

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 45**

November 18 & 19, 2025



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## COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, namely Sale #45 was held on November 18 (Tue.)/19 (Wed.), 2025. A total weight of 4.9 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 2.2 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.5 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.6 MKGS.

At the Ex-Estate sale held today, the better teas were irregular and easier for BOP's whilst BOPF's sold around last week levels. Best Western BOP's were upto Rs.100/- easier whilst below best and plainer teas were firm. Select best high priced BOPF's were easier but where quality was maintained sold around last week levels. Teas in the below best and plainer categories sold too sold at last levels. Nuwara Eliya BOP's were irregular whilst their BOPF's were firm. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's were firm whilst their corresponding BOPF's tended irregular easier. CTC Teas – PF1's firm all elevations were firm on last levels. There were hardly in BP1's this week on offer. Shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa continued to be selective in the purchases whilst others were sought after by Shippers to Russia, CIS, China & Hong Kong.

Demand at the Low Grown sale was sustained in all categories. Both leafy, Semi Leafy and Tippy teas met with good demand and prices were fully firm to dearer. Traditional buyers continued to be operative.

This week's auction comprised of **10,306** lots with a total quantity of **4,971,311** Kgs.

### *In Lighter Vein*

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

### RICE PREFERENCE

	<u><b>Lots</b></u>	<u><b>Qty. (Kgs)</b></u>	
Low Grown Leafy	1,930	713,541	The young woman really thought she'd been very patient, through a protracted period of dating with no talk of marriage.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,568	656,342	
Low Grown Tippy	1,868	879,111	One night her steady boyfriend took her to a Chinese restaurant. As he perused the menu, he casually asked her, "So... how do you like your rice? Boiled? Steamed? Or fried?"
High & Medium	1,314	549,744	
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,135	1,094,373	Without missing a beat she looked over her menu at him and replied clearly, "Thrown."
Dust	452	374,390	
Premium Flowery	352	47,787	
Ex-Estate	<u>687</u>	<u>656,023</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>10,306</b></u>	<u><b>4,971,311</b></u>	

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Teas in the best category were firm to dearer whilst the balance tended irregular.
- OP1** : Select best together with the best invoices appreciated whilst balance firm on last week levels. Stalky invoices tended irregular.
- OP** : Well made OP's were maintained whilst balance tended irregular. However the shorter varieties were declined.
- OPA** : Select best invoices were dearer. However the best categories were declined. Poorer sorts too eased substantially.
- PEK/PEK1** : Well-made PEK's were selectively dearer whilst balance held firm. Select best PEK1's were appreciated, whilst balance tended irregular. Teas at the lower end were declined.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2300-3050	2400-3400	1500-1650	1500-1950	2200-2550
	Last Week	2200-2300	2300-3400	1500-1800	1550-1900	2150-2350
BEST	This Week	1600-2250	1750-2350	1250-1450	1300-1450	1800-2150
	Last Week	1650-2150	1700-2250	1300-1450	1300-1450	1750-2100
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1550	1300-1700	1100-1200	1150-1250	1400-1750
	Last Week	1300-1600	1250-1650	1150-1250	1150-1250	1400-1700
SECONDARIES	This Week	1050-1250	1000-1250	1000-1050	950-1100	1100-1250
	Last Week	1000-1250	1000-1200	1000-1100	950-1100	1100-1350
POOR	This Week	800-100	700-950	600-950	650-900	900-1050
	Last Week	800-950	700-950	650-950	700-900	900-1050

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : In general were selectively dearer, whilst others sold at last levels.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : In general, firm.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best and Best FBOP's were firm to dearer, whilst the others sold around last levels. FBOP1's, in general, were firm.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : FF1's, in general, were firm to dearer.

