

BRAZIL

Coffee flow has improved a little, but given the historically high prices, there are very few active buyers. Despite the improved flow, the pace of business remains low. Traders' capacity to generate new transactions requires a sizable amount of cash and futures exposure. Logistical bottlenecks and customs slowdowns at Brazilian ports exacerbate the pressure on exporters.

COLOMBIA

The local market is moving very slowly, and differentials have adjusted downward as exporters proceed cautiously. Most exporters are only offering shipments up to four months forward. Even though climatic conditions have been favorable for the development of both the Fly Crop and the Main Crop, hardly anyone is willing to offer beyond the upcoming Mitaca due to extreme price volatility.

MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Fresh offers are hard to come by as most exporters and local traders focus on fulfilling existing commitments before adding new sales. Historically high prices are also making operators cautious, and any available funds are being carefully deployed to cover margin requirements and meet short-term coffee needs.

KENYA

Deliveries of parchment to mills is 80% complete. Critical flowering in central Kenya has taken place due to recent rains. Fly crop areas have been positively affected. Price volatility in the market has opened a window for lower differentials across all grades and farmers are receiving historically high prices.

RWANDA

Rains are still ongoing in some regions, but despite this, farmers have started picking cherries in the Western part of the country. Several washing stations have opened to receive fresh cherries.

INDONESIA

Robusta: Early indications from crop tours show a potential output drop of 5% in Sumatra. Limited availability limits the size and scope of new offerings.

Arabica: Excessive rains are flagging the production outlook with a potential 30% drop vs last year. The Fly crop is currently underway while the Main crop won't start until April. Overall demand is soft due to historically high price volatility.

PNG

Parchment coffee flow to mills remains consistent, but low by historical standards. Competition remains strong as exporters strive to cover nearby shipments.