

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 06**

February 10 & 11, 2025



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### COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, namely Sale #06 of 2025 was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Mon./Tue.). A total weight of 5.9 MKGS was on offer, which shows a decrease when compared to the previous week's quantity. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.7MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.90 MKGS.

Sale No.06 - There was better demand for best Western BOPF's in particular which were firm to dearer this week in the Ex-Estate catalogues. Select best Western BOP's/BOPF's appreciated substantially following quality and special inquiry. Teas in the below best and plainer categories declined Rs.20-40/- per kg and more for poor leaf sorts. Nuwara Eliya's sold well this week and were firm to dearer following quality. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's/BOPF's were barely steady and witnessed an irregular trend. CTC Teas - High & Medium PF1's were barely steady whilst others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier following quality. Low Grown select best types were firm whilst others declined Rs.20-40/- per kg. The limited availability of BP1's were mostly unsold. There was limited demand at this week's sale with buyers continuing to follow quality very carefully.

In the Low Grown catalogues, a lower trend prevailed throughout the sale with prices declining below last week's closing levels. Except for the bright Tippy teas which held firm on last levels, others were irregularly lower following quality. Traditional buyers were active at lower levels.

This week's auction comprised of 11,619 lots with a total quantity of 5,896,636kgs.

#### In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

### **Family Men**

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,005	765,287	Three men are in a bar, all very drunk, and talking to each other, bragging about their families.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,740	755,501	
Low Grown Tippy	2,225	1,087,403	The first guy says, "I have four sons. One more and I'll have a basketball team."
High & Medium	1,432	627,106	The second guy says, "That's nothing". I have eleven sons. One more and I'll have a football team."
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,303	1,148,891	
Dust	589	540,120	The third guy, the drunkest of them all replies "You guys haven't found true happiness. I have seventeen wives.
Premium Flowery	415	64,532	
Ex-Estate	<u>910</u>	<u>907,796</u>	One more and I'll have a golf course."
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,619</u></b>	<b><u>5,896,636</u></b>	

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

**BOP1** : Teas in the select best category were easier, whilst the balance together with the bolder varieties too followed a similar trend.

**OP1** : Select best and the best OP1's were declined by Rs.50-100/- per kg, whilst the balance were maintained.

**OP** : A few select OP's held firm, whilst the balance together with smaller varieties declined.

**OPA** : In general, were easier.

**PEK/PEK1**: Best PEK/PEK1's declined, whilst best and below best varieties too were easier. Teas at the lower end too followed a similar trend.

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>1650 -3200</b>	1700-3400	<b>1250-1450</b>	1250-1450	<b>900-1100</b>	900-1100
<b>OP1</b>	<b>1600-3500</b>	1650-3650	<b>1150-1400</b>	1150-1400	<b>700-850</b>	700-850
<b>OP</b>	<b>1300-1800</b>	1350-1700	<b>1100-1250</b>	1100-1250	<b>900-1050</b>	900-1050
<b>OPA</b>	<b>1300-1850</b>	1350-1850	<b>1100-1250</b>	1100-1250	<b>900-1000</b>	900-1000
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1300-2200</b>	1300-2500	<b>1100-1250</b>	1100-1250	<b>900-1050</b>	900-1050

### TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

**BOP/BOPSP** : Well-made BOP's together with the Below Best varieties were lower, whilst teas at the lower end were firm.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : BOPF's, in general, declined.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : A few select Best FBOP's sold around last levels, whilst the balance were easier. Best and Below Best together with the bolder varieties followed a similar trend, whilst teas at the lower end were firm. FBOP1's, in general, were lower.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very Tippy teas were firm, whilst the Best and Below Best were firm to dearer. Teas at the lower end were irregular following quality. The leafier varieties sold around last levels. Select Best and Best together with the Below Best FF1's declined, whilst teas at the lower end were firm.

**FBOPFSP** : Select best teas maintained on last levels whilst the best and the below best firm on last.

**FFEXSP/SP1** : Select best very tippy teas were firm whilst the best and the below best were firm to dearer.

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>1500-1650</b>	1550- 2050	<b>1300-1450</b>	1300-1500	<b>1100-1250</b>	1150-1250
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	<b>1550-1900</b>	1550-2350	<b>1300-1500</b>	1350-1500	<b>1200-1300</b>	1200-1300
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	<b>2250-2350</b>	2200-2700	<b>1700-2150</b>	1800-2100	<b>1550-1650</b>	1600-1700
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1400-1950</b>	1380-1550	<b>1200-1350</b>	1200-1350	<b>1100-1200</b>	1100-1200
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	<b>4100-4750</b>	4200-4490	<b>3000-4000</b>	3000-4000	<b>1800-2850</b>	1800-2900

### MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Select well-made FBOP's declined in value. Below best and the poorer sorts too were easier on last levels.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1**: Best teas on offer lost Rs.50-100/- per kg. Below best and the poorer types were discounted by Rs.40-50/- per kg towards the close. Teas at the lower end were irregularly lower.