**FBOPFSP** : Followed a similar trend.

**FFEXSP/SP1** : Overall Leafy, Tippy teas met with good demand.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	2200-2450	1600-2250	1850-2650	1650-2200	5200-6200
	Last Week	2200-2700	1550-2500	1800-2500	1600-2050	5000-6000
BEST	This Week	1650-2150	1380-1550	1550-1800	1420-1600	3500-4600
	Last Week	1650-2150	1350-1500	1500-1750	1400-1550	3400-4500
BELOW BEST	This Week	1360-1600	1220-1340	1400-1500	1300-1380	2200-3700
	Last Week	1350-1600	1200-1300	1350-1450	1280-1360	2000-3000
SECONDARIES	This Week	1050-1300	980-1200	1150-1350	1180-1260	1400-1750
	Last Week	1000-1300	980-1180	1100-1320	1150-1240	1350-1700
POOR	This Week	900-1000	790-920	880-1060	920-1100	1100-1350
	Last Week	860-950	780-900	850-1050	900-1060	1000-1300

### **MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

- FBOP** : Teas in the best category were firm on last levels, secondaries and the poorer sorts appreciated in value.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made neat invoices were firm on last levels, whilst the below best and the lower end varieties met with fair demand.
- PEK/PEK1** : Best shotty PEK and PEK1 types were fully firm on last levels, mixed and the poorer sorts declined in value and mostly unsalable.

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>1500-2100</b>	1450-2200	<b>1400-1500</b>	1350-1420	<b>900-1400</b>	830-1350
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1400-1800</b>	1220-1650	<b>1250-1400</b>	980-1200	<b>1000 -1250</b>	800 -1000
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1750-2100</b>	1600-1950	<b>1400-1750</b>	1150-1550	<b>850-1400</b>	880-1160

### **HIGH GROWNS TEAS**

**MARKET** : Better teas were irregular and easier particularly the BOP's, whilst the others sold well around last

**BOP** : Best Western's were up to Rs.100/- per kg easier. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories were generally firm. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were mostly firm.

**BOPF** : Best Western's - Select high-priced teas were easier, whilst the others where quality was maintained sold around last week's levels. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories sold around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's were firm. Uda Pussellawa's were barely steady. Uva's – Select high-priced teas were easier, whilst the others were generally sold around last.

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>1240 - 1360</b>	1340 - 1480	<b>1300 - 1440</b>	1300 - 1600
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1160 - 1220</b>	1200 - 1320	<b>1260 - 1280</b>	1240 - 1280
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>1080 - 1140</b>	1100 - 1180	<b>1200 - 1240</b>	1100 - 1220
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	<b>N/A</b>	N/A	<b>1200</b>	1200 - 1220
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>1180</b>	1160 - 1200	<b>1200 - 1240</b>	1180 - 1260
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>1100 - 1160</b>	1020 - 1120	<b>1100 - 1180</b>	1100 - 1160
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>1160 - 1260</b>	1240 - 1420	<b>1160 - 1280</b>	1220 - 1300
<b>Other Uva's</b>	<b>800 - 1000</b>	820 - 1040	<b>860 - 920</b>	850 - 920

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP/ BOPF** : Firm.

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>1200-1850</b>	1040-1950	<b>900-1280</b>	880-1280

## CTC TEAS

### **HIGH GROWN:-**

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - Sold around last.

### **MEDIUM GROWN:-**

**BP1** - Firm and tended dearer.

**PF1** - Sold around last week's levels.

### **LOW GROWN:-**

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - Generally firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>High</b>	<b>N/A</b>	N/A	<b>1080-1200</b>	1080-1160
<b>Medium</b>	<b>840 - 1100</b>	740 - 1140	<b>580 - 1160</b>	630 - 1150
<b>Low</b>	<b>1040 - 1400</b>	650 - 1380	<b>650 - 1460</b>	630 - 1480

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's advanced Rs.25-50/- per kg whilst, below Best types tended irregular. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm to lower Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst others firm on last. Select best BM's held firm; others firm to dearer by Rs.20/- per kg.

