



Commodity House

# TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 48 of DECEMBER 05 & 06, 2022

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## COMMENTS

Sri Lanka has achieved a composite National Average of Rs. 1383.05 for teas sold in Nov, 2022 which is an improvement of Rs. 759.87 over the average of Rs. 623.18 recorded in the corresponding month last year. During the month under review as well as the *ytd* period, the Low Grown sector has clearly outperformed both High and Medium elevations as can be seen from the details appearing elsewhere in this report. During the *ytd* period of the current year, Sri Lanka's Composite National Average stands at Rs. 1220.90, and, is Rs. 606.44 ahead of the average of the same period in 2021.

This week's tea auction (Sale # 48), was conducted on December 5 & 6, 2022 (Mon/Tue/), with a weight of 4.9 mkg, which showed an increase of 0.7 mkg over the preceding week's auction quantity. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.3 mkg, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.5 mkg. The Ex Estate category had 0.6 mkg.

There was good general demand for Ex Estate teas. The best Western BOP's and BOPF's were mostly firm following quality, but prices for below-best BOP's and BOPF's were irregular and up to Rs. 50/- lower. Plainer Western BOP's were mostly firm, while their BOPF's eased up to Rs. 50/-. Nuwara Eliya BOP's/BOPF's were irregular and sometimes easier following quality. Uda Pussellawa BOP's were irregularly lower while their corresponding BOPF's eased Rs. 50/- and more for teas with poorer leaf. Uva BOP's and BOPF's declined Rs. 50/- and more. CTC Teas - High Grown PF1's were lower up to Rs. 50/- and more, whilst Mediums too were irregular and easier. The better Low Grown PF1's were firm, whilst others were irregular and lower. There were hardly any High Grown BP1's on offer, while, the limited selection of Mediums tended irregular. Low Grown BP1's too were barely steady. There was more selective interest from Japan, Germany and other European markets. Buyers for China and Taiwan were moderately active. Russian interest was maintained at lower price levels.

There was good demand for Low Grown Teas. Select best OP1's were fully firm to dearer, while improved below-best teas too met improved demand. Teas at the lower end ruled fully firm. Well-made OP's/OPA's were generally fully firm, while, below-best sorts appreciated on last. The best BOP1's were firm to dearer, while, below-best teas were firm. Pekoes / PEK1's were fully firm to dearer. Well-made FBOP's were firm. FBOPF1's were firm to marginally easier. There was good interest from buyers for Saudi Arabia, Iran, The UAE and other Middle Eastern countries. Demand from Russia and the CIS was fully maintained. Turkey and Syria continued their steadfast interest for Pekoe grades. Libya operated for secondary whole leaf grades, whilst Iraq was active on bottom level teas.

This week's auction comprised of 9,886 lots with a total quantity of 4,945,860kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
<b>Low Grown Leafy</b>	1,797	676,732
<b>Low Grown Semi Leafy</b>	1,397	597,084
<b>Low Grown Tippy</b>	1,932	979,072
<b>High &amp; Medium</b>	1,195	523,330
<b>Off Grade/BOP1A</b>	2,219	1,097,683
<b>Dust</b>	434	404,846
<b>Premium Flowery</b>	365	61,232
<b>Ex-Estate</b>	<u>547</u>	<u>605,881</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>9,886</b></u>	<u><b>4,945,860</b></u>

### *In Lighter Vein*

#### **You Can Tell its Sunday**

*Bill and Marla thought that they had discovered a genius way to pull off a Sunday afternoon quickie with their 12-year-old son in the apartment. He was promptly sent out on the balcony and told to report on all the neighborhood activities.*

*The boy began his commentary as his parents put their plan into operation. "There's a car being towed from the parking lot," he said. "An ambulance just drove by." A few moments passed. "Looks like the Andersons have company," he called out.*

*"Matt's riding a new bike, and the Coopers are making love." Mom and Dad shot up in bed. "How do you know that?" the startled father asked. "Their kid is standing out on the balcony too," his son replied.*