**PEK/PEK1** : Shotty well-made invoices were easier on last levels. Below best and the poorer types too were discounted fairly sharply.

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>FBOP</b>	<b>1400 - 1950</b>	1400 - 2350	<b>1250 -1400</b>	1300- 1400	<b>1050-1250</b>	1100 - 1300
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1300 - 1600</b>	1350 - 1550	<b>1050-1300</b>	1100 - 1350	<b>900 - 1050</b>	900 - 1100
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1200 - 1600</b>	1200 - 1700	<b>900-1200</b>	950 - 1200	<b>875 - 900</b>	900 - 950

### HIGH GROWNS TEAS

**BOP** : Best Western's – A few select invoices appreciated substantially following quality/special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's sold well at firm to marginally dearer rates. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were barely steady.

**BOPF**: Best Western's – A selection of teas appreciated by Rs.100/- per kg and more following quality, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were irregular following quality, whilst the others were generally firm. At the lower end of the market, clean leaf teas were firm, whilst the others were Rs.20/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's were firm and dearer following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were irregular and barely steady. Uva's were firm and marginally dearer

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>1320 - 1650</b>	1200 - 1420	<b>1380 - 1650</b>	1380 - 1600
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1100 - 1300</b>	1020 - 1180	<b>1180 - 1360</b>	1140 - 1320
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>900 - 1060</b>	940 - 1000	<b>900 - 1160</b>	900 - 1120
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	<b>1320 - 1360</b>	1280 - 1300	<b>1280 - 1380</b>	1200 - 1240
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>1260</b>	N/A	<b>1100 - 1180</b>	1100 - 1120
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>940 - 1000</b>	940 - 960	<b>920 - 1060</b>	940 - 1060
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>1040 - 1280</b>	1040	<b>1100 - 1200</b>	1160 - 1180
<b>Other Uva's</b>	<b>980 - 1060</b>	920 - 1000	<b>860 - 1080</b>	1000 - 1060

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP** : Well-made Large Leaf teas were firm, whilst the other secondary sorts were up to Rs.100/- per kg easier. Orthodox/Rotovane types were up to Rs.50/- per kg.

**BOPF** : Clean leaf coloury sorts were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others barely steady.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>800 - 1480</b>	800 - 1550	<b>720 - 1140</b>	740 - 1180

## CTC TEAS

### HIGH GROWN:-

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings

**PF1** - A few select invoices were firm, whilst the others were irregular and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

### MEDIUM GROWN:-

**BP1** - Better sorts had hardly any offerings, whilst the other secondary types were irregular.

**PF1** - Better sorts were barely steady, whilst the others were irregular following quality.

### LOW GROWN:-

**BP1** - Mostly unsold.

**PF1** - Select best were firm, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>High</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>880 - 1240</b>	860 - 1220
<b>Medium</b>	<b>760 - 1080</b>	730 - 1120	<b>730 - 1200</b>	730 - 1200
<b>Low</b>	<b>750 - 940</b>	750 - 1160	<b>800 - 1460</b>	740 - 1440

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select Best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 lost Rs.20-40/- per kg following less demand, whilst poorer teas held firm. Well-made Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1 were firm on last. Best teas, below best and poorer varieties eased Rs.20-40/- per kg.

**BOP1A** : PEK1's reducers' firm on last whilst, below best teas and poor teas advanced Rs.25/- per kg.

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>850 - 980</b>	850 - 1000	<b>720 - 820</b>	750 - 860	<b>760 - 860</b>	800 - 860
Good Fannings (CTC)	<b>770 - 800</b>	770 - 800	<b>770 - 800</b>	770 - 800	<b>770 - 800</b>	770 - 800
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>725 - 750</b>	725 - 750	<b>725 - 750</b>	725 - 750	<b>725 - 750</b>	725 - 750
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	<b>820 - 860</b>	820 - 860	<b>840 - 870</b>	840 - 870	<b>800 - 900</b>	800 - 900
Other BM's	<b>770 - 820</b>	770 - 820	<b>770 - 820</b>	770 - 820	<b>770 - 820</b>	770 - 820
Best BOP1As	<b>870 - 900</b>	870 - 900	<b>870 - 920</b>	870 - 920	<b>880 - 1250</b>	880 - 1250
Other BOP1As	<b>850 - 880</b>	840 - 880	<b>850 - 880</b>	840 - 880	<b>850 - 900</b>	840 - 900

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1:** High Grown select best types were fully firm to dearer, whilst their secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Grown teas together with Low Grown clean types too were lower by Rs.40-80/- per kg and more at times.

