

## **BURUNDI**

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No semi-washed is being traded internally, we suspect most is being smuggled out. Fully washed shipments are slow due to production bottlenecks.

## **ETHIOPIA**

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All remains quite on the trade front as everyone is focusing on final preparations for the harvest in a couple weeks.

## **BRAZIL**

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Another slow week for all qualities with producers not willing to sell at current prices. Warehouses are getting full with huge truck queues every day. The BRL exchange closed at 5.525 vs 5.665 last week. All news is on the weather and Somar forecast high temperatures will continue at least during the next 5 days and it will reduce after Oct 14<sup>th</sup> in the southeast & south regions. Only Rondonia would continue with high temperatures during all 15 days.

According to Cooxupé cooperative the six months of dry weather in the main Arabica coffee producing areas after flowering in September and early October are some of the factors that will reduce the productivity of crops that will be harvested in 2021. In an online seminar held by the Cooxupé cooperative, agronomists and teachers drew attention to the climate problem that started in April, which caused severe defoliation of coffee plantations, which reduces the capacity of crops to resist water deficit, which has reached historic levels in various regions.

## **COLOMBIA**

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Physical flow starting to appear in the local markets and increasing on a daily basis. Quality seems very good with low grades minimal. Replacement differentials still very high despite the physical flow kicking in with farmers and small traders trying to send above 1,200,000 COP/ carga. The NY volatility has generated uncertainty among farmers which became reluctant to sell cheaper as per rumor of possible problems with dry weather in Brazil. Exchange rate has been strong last weeks with level around 3800 COP per USD. Due to high prices received by producer, we continue seeing an increase of the trade of wet coffee in local markets. This in order for the producer to grab immediately the high prices. Until now, we are not seeing cup problems that might be caused by this situation.

## VIETNAM

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Heavy rains continue with a new tropical depression. Farmers continue to be proud on prices and are not releasing anything. We hear some exporters are using G1 to replace G2 as stocks are very low.

## INDONESIA

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Political events were the excitement this week with a 1,000-page new law to cut red tape and incentivize investment. Unfortunately, many people feel the wrong type of red tape was cut; mostly impacting workers' rights and environmental protections. The bill has caused nationwide protests and road blocks in Medan which have delayed shipments; we are forced to transport our coffee only in the evening after the protesters disburse.

## TANZANIA

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The harvest in the south is nearing the end and this week's auction of 37,000 bags sold at reasonable levels. In Robusta news the government has instructed a state-owned bank to bailout the Unions who all bought from the farmers at a high min price. The Unions are to repay by April'21 but will be unable to do so unless London has a rally.

## RWANDA

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We continue to buy few lots of fully washed as and when they are made available; semi-washed remains scarce. Weather wise, most coffee producing districts have received ample to sufficient rainfall. There was a hail storm in Rusizi district last week which may have caused some damage to trees; we're still assessing the situation but overall it looks ok.

## KENYA

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The 2020/21 crop year commenced on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the first auction of the year is to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> with 12,800 bags. Quality is mostly FAQ with a few better lots being offered, as well as some past crop coffees having been held in hopes of direct sales. Coffee from Western Kenya is flowing into dry mills, and main crop picking is also starting in most places in Central Kenya. Quality is looking promising, although most growers are reporting they expect a slight decrease in volume.

## SUCAFINA COVID-19 UPDATES

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