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Showed an improved demand for well made teas and gained Rs.50-100/-.
- OP1** : Well made wiry OP1's gained Rs.50-100/- whilst the others were fully firm to dearer.
- OP** : Best on offer declined by Rs.30- 60/-; others were irregularly lower by Rs.20-80/-.
- OPA** : Well made OPAs' declined to Rs.20-40/-; others were irregular and mostly lower.
- PEK/PEK1** : Best on offer gained Rs.40-.80/-; others were firm on last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>BOP1</b>	<b>2300 - 3350</b>	2100 - 2900	<b>1600 - 2300</b>	1500 - 2100	<b>1200 - 1600</b>	1000 - 1500
<b>OP1</b>	<b>1650 - 3250</b>	16 00 - 3150	<b>1200 - 1650</b>	1100 - 1600	<b>900 - 1200</b>	850 - 1100
<b>OP</b>	<b>1500 - 2200</b>	1600 - 2300	<b>1100 - 1500</b>	1100 - 1600	<b>750 - 1100</b>	750 - 1100
<b>OPA</b>	<b>1450 - 2300</b>	1500 - 2350	<b>1000 - 1450</b>	1000 - 1500	<b>800 - 1000</b>	750 - 1000
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1800 - 2700</b>	1700 - 2600	<b>1400 - 1800</b>	1300 - 1700	<b>1000 -1400</b>	900 - 1300

### TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : BOPs, in general, were firm.
- BOPF/BOPFS** : Well-made BOPFs were firm to selectively dearer, whilst others sold on last levels.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best and Best FBOPs maintained. Few cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the lower end were firm to selectively dearer. Balance were firm. FBOP1s in general were firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Tippy tea varieties were mostly irregular and at times easier. Best and cleaner Below Best were firm. Balance were irregular following quality. Select Best FF1s were firm, whilst Best eased. Below Best and cleaner teas at the lower end sold on last levels.
- FBOPFSP/EXSP** : In the premium catalogue a selection of Very Tippy Teas together with best met with good demand; whilst the balance maintained last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>BOP/BOPSP</b>	<b>2100 - 2400</b>	2200 - 2500	<b>1700 - 2100</b>	1800 - 2200	<b>1400 - 1700</b>	1500 - 1800
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	<b>2000 - 2500</b>	2100 - 2500	<b>1600 - 2000</b>	1700 - 2100	<b>1400 - 1600</b>	1400 - 1700
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	<b>2400 - 2850</b>	2300 - 2850	<b>1700 - 2400</b>	1800 - 2300	<b>1500 - 1700</b>	1400 - 1800
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>2300 -2750</b>	2500 -3200	<b>1700 - 2300</b>	1800 - 2500	<b>1300 - 1700</b>	1400 - 1800
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	<b>6000 - 9200</b>	5000 - 8800	<b>3000-6000</b>	3000-5000	<b>2000 - 3000</b>	2000 - 3000

## MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Select well made FBOP on offer held firm on last levels; balance of offer too sold well. The bold mixed types tended irregular. Teas at the lower end maintained on last levels..

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Teas at the best appreciated on last levels; below best types tended irregular. Poorer sorts were firm on last levels..

**PEK/PEK1** : Well made shotty PEK/ PEK1's appreciated on last levels; mixed varieties tended irregular. Teas at the lower end gain in value.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	<b>1850 - 2900</b>	1800 - 3300	<b>1600 - 1850</b>	1550 - 1800	<b>1350 - 1600</b>	1300 - 1550
FBOPF/FBOPF1	<b>1750 - 2300</b>	1700 - 2200	<b>1500 - 1750</b>	1500 - 1700	<b>1350 - 1500</b>	1300 - 1500
PEK/PEK1	<b>1900 - 2350</b>	1900 - 2250	<b>1550 - 1900</b>	1550 - 1900	<b>1350 - 1550</b>	1300 - 1550

## HIGH GROWNS TEAS

**BOP** : Best Western's were mostly firm following quality. In the Below Best category prices were irregular, whilst the Plainer sorts were mostly firm. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular and barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's - Better teas were irregular and easier; whilst the others were firm. Uva's were up to Rs.50/- per kg easier.