**PD** : High Grown teas maintained last levels, whilst mid grown were Rs.50-70/- per kg lower. Low Grown teas maintained last levels.

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>800 - 1650</b>	780- 1550	<b>760 - 1280</b>	760 - 1200	<b>780 - 1360</b>	800 - 1060
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>780 - 1220</b>	760 - 1140	<b>760 - 1180</b>	740 - 1220	<b>760 - 1440</b>	760 - 1380
Secondary Dust	<b>760 - 1080</b>	800 - 1160	<b>770 - 890</b>	760 - 900	<b>770 - 1160</b>	760 - 1200

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

<b>*Harangalla</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1480/-</b>
Harangalla	BOP	1480/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1320/-
Windsorforest	BOPSP	1300/-
<b>*Ancoombra</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>1280/-</b>
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1140/-
<b>*Vellai Oya</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1120/-</b>
Harangalla	BOPFSP	1300/-
<b>*Uplands</b>	<b>BOPFSP</b>	<b>1280/-</b>
Craighead	BOP1	1800/-
<b>*Ancoombra</b>	<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	<b>1950/-</b>
Harangalla	FBOP/FBOP1	1850/-
Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1600/-
<b>*Ingurugala</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>1360/-</b>
<b>*Ingurugala</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>1340/-</b>
Harangala	OP/OPA	1340/-
<b>*Hatale</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>1320/-</b>
Craighead	OP1	1750/-
Dartry Valley	OP1	1550/-
<b>*Ingurugala</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>1500/-</b>
Harangalla	OP1	1500/-
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1600/-</b>
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	1600/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEK/PEK1	1600/-
New Rothschild	PEK/PEK1	1600/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Robgill	BOP	1650/-
Robgill	BOPSp	1600/-
Robgill	BOPF/BOPFSp	1650/-
Venture	BOP1	1420/-
Bambrakelly	FBOP/FBOP1	1500/-
Inverness	FBOP/FBOP1	1500/-
Bambrakelly	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1380/-
Venture	OP/OPA	1400/-
Bogahawatte	OP1	900/-
Craig Hill	PEK/PEK1	1600/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Mahagastotte	BOP	1360/-
Lovers leap	BOPF/BOPFSp	1380/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF/BOPFSp	1380/-
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	1340/-
Lovers leap	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1180/-
Kenmare	OP/OPA	1140/-
Lovers leap	PEK/PEK1	1360/-

**Dust**

Mattakelle	DUST	1160/-
Wattegodde	DUST	1160/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1650/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PD	1440/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

Shawlands	BOP	1180/-
<b>*Roseland Uva</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1100/-</b>
Dickwella	BOPSP	1400/-
Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	1460/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1900/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1700/-
<b>*Roseland Uva</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
Dickwella	FBOP/FBOP1	1500/-
Dickwella	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1460/-
Misty Uva	OP/OPA	1360/-
Dickwella	OP/OPA	1360/-
Pettiagalla	OP1	1800/-
Misty Uva	PEK/PEK1	1500/-
Dickwella	PEK/PEK1	1500/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEK/PEK1	1500/-
Aruna Passara	PEK/PEK1	1500/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEK/PEK1	1500/-

**UVA HIGH**

Nayabedde	BOP	1280/-
Aislaby	BOPSP	1360/-
Nayabedde	BOPF/BOPFSP	1200/-
Ampittiakande	BOP1	1460/-
Glenanore	FBOP/FBOP1	1550/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1360/-
Glenanore	OP/OPA	1380/-
Uva Highlands	OP1	1460/-
Glenanore	PEK/PEK1	1480/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

Alma	BOP	1420/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	920/-
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	1180/-
<b>*Delmar</b>	<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	<b>1140/-</b>
Gonapitiya	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1140/-
Delmar	OP/OPA	1300/-
Delmar	OP1	1220/-
<b>*Delmar</b>	<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1260/-</b>

**OFF GRADES**

<b>*Chandrika Estate</b>	<b>BP</b>	<b>1360/-</b>
Liyonta CTC	PF	980/-
Glenross	BM	1100/-
Holyrood	FNGS/FNGS1	1220/-
Wattegodde	FNGS/FNGS1	1220/-
Chandrika Estate	BOPIA	1280/-
<b>*Narangala Super</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>1220/-</b>
<b>*Chandrika Estate</b>	<b>BOPIA</b>	<b>1220/-</b>

