

COLOMBIA

Flow is picking up significantly but prices are held firm with little movement differentially; we expect peak flow this coming week. COP close at 3,863 this week v a low of 3,777. Rains are increasing in accordance with La Nina.

VIETNAM

Typhoon Molave hit this week and caused flooding and some damage to fruit and pepper trees but no coffee was damaged; sunny weather expected for the next week. London helped the farmgate price touch 34K VND/kg this week but still only limited selling from farmers; mostly in Lam Dong.

INDONESIA

A bit more rain than normal being reported but no concerns on the crop or La Nina currently. Medan is starting to get very active with flow coming in from Lake Toba and Aceh regions. Export figures show a 15% increase in September vs 2019 but the annual totals are still lower than normal.

TANZANIA

Elections this week and the government cut off all social media and internet for most of the week; and the ruling party retained power with opposition claiming fraud and some violent clashes. Coffee wise things were slow and we resume next week with a big auction in the South.

BURUNDI

Only 50 tons of semi-washed have been traded in the country while the rest continues to get smuggled or held back. The Tanzanian Port Authority opened an office in Bujumbura and state that exports via Lake Tanganyika will resume. In the past coffee was barged to Kigoma, Tz then railed to Dar es Salaam.

KENYA

The Kenya coffee auction had 10,500 bags on offer on the 27th of October, marking the second auction of the coffee year. Prices continued to climb, and C grades and AB fetched nearly the same very good price, while AAs was hovering firmly around levels experienced in last auction. Coffee growers were very happy, while buyers scrambled to get enough coffee to cover nearby commitments.

The Kenya Meteorological Department has warned that heavy rainfall will continue to be experienced in parts of the country during the month of November as the short rains season reaches its peak. Coffee harvest is ongoing in most parts of the country, and some early outturns is showing fantastic results in terms of large percentages of bold beans (more than 50% AA in many cases), and also the cups are showing great promise.

ETHIOPIA

The harvest in Yirgacheffe, Sidamo, Limmu, and Guji have begun. We reckon Yiracheffe will have flat YoY harvest but Guji and Limmu will be improved and Sidamo with a nearly 50% increase. Despite the good news on harvest cherry prices have fired up to around 20ETB/kg for nearly all regions when just a few weeks ago they were at 15-17 ETB. In Covid news the government is attempting to increase the use of masks and failure to do so can result in a two-year jailing.

BRAZIL

A bit more traded this week in the spot market compared to the previous ones however it is still slow. Conilon market was much more active as buyers were able to pay above 400 BRL. The BRL exchange closed at 5.725 vs 5,626 last week. The weather conditions were wetter and cooler. The next week forecast is abundant rains especially Espirito Santo, Minas Gerais & Bahia. South of Minas: Warehouses continue with little space for internal movement and discharges, too slowed down to machine the coffees; in some warehouses they still have lines for unloading and lack of containers.

Global foreign direct investment plummeted 49 percent in the first half of 2020 from the same period a year earlier and is heading for a drop of up to 40 percent in the year amid fears of a deep recession, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

The Union of the Coffee Industry of the State of São Paulo (Sindicafé-SP) and the Brazilian Association of the Industry of Soluble Coffee (Abics) formalized an unprecedented technical cooperation agreement, with the objective of adopting actions of common interests between entities. One of the objectives is to expand the product portfolio for the soluble and roasting and milling industries, adding more value and stimulating consumption, informed Sindicafé-SP in a statement.

Producers will ask for release of funcafé resources because of drought. The Technical Committee of the Deliberative Council of Coffee Policy (CDPC) met the demand submitted by the Confederation of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil (CNA) and approved the release of R\$ 150 million for the recovery of coffees affected by the drought.

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