRUGAR) market with most traditional buyers on hold, and 3) a 15% premium for fresh cherry over DRUGAR incentivizing farmers.

INDIA

There are very limited arrivals of Robusta Cherry or Naturals to mills as most trading companies are not actively buying. Many farmers have started irrigating Robusta farms.

INDONESIA

Local prices firmed as demand for nearby shipments surged. The fresh flow will be minimal for the next 2 months until the start of Sumatra's fly crop and Java's main crops start in April.

PNG

There is steady and consistent parchment flow into mills. The main harvest season is still 4 weeks away, helping local prices remain firm. This situation is unlikely to change until improved flow kicks in once the main harvest begins.

VIETNAM

Robusta flowering pace is estimated at 70% with good fixation. Farmers have carried out the 2nd and 3rd rounds of irrigation. Recent rainfall in the Arabica regions is expected to trigger the first round of flowering in the coming days as well. Robusta farmers tend to hold to their coffee stocks waiting for higher prices, only selling actively when they need to meet cash needs.