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3200/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP1	2800/-
<b>*Makandura</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>2700/-</b>
Pothotuwa	OP1	3500/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Mulatiyana Hills	OP	1700/-
<b>* Makandura</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
Miriswatta	OPA	1850/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2200/-
Mulatiyana Hills	PEKOE	2100/-
<b>*New Hopewell</b>	<b>PEKOE</b>	<b>1850/-</b>
Rajjuruwatte Super	PEKOE1	2200/-

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

Golden Garden	BOP	1650/-
Lions	BOP	1650/-
Nawagamuwahena	BOP	1650/-
<b>*Nawagamuwahena BOP</b>		<b>1600/-</b>
<b>*Andaradeniya Super BOP</b>		<b>1550/-</b>
<b>*Karawita</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1550/-</b>
Stream Line	BOPSP	1550/-
<b>*KDU Super</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>1420/-</b>
<b>*Athukorala Group Super BOPSP</b>		<b>1400/-</b>
Sithaka	BOPF	1750/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOPFSP	1900/-
Broadands SH	BOPFSP	1700/-
<b>*Nawagamuwahena BOPFSP</b>		<b>1550/-</b>
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP</b>	<b>2850/-</b>
Kumudu	FBOP1	1800/-
New Batuwangala	FBOP1	1800/-
<b>*Wattahena</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1700/-</b>
<b>*Greenwin Super</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
<b>*New Laksakanda</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1850/-</b>
Rotumba	FBOPF	1850/-
<b>*New Laksakanda</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1750/-</b>
Sithaka	FBOPF	1750/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1950/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

New Hopewell	FBOPFSP	3750/-
Kurunduwatta	FBOPFSP	3650/-
<b>*Karawita</b>	<b>FBOPFSP</b>	<b>3300/-</b>
Ivy Hills	FBOPFEXSP	4750/-
Kamarangapitiya	FBOPFEXSP1	4900/-
<b>*Greenwin Super</b>	<b>FBOPFEXSP1</b>	<b>4350/-</b>

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

Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1240/-
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**MEDIUM GROWN**

Delta CTC	BP1	1080/-
<b>*Strathdon CTC</b>	<b>BP1</b>	<b>980/-</b>
New Peacock CTC	PF1	1200/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1200/-

**LOW GROWN**

Nelunwatta CTC	BP1	940/-
Kalubowityana CTC	PF1	1460/-

## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.05 OF 05<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

	2025			2024	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,020.30	1,027.71	1,045.71	1,020.39	1,027.19
Western High Grown	1,151.53	1,159.44	1,150.50	1,157.35	1,126.33
High Grown	1,109.90	1,117.17	1,115.16	1,129.60	1,099.46
Uva Medium	1,055.91	1,057.54	1,066.96	1,069.93	1,090.35
Western Medium	1,023.64	1,020.37	1,028.59	1,119.36	1,085.28
Medium Grown	1,033.88	1,031.71	1,042.06	1,107.51	1,086.74
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,257.91	1,257.91	1,286.39	1,469.18	1,420.09
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,248.27	1,242.67	1,273.32	1,439.33	1,397.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,190.36</b>	<b>1,185.60</b>	<b>1,204.49</b>	<b>1,322.09</b>	<b>1,286.51</b>

Private Sale Figures (03.02.2025 – 08.02.2025) - 245,835.00 kgs

Cumulative - 1,177,536.60 kgs

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	<u>Sale of 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> Feb. '25</u>		<u>Sale of 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> Feb. '25</u>	
	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,023	773,284	2,007	753,915
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,688	721,268	1,714	713,705
Low Grown Tippy	2,199	1,080,240	2,060	987,682
High & Medium	1,477	647,600	1,304	571,650
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,174	1,085,081	2,048	1,021,471
Dust	629	574,538	611	547,237
Premium Flowery	489	76,073	476	69,479
Ex-Estate	895	905,175	905	918,113
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,574</u></b>	<b><u>5,863,259</u></b>	<b><u>11,125</u></b>	<b><u>5,583,252</u></b>



## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.09 of 04<sup>th</sup> /05<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.10 of 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **20<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.11 of 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **27<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2025 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **SALE NO. 07**

### **AUCTION OF 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

#### **BROKERS' SELLING ORDER**

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

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

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

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

#### **Ex-Estate**

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

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 04<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:-

Both regions reported bright weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects ground frost in the Nuwara Eliya Region, whilst misty conditions are expected in the Western Region in the week ahead.