**BOP1A** : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best Teas lower Rs.25-50/-and poorer teas 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)	920-1240	920-1200	800-870	800-870	820-880	820-890
Good Fannings (CTC)	820-840	820-880	720-770	720-770	750-820	750-820
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	740-750	740-750	725-750	725-750	750-800	750-800
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	820-890	820-890	820-900	820-900	830-930	830-930
Other BM's	620-730	620-720	620-750	650-740	630-770	660-750
Best BOP1As	750-820	750-820	810-860	810-860	1200-1500	1150-1350
Other BOP1As	730-770	720-770	720-780	700-760	720-790	700-780

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1:** High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's gained Rs.40-60/- whilst their secondaries and below best types declined Rs.20-30/-. Mid grown teas maintained last levels. Low grown were firm on last levels.

**PD** : High grown were irregular and mostly lower whilst the Mid grown were firm to dearer. Low grown 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)	850 - 1600	840 - 1550	840 - 1240	820 - 1140	770 - 920	800 - 1440
Good Primary PD (CTC)	840 - 1160	840 - 1160	840 - 1160	830 - 1180	840 - 1420	850 - 1480
Secondary Dust	820 - 1220	800 - 1320	800 - 920	780 - 1020	770 - 940	760 - 960



**WESTERN MEDIUM**

*Ancoombra	BOP	1850/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1850/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1460/-
*Orange Field	BOPSP	1300/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1280/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1080/-
Dartry Valley	BOP1	1850/-
Craighead	FBOP/FOBOP1	2100/-
Craighead	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1800/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1600/-
*Hatale	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1600/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1600/-
Harangalla	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1600/-
*Orange Field	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
*Galgewatta	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
*Hatale	OP/OPA	1340/-
*Meezan	OP/OPA	1280/-
N.Baddegama S.	OP/OPA	1280/-
Harangalla	OP1	1480/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	OP1	1480/-
N.Baddegama S.	OP1	1480/-
*Hatale	OP1	1460/-
Ingurugala	OP1	1440/-
*Ancoombra	OP1	1440/-
Galgewatta	PEK/PEK1	2100/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Bearwell	BOP	1360/-
Queensberry	BOPSP	1400/-
Robgill	BOPF/BOPFSP	1440/-
Ingestre	BOPF/BOPFSP	1440/-
Bambrakelly	BOP1	1320/-
Inverness	FBOP/FOBOP1	1500/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1480/-
Fairlawn	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1480/-
Venture	OP/OPA	1280/-
Bambrakelly	OP1	1480/-
Fairlawn	PEK/PEK1	1900/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	1200/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/FOBOP1	1100/-
Kenmare	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1420/-
Kenmare	OP/OPA	980/-
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	1280/-

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

Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1200/-
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**MEDIUM GROWN**

Delta CTC	BP1	1100/-
*Rothschild CTC	PF1	1160/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1160/-
Carolina CTC	PF1	1160/-

**LOW GROWN**

Cecilayan CTC	BP1	1400/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1460/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

*Halpewatta Uva	BOP	1500/-
Dickwella	BOP	1500/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1480/-
Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	1550/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1600/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP/FOBOP1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1550/-
Aruna Passara	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1500/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1500/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1460/-
Dickwella	OP/OPA	1320/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP1	1500/-
Aruna Passara	PEK/PEK1	1950/-

**UVA HIGH**

Nayabedde	BOP	1260/-
Craig	BOPSP	1380/-
Nayabedde	BOPF/BOPFSP	1280/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1600/-
Oodoowerre	FBOP/FOBOP1	1650/-
Oodoowerre	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1500/-
Uva Highlands	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1500/-
Aislaby	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1500/-
Uva Highlands	OP/OPA	1160/-
Ellathota Uva	OP/OPA	1160/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1480/-
Ampittiakande	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
*Battawatte	PEK/PEK1	1800/-
Oodoowerre	PEK/PEK1	1800/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

High Forest	BOP	1180/-
Kirklees	BOP	1180/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	1160/-
Mooloya	BOPSP	1160/-
Luckyland	BOPF/BOPFSP	1240/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1300/-
Delmar	FBOP/FOBOP1	1500/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF/FOBOPF1	1460/-
Delmar	OP/OPA	1120/-
Delmar	OP1	1180/-
Delmar	PEK/PEK1	1600/-