**BOPF** : Best Western's were generally firm following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were irregular, whilst the Plainer sorts were firm and up to Rs.50/- per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's - Better sort were irregularly easier, whilst the others declined Rs.50/- per kg and more following quality. Uva's declined Rs.50/- per kg and more following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	<b>1650 - 1750</b>	1650 - 2000	<b>1650 - 1900</b>	1650 - 1900
Below Best Westerns	<b>1450 - 1600</b>	1500 - 1600	<b>1500 - 1600</b>	1550 - 1600
Plainer Westerns	<b>1320 - 1440</b>	1300 - 1480	<b>1400 - 1480</b>	1400 - 1500
Nuwara Eliyas	<b>1320 - 1460</b>	1380 - 1600	<b>1460</b>	1300 - 1340
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	<b>1300 - 1460</b>	1380 - 1460	<b>1360 - 1440</b>	1460 - 1700
Other Uda Pussellawas	<b>1160 - 1180</b>	1140 - 1200	<b>1100 - 1320</b>	1140 - 1380
Best Uva's	<b>1380 - 1500</b>	1400 - 1500	<b>1400 - 1600</b>	1400 - 1650
Other Uva's	<b>1200 - 1300</b>	1200 - 1380	<b>1220 - 1340</b>	1220 - 1380

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP** : Large Leaf teas continued to sell well, whilst the others were barely steady..

**BOPF** : Mostly firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	<b>1000 - 2200</b>	1000 - 2300	<b>900 - 1180</b>	860 - 1140

## CTC TEAS

### HIGH GROWN:

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - Better sorts were up to Rs. 50/-per kg lower; whilst the others were firm and irregular following quality.

### MEDIUM GROWN:

**BP1** - Irregular.

**PF1** - Better sorts were irregular and easier whilst the others were generally firm..

### LOW GROWN:

**BP1** - Barely steady.

**PF1** - Clean black leaf teas were firm, whilst the others were irregular following quality..

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	<b>NOT QUOTED</b>	NOT QUOTED	<b>1100 - 1300</b>	1080 - 1400
Medium	<b>760 - 1240</b>	790 - 1280	<b>830 - 1380</b>	850 - 1340
Low	<b>790 - 1160</b>	760 - 1100	<b>800 - 2000</b>	860 - 1900

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1s' firm on last. Clean Low Grown well-made FNGS1's held firm. Others advanced Rs.20-40/-.

**BM** : Well-made BM's gained Rs.25-50/-per kg. Best and Below Best were little irregular by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst poorer types too held firm.

**BOP1A** : Select best BOP1A's were a little lower. Best types lost Rs.20-50/- Below best teas dearer Rs.10 -20/- . Poorer types held firm.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>800 - 1350</b>	800 - 1350	<b>680 - 830</b>	680 - 820	<b>750 - 1000</b>	750 - 980
Good Fannings (CTC)	<b>580 - 700</b>	580 - 670	<b>580 - 720</b>	550 - 670	<b>550 - 770</b>	550 - 770
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>590 - 757</b>	580 - 750	<b>580 - 780</b>	580 - 770	<b>570 - 770</b>	570 - 750
Other Fannings (CTC)	<b>N/A</b>	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	N/A
Good BM's	<b>720 - 870</b>	720 - 890	<b>720 - 890</b>	720 - 900	<b>720 - 1000</b>	720 - 970
Other BM's	<b>650 - 770</b>	650 - 780	<b>650 - 780</b>	680 - 800	<b>685 - 810</b>	680 - 820
Best BOP1As	<b>750 - 920</b>	750 - 920	<b>820 - 890</b>	900 - 950	<b>1100 - 1600</b>	1250 - 1600
Other BOP1As	<b>720 - 770</b>	720 - 770	<b>750 - 800</b>	750 - 800	<b>750 - 830</b>	750 - 880

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1** : High Grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's maintained last levels, whilst the Secondaries and below best types declined by Rs.40-60/-. Low Grown clean Dust/DUST1's dropped Rs.50-100/- whilst the secondary types were marginally lower to last levels.

**PD** : High Grown CTC's declined by Rs.30-50/-, whilst the secondaries were irregular and mostly lower.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	<b>750 - 1800</b>	750 - 1800	<b>650 - 1440</b>	700 - 1600	<b>700 - 1700</b>	800 - 1800
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>750 - 1300</b>	850 - 1420	<b>650 - 1320</b>	750 - 1380	<b>650 - 1600</b>	750 - 1900
Secondary Dust	<b>600 - 1420</b>	750 - 1800	<b>650 - 820</b>	700 - 1600	<b>650 - 1000</b>	650 - 1000

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

Craighead	BOP	2300/-
Rilagala	BOPSP	1700/-
Craighead	BOPF/BOPFSP	1750/-
Dartry Valley	BOP1	2850/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOP/FBOP1	2900/-
Dartry Valley	FF/FF1	2300/-
Erin Super	OP/OPA	1700/-
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
<b>*Ingurugala</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
Greenwood	OP/OPA	1650/-
<b>*Hatale</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>2800/-</b>
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>2350/-</b>
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>2300/-</b>

