

## COLOMBIA

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The holidays were just another reason for the quietness in the market but the main cause continues to be the lack of availability. Most focus is on the weather and the hopeful development of the Mitaca crop.

## VIETNAM

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The weather is mostly dry with some scattered showers and the rains in Lam Dong are favorable but are not enough in some of the other regions for flower setting. Harvest is 90% through and we are noticing more intercropping of other crops than usual. December shipments showed over 2.3m bags.

## CHINA

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Harvesting continues and this week parchment and green trading have started as both the major buyers have opened for the season. Quality is improving from the first month of the season but overall is still a mixed bag.

## INDONESIA

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The market was quiet this week as Arabica crops wind down and focus is on getting the coffee processed and out. A smaller crop will come in March-May but availability remains very tight. Robusta continues the quiet trend with Dec export figures down 18% YoY to 373k bags.

## ETHIOPIA

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The National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) announced they will release around \$250m to commercial banks for them to extend to the coffee sector; this is equal to 2% of the banks' reserves. Cherry prices are still high and most traders in holiday mood as the country celebrated Christmas on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.

## KENYA

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This week's auction saw 24,200 bags on offer of decent quality. The weather has been favorable for parchment drying during and after festive season. We expect to continue to see such volumes for the upcoming auctions until mid- February. The port operations continue as normal with no congestions nor major delays.

## RWANDA

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Whilst the final lots are being shipped, Western provinces are off to an early start of the season this year where harvesting and cherry processing have already started at the lower altitude farms and wet mills in Rutsiro district. The latest government communication on Covid-19 is encouraging on the sanitary situation in Rwanda, with measures that allow free movement around the country and a quarantine on arrival of 24h instead of 72h.