### Uva/ Udapussellawa Region:-

Sunny weather was reported in the Uva and Udapussellawa regions throughout the week.

### Low Grown:-

Bright weather was reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, winds and misty conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

### Crop Intake:-

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

### WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2023</i>	<i>To-date 2024</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<i>Dec.</i>	<b>19.80</b>	<b>21.71</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>256.08</b>	<b>262.15</b>	<b>6.07</b>
BANGLADESH	Nov.	11.60	9.90	-1.70	95.10	86.60	-8.50
KENYA	Oct.	52.78	50.06	-2.72	465.01	495.23	30.2
MALAWI	Nov.	2.70	3.20	0.50	39.30	44.80	5.5
NORTH INDIA	Dec.	66.30	11.10	-55.20	1156.90	1058.00	-98.90
SOUTH INDIA	Dec.	18.10	18.30	0.20	236.70	226.80	-9.90

## OTHER MARKETS

### BANGLADESH AUCTION

#### **SALE NO. 40 OF MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

**CTC LEAF** :- 63,236 packages of tea on offer met with an improved demand.

**BROKENS**:- Good liquoring Brokens were a good market and were mostly dearer up to Tk.5/- over last. Medium varieties witnessed a fairly good demand and were about steady. Plain types met with only fair interest and were generally easier with fair withdrawals. BLF teas met with only little interest with heavy withdrawals.

**FANNINGS** :- Good liquoring Fannings met with a fairly strong demand at dearer rates following competition. Medium sorts were a good market and sold at around last levels. Plain types met with only fair interest and were generally easier with fair withdrawals. BLF teas met with only some interest with heavy withdrawals.

**DUST**:- 10,763 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at around last levels. Their Mediums were fully firm to slightly dearer closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts met with a less demand and saw fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS** : Highlight of the sale was the stronger demand for good liquoring varieties which often advanced in value following competition. Both Blenders and Loose tea buyers were more active this week. However, bulk of the offerings which comprised of reprinted teas were often neglected.

Dusts met with an improved demand.

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

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	230-240	225-230	Best	230-245	225-230	PD	192-248	180-250
Good	205-220	200-205	Good	210-220	205-215	RD	160-318	160-286
Medium	180-190	175-185	Medium	180-190	175-185	D	160-293	160-270
Plain	160-170	160-170	Plain	160-170	160-170	CD	160-364	170-273
BLF	160-162	160-162	BLF	160-162	160-162	BLF	160-192	160-180



## SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING -08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Good Demand. Brokens sold around last levels and fannings were dearer by Rs.1to2.

#### ORTHODOX LEAF

**Demand :** Good demand.

#### **Buying Pattern :**

Cleaner blacker whole leaves and primary brokens sold at irregular around last levels and at times lower depending on quality. Fannings were fully firm.

**Market :** CIS & Middle East, buyers operated.

#### DUST

**Demand :** Fair Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Popular marks and better mediums sold irregularly and lower by Rs.2 to 3 with some withdrawals. Medium and plainer sorts also shared the same market trend.

**Market :** Major Packeteers and exporters were less active, internal buyers purchase were limited.

### COONOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Fairly good.

**Market :** Generally an easier market across all grades and categories by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- and more following quality. The sale has been witnessing fair withdrawals on the larger brokens and on the browner unclean Teas.

**The overall sale percentage is 78.65% at an average of Rs.122.35**

#### **Buying Pattern:**

The major blenders and regional packeteers were the mainstay whilst the internal and the export were lending fair support.

#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand :** Fairly strong.

**Market :** A strong overall demand had brought impetus on the price levels as the whole leaves and the brokens have traded at Rs.3/- to Rs.10/- and more following quality. However the fannings were trading at irregularly and mostly easier levels.

**The overall sale percentage is 96.39 % at an average of Rs. 161.57**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export enquiry was forthcoming with equal support from the internal buyers being noticed.

**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair.**Market :** Market was generally on easier trend with the prices dropping Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- on the bolder and red dust. However the finer grades of all categories have held firm and occasionally dearer.**The overall sale percentage is 70.80% at an average of Rs. 121.69****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with Bhansali, Girnar and vimal Tea Co were seen operating actively. The major blenders lending fair support whilst the internal being rather selective. M/s Anjenya Enterprises(Devagiri) continued their support on the brighter and fairly brisker teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market:** Market for the primary dust have been firm to dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- and upto Rs.10/- sometimes whilst the secondaries and tertiaries were rather trading at barely steady to easier levels.**The overall sale percentage is 72.24% at an average of Rs. 140.41****Buying Pattern:** Fair export enquiry was witnessed with equal support from the internal participants. Yet again Anjenya Enterprises have absorbed the premium primary dust grades.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium / popular sorts were irregular with heavy withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were barely steady to lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf firm. Well made brokens steady with few withdrawals. Smaller bokens / OF were steady.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were selective.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular marks were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more. Plainer teas were fully firm.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair demand**Market :** Barely steady to lower by Rs.2/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

### Sale No.05 of 03<sup>RD</sup> & 04<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

Good general demand prevailed for the 209,857 packages (14,128,717.00 kilos) in the market with 21.31% remaining unsold.