**WESTERN HIGH**

Great Western	BOP	1750/-
Wattegoda	BOP	1750/-
Queensberry	BOP SP	2050/-
Somersset	BOPF/BOPFSP	1900/-
Venture	BOP1	2200/-
Queensberry	FBOP/FBOP1	1950/-
Queensberry	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1900/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1900/-
Fortoft Super	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1900/-
St. Andrews	OP/OPA	1700/-
Venture	OP1	1800/-
Frotoft Super	PEK/PEK1	2200/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Court Lodge	BOP	1460/-
Court Lodge	BOPF/BOPFSP	1460/-
Kenmare	BOPF/BOPFSP	1460/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/FBOP1	1800/-
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	1700/-

**CTC TEAS****HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1300/-
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	1300/-

**MEDIUM GROWN**

Delta CTC	PF1	1380/-
Delta CTC	BP1	1240/-
Donside CTC	BPS	1020/-

**LOW GROWN**

Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	2000/-
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1160/-
Canora CTC	BPS	890/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

Dickwella	BOP	2300/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPSP	2000/-
Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	1950/-
Maratenne	BOP1	2750/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP/FBOP1	2300/-
<b>*Halpewatte Uva</b>	<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	<b>2250/-</b>
Dickwella	FF/FF1	2100/-
Maratenne	FF/FF1	2100/-
Dickwella	OP/OPA	1750/-
Tiniyoa	OP1	2250/-
Dickwella	PEK/PEK1	2300/-

**UVA HIGH**

Aislaby	BOP	1850/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	2000/-
Uva Highlands	BOPF/BOPFSP	1900/-
Spring Valley	BOP1	1850/-
Mount Uva	FBOP/FBOP1	2100/-
Ranaya	FBOP/FBOP1	2100/-
Ranaya	FBOPF/FBOPF1	2200/-
Ellathota Uva	OP/OPA	1800/-
Glenanore	OP1	1950/-
Misty Uva	PEK/PEK1	2250/-

**UDA PUSSELLAWA**

Kirklees	BOP	1460/-
Mooloya	BOP	1460/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1300/-
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	1440/-
Alma	FBOP/FBOP1	2000/-
Alma	FF/FF1	2050/-
Gordon	OP/OPA	1600/-
Alma	OP/OPA	1600/-
Gampaha	OP1	1440/-
Alma	PEK/PEK1	2100/-

**OFF GRADES**

<b>*Chandrika Est</b>	<b>BP</b>	<b>1750/-</b>
Kalubowitiyana	CTC PF	1200/-
Wathurawila	BM	1700/-
Holyrood	FNGS/FNGS1	1440/-
<b>*Chandrika Estate</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>1800/-</b>
Chandrika Estae	BOPIA	1800/-
Golden Garden	BOPIA	1800/-
<b>*Chandrika Estate</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>1700/-</b>
<b>*Aldora</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>1700/-</b>
<b>*Garden Leaf</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>1650/-</b>

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

New Vithanakande	BOP1	3350/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3250/-
Rotumba	OP	2200/-
Nilrich	OP	2200/-
A C U Super	OP	2200/-
Liyonta	OPA	2300/-
Green Lanka	OPA	2300/-
Navinda	OPA	2300/-
Suwishka	OPA	2300/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2700/-
Galathara	PEKOE1	2600/-
Nilgiri	PEKOE1	2500/-
Nilrich	PEKOE1	2500/-
<b>*KDU Super</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>2450/-</b>

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

New Vithanakande	BOP	2450/-
<b>*Hidellena</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>2400/-</b>
Ceciliyan	BOP	2400/-
Golden Garden	BOP	2400/-
Wathurawila	BOP	2400/-
<b>*KDU Super</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>2150/-</b>
Kiruwanganga	BOPSP	2150/-
Suduwelipothahena	BOPSP	2150/-
Ceciliyan	BOPSP	2100/-
<b>*Deerwood Super</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>2050/-</b>
Brombil	BOPF	2500/-
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>2350/-</b>
<b>*Hidellena</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>2000/-</b>
<b>*Mahaliyadda</b>	<b>BOPFSP</b>	<b>2350/-</b>
Sithaka	FBOP	2850/-
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>2400/-</b>
<b>*Hidellena</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>2300/-</b>
New Falcon Lanka	FBOP1	2300/-
<b>*Wattahena</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>2250/-</b>
Nil Kandura	FBOPF	2750/-
Hiniduma SH	FBOPF1	2600/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

