

ETHIOPIA

August shipments came in high, above 500k bags, indicating that shippers are still behind as this is normally the period of very low shipments. Local availability of coffee seems to have improved as well. Moderate rain in Central and Western Ethiopia with heavy rainfall expected in the South.

KENYA

This week's auction saw 12,000 bags on offer, the prices were firm for FAQ quality. There was a sizeable chunk of grinder plus quality as well. The weather has been cold and cloudy during the morning hours then it opens up from mid-morning for the rest of the day. Next week is the last auction for Calendar year 2020/21 with less than 4,000 bags on offer.

RWANDA

The dry mill and exporting activities continue for all qualities from micro-lot to commercial. The flowering in the Western region indicates potentially higher volumes for the season to come, depending on the raining patterns of the next few months. If the weather is favorable, we can also expect an early start to the season in December (instead of Jan/Feb 2022).

BURUNDI

The wet season has arrived and flowering as well; next year crop should be on-cycle. The government auctions continue with regional traders remaining the main buyers. A terrorist attack in Bujumbura killed several and wounded many more in a reminder peace has not been achieved yet.

TANZANIA

Dry weather across all regions. The Mbozi auction had 27k bags and diffs firmed slightly in short covering buying by most exporters. The local dry mills are reporting a jute bag shortage which will see a reduction of flow of fresh coffee into the upcoming auctions. Harvest continues. The Prime Minister made a speech this week alluding to potential further deregulations in coffee.

BRAZIL

Diffs remained flat week on week and steady nearby demand. Local exporters continue to focus on receiving coffee and the harvest is 100% completed. Conilon diffs remain very firm.

The BRL closed at 5.343 v 5.282 last week. The ridge is breaking down across northeast Brazil as we see our first significant chance of storms this season over portions of Mogiana/South of Minas. Volumes are going to be light/moderate, but there are multiple chances of rainfall in this forecast moving forward and very few extended periods of time where zero rain seems likely. The main question is rainfall distribution as it pertains to flowering.

COLOMBIA

Differentials continued to firm last week as availability is very low and nearby demand remains very high.

VIETNAM

More rains to come to the Central highlands with the tropical depression forming. The local market was again very quiet despite the high prices paid to producers. Lower altitude Arabica harvest has begun.

INDONESIA

Sumatra wet hulled has started to become available but quality is very low and prices very firm; the quality will improve over the next month. In general, both Arabica and Robusta remained very quiet this week.

PNG

Parchment flow continues to reduce in flow, but quality has maintained. We still see delays and congestion at the port.