#### OFFERINGS:

**Leaf Grades** - 110,599 packages (7,281,075.00 kilos) – 24.79% unsold.  
**Dust Grades** - 74,200 packages (5,534,514.00 kilos) – 20.67% unsold.  
**Secondary Grades** - 25,058 packages (1,313,128.00 kilos) – 7.81% unsold.

#### MARKETS:

**Pakistan Packers** showed more interest but at lower levels with **Egyptian Packers** active but at lower levels. **Sudan** and **Yemen**, **other Middle Eastern countries** maintained useful support while **Bazaar** and **Afghanistan** showed reduced inquiry. **UK** were selective while **Kazakhstan**, **other CIS states** and **Russia** were less active. **Local Packers** reduced support while **Somalia** were active at the lower end of the market.

#### LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

##### **BP1:**

**Best** – Irregular with some teas firm to USC18 dearer while others lost up to USC26.

**Brighter** – Varied between steady to USC14 dearer to easier by up to USC22.

**Mediums** – KTDA mediums saw a few lines advance by up to USC10 while others were easier by up to USC34; plantation mediums ranged between USC10 dearer to USC4 below last levels.

**Lower Medium** – Were irregular varying between to USC29 dearer to easier by up to USC18.

**Plainer** – Ranged between USC18 dearer to easier by up to USC11.

##### **PF1:**

**Best** – Were irregular varying between firm to USC14 above previous levels to easier by up to USC19 with a few lines losing USC30 and USC35.

**Brighter** – Irregular and ranged between steady to dearer by up to USC8 to easier by up to USC12.

**Mediums** – KTDA mediums were firm to irregularly easier by up to USC30 while plantation mediums saw some teas appreciate by up to USC8 while others lost up to USC22.

**Lower Medium** – Ranged between firm to USC15 dearer to easier by up to USC10.

**Plainer** – Irregular with some teas advancing by up to USC17 while others shed up to USC15.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
<b>Best</b>	296 – 378	328 – 416
<b>Good</b>	300 – 341	315 – 354
<b>Good Medium</b>	275 – 346	310 – 344
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	169 – 268	145 – 295
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	156 – 250	169 – 232
<b>Lower Medium</b>	134 – 190	132 – 174
<b>Plainer</b>	080 – 160	087 – 146

**DUST GRADES (M1)****PDUST:**

**Best** – Irregular ranging between steady to USC36 easier to dearer by up to USC26 with select teas appreciating by USC98.

**Brighter** – Were mainly firm to easier by up to USC17 but a few teas advanced by up to USC8.

**Mediums** – KTDA mediums varied between steady to USC18 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin; plantation mediums held firm with some teas advancing by up to USC3 and select lines were dearer by USC16 while others lost up to USC5.

**Lower Medium** – Steady to USC6 dearer to USC13 below last prices.

**Plainer** – Varied between firm to USC6 dearer with select teas gaining USC20 to easier by up to USC11.

**DUST1:**

**Best** – Steady to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC26.

**Brighter** – Shed up to USC20 but a few teas were dearer by up to USC15.

**Mediums** – KTDA mediums varied between USC16 dearer to easier by up to USC15 with plantation mediums irregular at firm to dearer by up to USC6 to easier by up to USC18.

**Lower Medium** – Steady to dearer by up to USC4 to easier by up to USC9.

**Plainer** – Saw some teas appreciate by up to USC20 while others lost up to USC7.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
Best	320 – 388	300 – 354
Good	305 – 348	295 – 329
Good Medium	300 – 336	280 – 318
Medium (KTDA)	140 – 300	140 – 270
Medium (Plantations)	192 – 278	173 – 226
Lower Medium	124 – 202	128 – 178
Plainer	100 – 167	101 – 165

**SECONDARY GRADES (S1)**

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** tended easier with others steady while **PFs** held value. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were dearer with **similar DUSTs** about firm. **Other Fannings** held value while similar **DUSTs** were easier. **BMFs** were readily absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1 / FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	166 – 258	172 – 251	140 – 234	110 – 274	-
Good Medium / Medium	-	-	125 – 163	100 – 212	-
Lower Medium	118 – 134	102 – 140	094 – 145	075 – 129	096 – 108
Plainer	100 – 126	083 – 125	082 – 118	072 – 095	082 – 104