Andaradeniya	FBOPFSP	8700/-
<b>*Allen Valley</b>	<b>FBOPFEXSP</b>	<b>9200/-</b>
Wathurawilla	FBOPFEXSP1	8150/-

**Dust**

Mattakelle	DUST/DUST1	1800/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1850/-

## NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES – NOVEMBER, 2022

<b>Elevation</b>	<b>MONTH</b>		<b>TO-DATE</b>	
	<b>QUANTITY -KG-</b>	<b>AVERAGE -RS.-</b>	<b>QUANTITY -KG-</b>	<b>AVERAGE -RS.-</b>
<b>ORTHODOX</b>				
<b>UVA-HIGH</b>	1,462,530.00	1,213.69	15,584,629.00	1,085.61
<b>WESTERN-HIGH</b>	2,106,198.00	1,501.50	27,125,427.00	1,127.75
<b>UVA-MEDIUM</b>	1,238,114.00	1,229.18	12,697,916.00	1,131.20
<b>WESTERN-MEDIUM</b>	1,578,870.00	1,161.33	18,964,237.00	1,014.92
<b>LOW</b>	12,747,660.00	1,501.42	130,263,180.00	1,369.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,133,371.00</b>	<b>1,433.75</b>	<b>204,635,388.00</b>	<b>1,267.91</b>
<b>C T C</b>				
<b>UVA -HIGH</b>	133,457.00	1,163.91	1,051,196.00	1,047.21
<b>WESTERN- HIGH</b>	314,820.00	1,203.06	3,203,135.00	959.29
<b>WESTERN - MEDIUM</b>	610,374.00	1,042.72	6,634,423.00	823.20
<b>LOW</b>	1,285,476.00	966.72	12,240,268.00	933.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,344,127.00</b>	<b>1,029.49</b>	<b>23,129,022.00</b>	<b>910.45</b>
<b>ORTHODOX / CTC (Combined)</b>				
<b>UVA-HIGH</b>	1,595,987.00	1,209.53	16,635,825.00	1,083.18
<b>WESTERN-HIGH</b>	2,421,018.00	1,462.69	30,328,562.00	1,109.96
<b>UVA-MEDIUM</b>	1,238,114.00	1,229.18	12,697,916.00	1,131.20
<b>WESTERN-MEDIUM</b>	2,189,244.00	1,128.26	25,598,660.00	965.23
<b>LOW</b>	14,033,136.00	1,452.45	142,503,448.00	1,331.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,477,498.00</b>	<b>1,389.64</b>	<b>227,764,410.00</b>	<b>1,231.61</b>



## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.47 OF 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022

	2022			2021	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,219.30	1,205.69	1,087.94	575.75	549.55
Western High Grown	1,484.75	1,463.47	1,105.72	652.04	605.34
High Grown	1,386.49	1,362.97	1,099.56	623.77	587.89
Uva Medium	1,284.28	1,240.35	1,146.70	603.02	567.81
Western Medium	1,197.72	1,129.30	965.32	539.49	535.10
Medium Grown	1,230.52	1,169.05	1,024.27	559.85	545.29
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,570.17	1,498.15	1,366.96	676.16	654.14
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,531.93	1,449.69	1,338.05	665.85	645.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,456.15</b>	<b>1,388.02</b>	<b>1,236.91</b>	<b>641.57</b>	<b>616.72</b>

Private Sale Figures (28.11.2022 - 03.12.2022) - 82,468.00kgs

Cumulative - 3,882,366.58kgs

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	<u>Sale of 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> Dec. '22</u>		<u>Sale of 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> Dec. '22</u>	
	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,808	699,343	1,713	647,691
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,423	617,911	1,348	575,929
Low Grown Tippy	2,070	1,064,487	2,011	1,030,364
High & Medium	1,296	469,541	1,359	611,894
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,140	1,084,711	2,018	1,008,390
Dust	435	417,034	475	450,586
Premium Flowery	384	63,610	403	65,450
Ex-Estate	588	658,721	648	722,877
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,144</u></b>	<b><u>5,175,358</u></b>	<b><u>9,975</u></b>	<b><u>5,113,181</u></b>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.01 of 03<sup>rd</sup>/04<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **08<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.02 of 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **15<sup>h</sup> December, 2022 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.03 of 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **BROKER'S SELLING ORDER**