**OFF GRADES**

*Galgewatta	BP	1460/-
*Chandrika Estate	BP	1260/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1220/-
Gunawardana	BM	1280/-
Wattegodde	FNGS/FNGS1	1280/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1600/-
*Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	1500/-
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**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3050/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP1	2900/-
*Makandura	BOP1	2700/-
*Makandura	OP1	3400/-
Susantha	OP1	3400/-
Lions	OP1	3400/-
Miriswatte	OP	1650/-
Nilgiri	OP	1550/-
Allen Valley	OP	1550/-
H P P Tea	OP	1550/-
Sihara	OP	1550/-
Bogoda Group	OP	1550/-
New Panilkanda	OP	1550/-
A C U Super	OP	1550/-
Green Lanka	OP	1550/-
Susantha	OP	1550/-
*Makandura	OP	1500/-
Mirisswatta	OPA	1950/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2550/-
*Makandura	PEKOE	2400/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2550/-

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2450/-
*New Laksakanda	BOP	2350/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2500/-
Uruwala	BOPF	1800/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOPF	1700/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1600/-
H P P Tea	BOPFSP	2250/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2650/-
*Sithaka	FBOP1	2100/-
Kings Bru	FBOP1	2050/-
*Wattahena	FBOP1	1900/-
Rajjuruwatte S	FBOPF	2200/-
*Hedigalla	FBOPF	2000/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	1850/-
Rajjuruwatte S	FBOPF1	2150/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1800/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1700/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

Aruna	FBOPFSP	6550/-
New Rothschild	FBOPFSP	5600/-
*New Nivithigala	FBOPFSP	4850/-
Magedara	FBOPFEXSP	6250/-
Magedara	FBOPFEXSP1	4350/-

**Dust**

Bogawantalawa	DUST	1220/-
Adisham	DUST	1220/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1600/-
Cecilayan CTC	PD	1420/-

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

*Kothmale Hills	DUST	920/-
*Rothschild CTC	PD	1160/-

**LOW GROWN**

*New Nivithigala	DUST	940/-
*Wattahena	DUST	920/-



## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.44 OF 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025

	2025			2024	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,079.73	1,068.76	1,042.97	975.95	1,102.82
Western High Grown	1,215.84	1,202.77	1,119.69	1,144.35	1,188.38
High Grown	1,172.47	1,162.34	1,095.04	1,095.82	1,160.65
Uva Medium	1,044.88	1,055.00	1,068.75	992.04	1,128.02
Western Medium	977.40	984.48	1,006.96	961.88	1,054.31
Medium Grown	993.41	1,001.59	1,026.32	971.33	1,078.84
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,296.05	1,278.84	1,264.68	1,198.98	1,356.74
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,272.14	1,254.52	1,248.22	1,184.15	1,333.75
Total	1,210.74	1,193.88	1,179.16	1,132.65	1,254.15

Private Sale Figures (06.11.2025 – 12.11.2025)

236,813.50

Cumulative

9,270,160.26

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

#### SALE NO: 46

#### SALE NO: 47

Sale of 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> Nov. '25

Sale of 01<sup>st</sup> /02<sup>nd</sup> Nov. '25

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,105	805,819	1,983	756,716
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,800	777,765	1,527	634,565
Low Grown Tippy	2,103	1,007,946	1,840	842,603
High & Medium	1,557	646,918	1,440	616,923
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,400	1,250,106	2,411	1,221,160
Dust	550	464,219	521	436,501
Premium Flowery	434	56,214	312	41,806
Ex-Estate	<u>781</u>	<u>753,204</u>	<u>751</u>	<u>713,458</u>
Total	<u>11,730</u>	<u>5,762,191</u>	<u>10,785</u>	<u>5,263,732</u>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.48 of 09<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) /10<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) December, 2025**

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

### **Sale No.49 of 15<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) /16<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) December, 2025**

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

### **Sale No.50 of 22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon./One day Sale) December, 2025**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **SALE NO. 46**

### **AUCTION OF 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025**

### **BROKERS' SELLING ORDER**

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

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

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

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

#### **Ex-Estate**

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

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported bright mornings and evening showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in both regions in the week ahead.

### Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported sunny weather and occasional showers throughout the week. Misty conditions are expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Low Grown

The Low Grown Region reported bright weather throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, intermittent showers are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

### Crop Intake

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions maintained the crop intake, whilst the Uva, Uda Pussellawa and Low Grown regions reported a slight increase.

### **WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2024</i>	<i>To-date 2025</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
BANGLADESH	Aug.	13.80	13.60	-0.2	49.50	49.50	0.0
KENYA	July	40.82	39.04	-1.8	364.13	332.29	-31.8
MALAWI	July	1.30	1.40	0.1	34.80	32.90	-1.9
NORTH INDIA	Aug.	166.20	154.00	-12.2	607.40	658.20	50.8
SOUTH INDIA	Aug.	18.30	16.10	-2.2	141.40	153.40	12.0
SRI LANKA	Sep.	24.40	22.20	-2.2	196.90	199.10	2.2

## **HOLIDAY NOTICE**

Please note that **Finlays Warehouse** will be closed for business  
on following day due to staff trip.

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

If you have any **objections** please inform us **before 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025**.



## *OTHER MARKETS*

### LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 47 HELD ON 19/11/2025

There was fairly good demand at generally firm rates following quality for the 5720 packages on offer.

BP1 were firm to 2USC easier.

PF1 held firm to dearer rates where sold.

PD were neglected.

D1 tended firm.

PF1SC were firm to 5USC dearer.

Secondaries were fully firm on last.

### WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16 NOVEMBER, 2025

Scattered rainfall were reported in the tea growing districts of Thyolo and Mulanje, average total rainfall up to 101mm and 58mm respectively.

Green leaf intakes still low.

## BANGLADESH AUCTION

### **SALE NO. 28 OF MONDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025**

**CTC LEAF:** 56,731 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand.

**BROKENs:** Large Broken's were a fairly good market but were a little easier whilst bright liquoring smaller types met with a fairly strong demand and were about steady. Medium varieties met with less enquiry and were a little easier. Plainer types were less in demand and withdrawals were more. BLF teas were a good market particularly the better invoices which tended dearer but there were quite a few withdrawals.

**FANNINGS :** Well made good liquoring Fannings continued to be a strong market and were fully firm to slightly dearer following competition. Medium and plainer varieties met with more enquiry and were mostly firm. BLF teas were again a good market and sold at slightly dearer levels.

**DUST:** 11,499 packages of tea on offer again met with an improved demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at a dearer rate following competition. Mediums were also fully firm to slightly dearer closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts witnessed better demand with a few withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** Market this week witnessed a stronger demand from all sections of the market for all well made good liquoring varieties resulting in more competition and prices appreciated for these varieties.. There was again heavy withdrawals in the reprinted section of the catalogue.

Dusts sold well.

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

Broken's	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	258-268	257-267	Best	258-268	258-265	PD	245-304	245-300
Good	252-257	252-255	Good	252-257	252-257	RD	230-342	235-345
Medium	247-250	247-250	Medium	247-25	247-251	D	255-306	245-341
Plain	245-246	245-246	Plain	245-246	245-246	CD	227-288	240-354
BLF	215-240	215-238	BLF	215-240	215-239	BLF	227-241	235-240

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## SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Fair Demand: All grades sold at steady to dearer levels.

#### ORTHODOX LEAF

**Demand :** Good demand.

**Buying Pattern :** High grown and other whole leaves sold at barely steady to easier levels by Rs.8/- depending on quality with some withdrawals on the OP grades. Primary brokenes were dearer and Secondary brokenes fetched prices irregular around last levels. Fannings were steady.

**Market :** CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

#### DUST

**Demand :** Good demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Popular marks and good liquoring sorts sold irregularly and lower by Rs.1-2/-. Plainier sorts sold fully firm to dearer by Rs.1- 2/- and sometimes more.