February 11, 2025

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## *International Tea News*

### **Can drinking tea and coffee increase head and neck cancer risk? Here's what the studies say**



TEA AND COFFEE ARE MISUNDERSTOOD TO BE BAD FOR US, BUT POLYPHENOLS AND ANTIOXIDANTS ARE ABUNDANTLY PRESENT IN THEM. HOWEVER, SOME STUDIES SUGGEST THAT REGULAR CONSUMPTION OF TEA AND COFFEE COULD INCREASE THE RISK BY REDUCING OXIDATIVE STRESS AND INFLAMMATION. NOT ONLY THIS, EXCESSIVE INTAKE OF VERY HOT BEVERAGES HAS BEEN LINKED TO AN INCREASED RISK OF HEAD AND NECK CANCER. THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE OF AN INCREASED RISK DUE TO HEAT INJURY TO THE INNER LINING OF OUR ORAL CAVITY.

COFFEE AND TEA MAY CAUSE OROPHARYNGEAL CANCER BY CAUSING THERMAL INJURY TO THE OROPHARYNGEAL MUCOSA. IF SO, THE RISK OF OROPHARYNGEAL CARCINOMA ATTRIBUTABLE TO THERMAL INJURY COULD BE LARGE IN POPULATIONS IN WHICH THESE BEVERAGES ARE COMMONLY CONSUMED. IN ADDITION, THESE DRINKS MAY CAUSE OR PREVENT OROPHARYNGEAL CARCINOMAVIA THEIR CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS. THEREFORE, A LARGE NUMBER OF EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES HAVE INVESTIGATED THE ASSOCIATION OF AN INDICATOR OF AMOUNT OR TEMPERATURE OF USE OF THESE DRINKS OR OTHER HOT FOODS AND BEVERAGES WITH THE RISK OF ORAL CANCER (OC).



According to Yash Mathur - Consultant- Head & Neck Surgical Oncology - HCG Hospital, Colaba, "We conducted a systematic review of these studies and report the results for amount and temperature of use separately. By searching PubMed and the ISI, we found 59 eligible studies. For coffee and tea, there was little evidence for an association between amount of use and carcinoma risk; however, the majority of studies showed an increased risk of OC associated with higher drinking temperature, which was statistically significant in most of them."



The number of studies was limited, but they consistently showed that OC risk increased with both amount consumed and temperature, and these 2 were independent risk factors. For other hot foods and drinks, over half of the studies showed statistically significant increased risks of oropharyngeal



carcinoma associated with higher temperature of intake.

According to Dr. Jeyhan B. Dhabhar, Consultant, Medical Oncologist and cancer expert, Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai, Overall, the available results strongly suggest that high-temperature beverage drinking increases the risk of oral carcinoma. Future studies will require standardized strategies that allow for combining data and results should be reported by histological subtypes of carcinoma. Some studies support the hypothesis of an inverse association between caffeinated coffee drinking and OP cancer risk. We pooled individual-level data from nine case-control studies of HN cancers, including 5139 cases and 9028 controls.”

The inverse relationship between caffeinated coffee drinking and OP cancer can be related to various components of coffee. Besides caffeine, coffee contains more than a thousand chemicals, some of which have antioxidant and antimutagenic activities in animal models and cell culture systems. These include several phenolic compounds (such as chlorogenic, caffeic, ferulic, and cumaric acids), melanoidins, and diterpenes (such as cafestol and kahweol), whose concentration in the beverage varies depending on type of raw coffee (Arabica or Robusta), roasting, and preparation, as unfiltered coffee contains fewer amounts of lipid components, such as diterpenes. In particular, cafestol and kahweol may reduce the genotoxicity of some carcinogens and may activate enzymes involved in cancerogenic detoxification, such as glutathione-S-transferase and inhibiting N-acetyltransferase.

## **Another head and neck cancer study to consider**

The INHANCE consortium includes 33 epidemiologic studies providing data on 24,571 cases of HN cancers and 33,013 controls from many countries and regions, including carcinomas of the oral cavity, pharynx, and larynx, and excluding lymphomas and sarcomas, and cancers of the nasopharynx and salivary glands. Among the 33 studies, 23 had no information on coffee or tea drinking and thus could not be included in this investigation. Another study was excluded because data on caffeinated coffee and tea amounts were missing for 46% and 67% of cases and 28% and 51% of controls, respectively. Therefore, nine studies reporting information on caffeinated coffee, decaffeinated coffee, or tea drinking were included. All nine case-control studies included OP cancer, and 7 studies included also laryngeal cancer.