### **SALE NO.49**

#### **Auction of 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

#### **Leafy/Semi Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery**

1. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
4. Eastern Brokers PLC
5. John Keells PLC
6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

#### **High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust**

1. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
2. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
4. Eastern Brokers PLC
5. John Keells PLC
6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

#### **Ex-Estate**

1. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
2. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Eastern Brokers PLC
5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
7. John Keells PLC
8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

## Crop & Weather

For the period of 28 November to 04<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:

The Western Region reported clear mornings and evening showers, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region reported bright weather throughout the week.

### Uva/ Udapussellawa Region:

Both regions reported gloomy mornings and afternoon showers throughout the week.

### Low Grown:

The Low Grown Region reported overcast weather with showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy evening showers in the Sabaragamuwa Region in the week ahead.

### Crop Intake:

The Western Region reported a slight increase in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya, Uva and Udapussellawa regions maintained and the Low Grown Region reported a decline.

## WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2021	2022	Difference +/-	To-date 2021	To-date 2022	Difference +/-
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>24.18</b>	<b>18.75</b>	<b>-5.43</b>	<b>258.90</b>	<b>211.39</b>	<b>-47.51</b>
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	<i>Sep.</i>	12.61	14.74	2.13	64.76	63.83	-0.93
<b>KENYA</b>	<i>July</i>	34.70	33.90	-0.80	308.80	304.20	-4.6
<b>NORTH INDIA</b>	<i>Sep.</i>	142.60	166.7	24.10	781.50	808.90	27.40
<b>SOUTH INDIA</b>	<i>Sep.</i>	20.60	23.30	2.70	181.90	175.80	-6.10
<b>MALAWI</b>	<i>Aug.</i>	2.09	1.99	-0.10	38.40	35.70	-2.7
<b>TANZANIA</b>	<i>June</i>	1.80	1.76	-0.04	16.56	20.37	3.8
<b>UGANDA</b>	<i>July</i>	5.65	2.77	-2.9	45.86	33.32	-12.54



## OTHER MARKETS



### **BANGLADESH AUCTION**

#### **SALE NO.31 OF MONDAY 05<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

- CTC FGS** : 58,929 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a fairly good demand at easier rates.
- BROKENS** : A few best Brokens on offer were well supported but were slightly easier following quality. Good and Medium varieties saw fair demand but prices eased. There was also some withdrawals. Plain types met with only a little demand and prices declined by about Tk.5/- to Tk.7/- with several withdrawals. BLF teas followed a similar trend as of last week with a little less withdrawals.
- FANNINGS** : Best Fannings once again attracted good demand but prices were easier upto Tk.5/- and more. Good types followed a similar trend whilst Mediums saw fair interest and were about steady. However, there were some withdrawals. Plain types saw only some interest from buyers and rates declined with more withdrawals. BLF teas followed a similar trend as of last week with a little less withdrawals.
- CTC DUST** : 13,111 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with fair demand. Good liquoring teas sold well at easier prices. Mediums sold fairly well and were fully firm on last. Plain and BLF Dusts were an easier market and saw fair withdrawals. Blenders were very active whilst Loose tea buyers were selective.
- COMMENTS** : Blenders operated in usual strength although at slightly lower levels. Loose tea buyers were much less active and operated selectively. As a result of which there was less competition with lowering of rates. There was more withdrawals this week

Dusts met with fair demand with some withdrawals

#### **Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)**

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	<b>215 - 225 N</b>	215 - 230N	Best	<b>240 - 255</b>	245 - 265	PD	<b>195 - 265</b>	180 - 276
Medium	<b>205 - 220</b>	210 - 225	Good	<b>220 - 235</b>	225 - 240	RD	<b>130 - 374</b>	130 - 390
Small	<b>215 - 225</b>	215 - 230	Medium	<b>205 - 215</b>	210 - 220	D	<b>166 - 365</b>	162 - 370
Plain	<b>180 - 190</b>	180 - 190	Plain	<b>180 - 190</b>	180 - 190	CD	<b>195 - 340</b>	172 - 360
BLF	<b>130 - 150</b>	135 - 145	BLF	<b>130 - 150</b>	135 - 145	BLF	<b>127 - 220</b>	130 - 205



## **SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP**

**FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 03<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

### **KOCHI**

#### **CTC LEAF**

**Demand** : Fair demand. Teas sold at easier levels with some withdrawals.

#### **ORTHODOX LEAF**

**Demand** : Good demand

**Market** : High grown and medium whole leaf grades sold barely steady to easier levels when compared to previous, larger brokens and fannings showed subdued demand with heavy withdrawals.