**Market :** Major Packeteers and exporters were active, internal buyers operated.

### COONOOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market :** The strong demand continued this week too as it witnessed from the prices realized. The High-priced and Better Mediums were trading irregular with some out lots. The Major quantity that was traded on the medium category had a price increment of Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- and sometimes more.

**The overall sale percentage was 95% at an average of Rs.107.92.**

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#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand :** Good.

**Market :** Generally, an easier trend with the Brokenes and Fannings were down by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- and the Whole leaves were down by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and more sometimes. The sale had witnessed a fair quantity of out lots on the discolored, flaky and fibrous teas.

**The overall sale percentage was 84% at an average of Rs.156.28.**

**Buying Pattern:** Strong enquiry was forthcoming from the exporters with fair Internal support.



**CTC DUST****Demand :** Strong.**Market :** Market had opened on a dearer trend on the Better Mediums and Mediums whilst the Brighter liquoring high-priced teas were trading rather easier by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/-. However, as the sale progressed it had gained momentum and witnessed a further improvement in price levels across all grades and categories.**The overall sale percentage was 94% at an average of Rs.112.14.****Buying Pattern:** Market had opened on a dearer trend on the Better Mediums and Mediums whilst the Brighter liquoring high-priced teas were trading rather easier by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/-. However, as the sale progressed it had gained momentum and witnessed a further improvement in price levels across all grades and categories.**The overall sale percentage was 94% at an average of Rs.112.14.****ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market:** An irregular market with the cleaner, popular primary grades were trading at fully firm to dearer levels along with the Tertiaries. The Medium broken and Secondaries were rather trading mostly at easier levels.**The overall sale percentage was 93% at an average of Rs. 107.64.****Buying Pattern:** Yet again a good export enquiry was witnessed with fair Internal operation. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea Produce) picking up to the popular and Primary dust grades.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Medium teas were dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and dearer by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- sometimes more, however BOPF's were irregular and lower.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were very selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Medium broken were lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more. Others not quotable.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were irregular and lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. Medium teas were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more. Plainer teas were dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more.**Buying Pattern :** All sections were active.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Barely steady with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

### Sale No.45 of 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025

There was good but irregular general demand for the 158,261 packages (10,711,554.00 kilos) available in the market with 24.00% unsold.

#### MARKET:

**Pakistan Packers** maintained strong support with improved interest from **Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries** and **Bazaar. Kazakhstan** and **other CIS states** lent less enquiry while **Afghanistan** maintained support with **Egyptian Packers** active. **UK** reduced participation and were more selective with **Russia** barely operating. **Sudan** were absent with **South Sudan** showing interest. **Local Packers** were less active while **Somalia** showed good enquiry at the lower end of the market.

#### OFFERINGS :

**Leaf Grades** - 85,040 packages (5,601,024.00 kilos) – 25.59% unsold.

**Dust Grades** - 57,241 packages (4,289,049.00 kilos) – 25.09% unsold.

**Secondary Grades** - 15,980 packages ( 821,481.00 kilos) – 11.64% unsold.

#### LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

##### **BP1:**

**Best :** Mostly easier by up to USC34.

**Brighter:** Irregularly discounted by USC26 with some lines easing by up to USC50.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were steady to USC8 above previous levels to mostly easier by up to USC12 while Plantation mediums met improved enquiry irregularly advancing by up to USC22.

**Lower Medium:** Lost up to USC22 but few select lines were USC10 above previous rates.

**Plainer:** Steady to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC10.

##### **PF1:**

**Best :** More irregular interest varying between firm to USC16 dearer for some teas while others shed by up to USC17.

**Brighter :** Steady to USC7 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin.

**Mediums :** KTDA mediums saw irregular support and varied between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC11 to easier by USC9; plantation mediums mostly eased by up to USC14 while some select invoices met improved interest at USC19 above previous levels..