In conclusion, the results of this pooled analysis of case-control studies support the hypothesis of an inverse association between caffeinated coffee drinking and OP cancer risk and provide a more precise estimate of the magnitude of the effect.

# The #1 Tea to Drink to Live Longer, According to Dietitians

This popular tea may help you live a longer, healthier life.

When it comes to what to drink to improve your health, green tea often steals the spotlight. However, if you're curious about living longer, there's another brew you'll want to add to your pantry. "Incorporating black tea into your routine can be an enjoyable and easy way to [support longevity](#) and overall health," says [Vandana Sheth, RDN, CDCES, FAND](#), a Los Angeles-based registered dietitian.

Whether you prefer a fruity Earl Grey or a full-bodied English breakfast, brewing a pot of black tea—along with making other healthy lifestyle choices—might help you achieve a longer, healthier life. Read on to learn why black tea is the best variety for longevity and how to maximize its benefits.

## Why Black Tea Is the Best Tea to Live Longer

### Drinking Black Tea May Reduce Your Risk of Dying Prematurely

A 2022 study of nearly half a million people found that those who regularly consume at least 2 cups of black tea per day had a 9% to 13% lower risk of premature death. Tea drinkers were also less likely to die of a heart attack or stroke. Because the study is observational, it can't say for certain that drinking black tea will add years to your life. Still, it's not the first study to suggest that drinking tea may play a role in longevity.

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### Black Tea Is High in Antioxidants

Black tea is [rich in antioxidants](#)—plant compounds that have been shown to help protect against chronic disease and support healthy aging. Unlike other forms of tea, black tea leaves are fully oxidized, resulting in the formation of antioxidants that aren't as prevalent in other tea varieties. Specifically, black tea is high in groups of flavonoids called theaflavins and thearubigins that have been linked with benefits for chronic inflammation and disease prevention. "These compounds significantly enhance black tea's health-promoting properties, including antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects," says Sheth.

### Black Tea May Support Heart Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Thanks to its antioxidant content, research suggests that drinking black tea might help lower your risk of this common disease. Studies have also found black tea to be helpful for improving blood pressure levels. "Hypertension is a major risk factor for cardiovascular morbidity and mortality, so healthy blood pressure is key for longevity," Sheth says.

### How to Drink Black Tea for Longevity

Adding black tea to your morning routine is a simple way to support longevity. We spoke with two dietitians on how to get the most out of your morning brew.

- **Use loose-leaf tea.** "Loose-leaf tea may be more potent than tea bags," says [Jennifer House, M.Sc., RD](#), a family dietitian and founder of First Step Nutrition. For brewing loose-leaf tea, make sure to have a strainer or package of reusable teabags on hand.
- **Brew for at least 3 minutes.** Sheth recommends steeping black tea for 3 to 5 minutes to extract more antioxidants from the leaves. Just keep in mind that the flavor of your tea will get stronger, and likely more bitter, the longer you brew it.
- **Skip the sugar.** "Sugar can negate some of the black tea's health benefits, such as its potential to prevent stroke," says House. If you dislike the taste of plain black tea, House recommends buying varieties that are flavored with dried flowers or herbs. You can also use a natural sugar alternative, like monk fruit, or try adding lemon, ginger or cinnamon for a punch of flavor.

- **Add lemon juice:** Black tea contains tannins, which can block iron absorption. If you're drinking black tea with a meal, Sheth recommends adding a squeeze of lemon juice to your tea or making sure you have at least one [vitamin C-rich food](#) on your plate to improve iron absorption.
- **Drink at least 2 cups per day:** While there's no magic number, research suggests that drinking at least 2 cups of black tea daily may offer the most benefits. To keep your cup exciting, try experimenting with different types of black tea, like Darjeeling, Assam or Ceylon. Keep in mind that black tea has caffeine. If you're sensitive to caffeine, you may want to stick with just one cup.
- **Don't drink black tea before bed:** Getting a good night's rest is also important for longevity. Because black tea contains caffeine, House recommends drinking it in the morning or early afternoon so it doesn't interfere with sleep.

### The Bottom Line

Thanks to its unique antioxidant profile, drinking at least 2 cups of black tea per day may help you live a longer and healthier life. To maximize black tea's benefits, dietitians recommend steeping it for at least 3 minutes and skipping the sweeteners—you'll also want to avoid sipping black tea too close to bedtime. Remember, that no one food—or tea—can determine how long you'll live. Your overall diet and lifestyle make the biggest difference in the length and quality of your life.