**Buying Pattern** : Middle East and CIS buyers operated.

#### **DUST**

**Demand** : Fair demand.

**Market** : Popular marks and better mediums are selling lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals. Plainers sorts also shared the downtrend of the market.

**Buying Pattern** : Major Blenders operated with some support from packeteers, internal buyers were very selective. Exporters subdued on medium and plainer sorts.

### **COONOR**

#### **CTC LEAF**

**Demand** : Good

**Market** : Generally an easier market with the Bolder Brokens was being traded at easier levels by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/- with some withdrawals. The Medium Brokens were trading at barely steady levels, selling around last, courtesy the Major Blenders. The Plainers rather witnessed less demand as they witnessed fair amount of outlist.

**The overall sale percentage is 80% at an average of Rs. 109.90.**

**Buying Pattern** : Yet again fairly stronger enquiry was forthcoming from the Major Blenders with fair support from the other Regional Operators. On the Export front Madhu Jayanthi International was fairly active, otherwise a subdued operation from others.

**ORTH LEAF**

**Demand :** Good.

**Market :** An irregular market and mostly steady to occasionally dearer on the fairly well made and cleaner teas. Others were witnessing an easier trend.

**The overall sale percentage is 84% at an average of Rs. 134.78.**

**Buying Pattern :** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with Consolidated Tea being active. Internal was also lending fair support.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand :** Fair

**Market :** The sluggish demand had continued this week too, as the market witnessed a price drop of Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and sometimes more. The sale also witnessed fair withdrawals on the Mediums and on the common types. However there was some recovery witnessed on the Best and Better liquoring types which had better demand though the prices were dropping.

**The overall sale percentage is 68% at an average of Rs. 109.15.**

**Buying Pattern :** Major Blenders were the main stay again along with fair Internal participation. Anjaneya Enterprises was active on the Brighter Liquoring types as usual.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand :** Good.

**Market :** The easier trend continued this week too. The price dropped considerably upto Rs. 10/- and more sometimes across all categories and grades.

**The overall sale percentage is 76% at an average of Rs. 104.09.**

**Buying Pattern :** Anjaneya Enterprises continued their support on the Primary cleaner dusts on the Internal front. Otherwise a fairly stronger Export enquiry.

**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF**

**Demand :** Fair general demand.

**Market :** Better medium teas were barely steady to lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/- with heavy withdrawals. Medium / plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more.

**Buying Pattern :** All sections were selective.

**ORTH LEAF**

**Demand** : Fair demand.

**Market** : Whole leaf were irregular and lower. Well made brokens were steady with heavy withdrawals.  
Secondary brokens were barely steady.

**Buying Pattern** : Exporters were active

**CTC DUST**

**Demand** : Fair general demand.

**Market** : Better medium / popular sorts were lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more with some withdrawals.  
Medium and plainer teas were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.8/- with some withdrawals.

**Buying Pattern** : Blenders, packeteers and internal were selective. Exporters absent.

**ORTH DUST**

**Market** : Not quotable.

**Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited**

*06<sup>th</sup> December, 2022*

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## *INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS*

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### **World heritage listing showcases international importance of Chinese tea**

China's traditional-tea making techniques and their associated social practices successfully became UNESCO's latest world intangible cultural heritage on Tuesday, increasing the number of world intangible cultural heritages in China to 43.

Tea is ubiquitous in Chinese people's daily life and has also influenced the lives of people around the world through the Silk Road. It's a pleasure to see the successful application of this ancient art.

In this series on Chinese tea culture, the Global Times shares with readers what makes this intangible cultural heritage so special. This is the second installment, which elaborates the role that tea has played in international exchanges and how Chinese tea culture spread around the world through ancient trade routes. The first installment introduced why tea culture could be [inscribed](#) on the list.