**Lower Medium :** Mostly easier by up to USC29 with very few lines gaining up to USC23.

**Plainer :** Shed by up to USC11.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
<b>Best</b>	276 – 404	325 – 377
<b>Good</b>	250 – 340	314– 362
<b>Good Medium</b>	185 – 312	250– 339
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	155 – 284	180 – 272
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	174– 186	205 – 226
<b>Lower Medium</b>	130 – 185	142– 200
<b>Plainer</b>	110– 142	088– 148

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

**Best:** More irregular interest ranging between firm to USC16 dearer with some teas discounted by up to USC22.

**Brighter:** Were steady to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums held value to USC16 dearer but some lines lost up to USC8 with plantation mediums mostly easier by up to USC13 however select invoices were steady to USC3 above previous levels.

**Lower Medium:** Easier by up to USC10.

**Plainer:** Were discounted by up to USC8.

**DUST1:**

**Best:** Shed by up to USC19.

**Brighter:** Mostly easier by up to USC13 but a few lines held steady to USC4 above previous levels.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were up to USC8 dearer for select teas to mostly easier by up to USC9 with plantation mediums firm to USC2 dearer to easier by a similar margin

**Lower Medium:** With less volumes offered, were easier by up to USC7.

**Plainer:** Steady to USC8 above last rates to easier by a similar margin.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST1 - USC	DUST1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	281 - 342	268 - 354
<b>Good</b>	270- 316	270- 316
<b>Good Medium</b>	225- 298	260- 293
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	170 - 246	175 - 262
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	160 - 195	150- 162
<b>Lower Medium</b>	125 -160	120 - 138
<b>Plainer</b>	075 - 127	084- 114

**SECONDARY GRADES(S1)**

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** eased while **PFs** held value. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were firm with **similar DUSTs** steady. **Other Fannings** were irregularly firm with some lines dearer while **DUSTs** sold above last levels. **BMFs** were readily absorbed at steady rates

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1 / FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
<b>Best / Good</b>	219 - 312	-	150 - 228	130 - 237	-
<b>Good Medium / Medium</b>	-	-	122- 202	114 - 117	-
<b>Lower Medium</b>	140 - 202	119 - 158	110 - 151	090- 144	108 - 114
<b>Plainer</b>	090- 144	084 - 116	083- 109	080 - 112	084 - 093

November 19, 2025

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# TEA NEWS

## LOCAL :-

### **The history of tea in Sri Lanka**



Sri Lanka's tea industry came about largely by chance. In the 19th century, the tropical island — then a British colony — was a major coffee producer, until a fungal blight wiped out the coffee plantations and devastated the export market. Tea was introduced as a replacement crop and quickly became a runaway success. The island's tea, known as Ceylon tea (Sri Lanka's colonial name), earned renown for its crisp, citrusy flavor and exceptional quality. It soon became the dominant crop of the country's central highlands, and even after independence, Sri Lankans continued to cultivate and perfect it. Today, Ceylon tea remains one of the nation's most valuable exports — in 2024, tea revenue reached \$1.43 billion (per [Xinhua](#)), with particularly strong demand in Iraq and the Kurdistan region.

Locally, tea in Sri Lanka is more than just a beverage — it's a daily ritual and a cherished part of national identity. Traditionally, Sri Lankan tea is served black and accompanied by kithul jaggery, a natural sweetener made from the sap of the kithul palm tree. It's common to take small bites of the jaggery between sips of tea. Sometimes the brew is infused with ginger, adding both warmth and a natural remedy for colds or stomach ailments — a reflection of how deeply tea is woven into Sri Lankan life.

## The Country That Produces The Most Tea Worldwide Doesn't Actually Drink The Most Tea Per Capita



Tea is a beverage enjoyed all over the world. In Britain, it's savored with milk and biscuits; in China, [its origins are honored through intricate tea ceremonies](#); and in India, black tea is brewed with milk and a blend of aromatic [spices to create a hearty chai](#). As a globally beloved drink, it's no surprise that tea is produced across continents. Fittingly, the country that produces the most tea is the same one where the drink originated over 5,000 years ago: China. But while China leads in total production, it doesn't drink the most per capita — that title belongs to Sri Lanka.