A camel caravan

The news that China's traditional tea-making techniques and their associated social practices were listed as a world intangible cultural heritage has filled many Chinese people with enthusiasm about tea, while bringing the world's focus on Chinese tea culture again.

The history of tea stretches back over thousands of years and spans not only the vast regions encompassed by the Silk Roads but much of the globe. Tea making techniques and other tea-related customs have spread from China to different corners of the world, be it green, black or oolong tea.

In December 2019, the UN General Assembly approved to designate May 21 as International Tea Day, greatly raising the profile of tea around the world. Now, with the inclusion on the UNESCO World Intangible Heritage List, the international influence of Chinese tea culture is sure to develop further.

Yang Feng, one intangible culture inheritor of Chinese white tea in East China's Fujian Province, told the Global Times on Thursday that the successful application has confirmed the value of Chinese tea and its related production techniques around the world. With the influence of the Belt and Road Initiative, the inclusion will facilitate the healthy and sustainable development of the global tea industry and promote international tea culture exchanges that encourage more people in the world to learn about and "fall in love with" Chinese tea.





The ancient Tea Horse Road in Southwest China's Yunnan Province

## Spreading around the world

In the application submitted to UNESCO, the function of tea as an ambassador for spreading traditional Chinese culture and lifestyles to the world and promoting international exchanges is considered one of the most significant qualifications to become a world intangible cultural heritage.

Tea has been consumed in China for thousands of years, with some of the earliest references to tea drinking dating to the Shang Dynasty (c.1600BC-1046BC), where it was consumed in what is today Southwest China's Yunnan Province primarily as a medicinal drink.

Developing across several dynasties, especially the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and Song Dynasty (960-1279), China tea spread across the Eastern Silk Road to Japan and the Korean Peninsula. In the 6th century, envoys were sent from Japan to China to learn about tea and its associated culture and seeds were brought via the Eastern Silk Road to Japan, leading to the plant being cultivated in the country.

Yu Jinlong, a cultural expert specializing in tea, told the Global Times on Wednesday that as the hometown of tea, China exported its tea to Asian countries through trade and cultural exchanges during the Tang Dynasty. From there, it spread to Europe, the Middle East and the Americas in the 16th century. Currently, there are more than 5 billion tea drinkers around the world and more than 120 countries import tea from China. Under the influence of Chinese tea culture, countries including the UK, Japan, South Korea and Morocco have also formed their own tea culture.

Tea also spread among different ethnic groups in China via trade routes such as the ancient Tea Horse Road.

Zou Jiaju, Chairman of the Tea Industry Association in Yunnan Province, told the Global Times on Thursday that after the ancient Silk Road was blocked by wars and plague, the ancient Tea Horse Road - a network of caravan routes that can be traced back to the Tang Dynasty - reconnected Eurasia through the Qinghai-Xizang (Tibet) Plateau.

Over 1,300 years ago, the Princess Wencheng of the Tang Dynasty took tea culture to Xizang after she married the Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo. Over time, the ancient Tea Horse Road became an important route for the tea trade between the Central Plains and the plateau. The road gradually formed a network of multi-cultural interaction and exchange, with more than 20 ethnic groups living together, gathering together various cultural forms such as Central Plains culture, traditional Tibetan culture and Dongba culture.

"The tea culture in today's Xizang Autonomous Region still maintains the traditions of the Tang Dynasty, as we still see locals add salt to their tea," said Zou.

### **Golden reputation**

Yang, the intangible culture inheritor of Chinese white tea, said he has become more confident in the future development of the Chinese tea industry.

"The inclusion is just the beginning. We need to continue focusing on high-quality Chinese tea and treasure the 'golden name card' that is the Chinese tea brand," said Yang.

Tea culture's international influence continues to expand today.

According to Yang, the tea factory where he works has cooperated with some international organizations to provide "volunteer work exchange" programs for people to study Chinese tea making techniques.

Over the past few years, the program has attracted hundreds of volunteers from more than 10 countries, who live at the tea factory and experience life together with the workers as they pick and make tea, and finally take back what they have learned to their motherlands.

The complex intercultural exchanges associated with tea and tea culture were the direct result of the movement of traders, missionaries, and doctors along the Silk Road. Tea culture is just one excellent example of the new imports and social practices that were often later transformed and redefined according to the specificities of the societies into which they were introduced. The effects of this free flow of ideas, goods, and artistic elements along the Silk Road constitutes an important shared heritage in the contemporary world, according to UNESCO.