China is a major player in global agriculture, serving as [the world's leading producer of crops like strawberries](#) and rice. According to the Tea & Coffee Trade Journal, China also dominates global tea production, accounting for an eye-watering 53% — roughly 4 million tons (per [First Tea](#)). This is more than double the combined output of the second- and third-largest producers. In comparison, Sri Lanka contributes only 3.7% of the world's tea supply, placing it fifth overall — still an impressive feat for a relatively small island nation.

With a population of just over 20 million, Sri Lanka could likely never match tea giants like China or India in sheer volume. Yet, per capita — meaning the average amount consumed per person — Sri Lanka comes out on top. In 2022, the average Sri Lankan drank over 100 pounds of tea per year, nearly double the amount consumed by Argentina, which ranked second. China, in comparison, drank only 22.5 pounds (per [World Population Review](#)).



# Kenya seeks to market tea through Geographical Indications to boost global competitiveness

Kenya deepens international collaboration to develop origin-linked branding aimed at raising the global value of its tea.



**KENYA – Kenyan tea sector stakeholders are working with the French Development Agency (AFD), the French Embassy in Kenya, and Equity Group to support an ongoing feasibility study on Geographical Indications (GI), a tool intended to enhance the global branding and market value of Kenyan tea.**

The study is being implemented by the Centre for International Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD) and began in September. It is scheduled for completion in December 2025.

The research focuses on major tea-growing regions including the Aberdare ranges, the Mt Kenya area, and the Kericho Highlands.

According to Tea Board of Kenya CEO Willy Mutai, the study aims to document the distinct qualities of Kenyan tea that are shaped by specific geographic origins.

He stated that identifying these characteristics could help position Kenyan tea as an origin-certified product in international markets, ultimately improving value and competitiveness.

Mutai noted that adopting GI certification could offer several benefits to farmers and the larger tea industry. These include higher earnings through premium pricing for origin-designated tea, stronger global recognition of “Kenya Tea” alongside international counterparts such as Darjeeling and Ceylon, and the promotion of sustainable production.

He added that the initiative could also strengthen collaboration among growers, factories, and marketers.

The initiative is anchored in existing legal frameworks including Kenya's Geographical Indications Act (Cap 508), the Industrial Property Act (2001), and international agreements such as the WTO's TRIPS Agreement and the AfCFTA's Intellectual Property Protocol. These instruments provide a legal basis for the protection and promotion of origin-related products.

The Tea Board of Kenya stated that insights from the study will support the formulation of a national GI strategy for the tea sector. This strategy is expected to enhance product quality, protect reputation, and increase the overall value chain benefits for farmers across the country.

Kenya's tea industry remains a key contributor to the national economy. It accounts for approximately 23 percent of the country's total foreign exchange earnings and contributes about 2 percent to agricultural GDP.

Annual production exceeds 450 million kilogrammes, generating more than Kes 120 billion in export earnings and Kes 22 billion from local sales. The sector supports an estimated five million people directly and indirectly, with about 650,000 smallholder growers relying on tea for their livelihood.

### **Expanding export markets**

Meanwhile, the government is seeking to expand its presence in Morocco, Africa's second-largest tea market after Egypt.

The Tea Board of Kenya recently facilitated a meeting between TMAN Distribution Company of Morocco and Evergreen Tea Factory, a member of the East African Tea Trade Association.

According to The Standard, both countries plan to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen trade relations and improve market access.



## World's Most Expensive Tea Produced with Super Microbiome by Tokyo INNOVATION LABO to Enhance Longevity



*ANAT Paris set a Guinness World Record at Expo 2025 Osaka with the world's first microbiome-enhanced black tea.*

SWITZERLAND, November 17, 2025 /[EINPresswire.com](https://www.einpresswire.com/)/ -- JANAT PARIS has unveiled a historic breakthrough in the art and science of tea cultivation with the debut of the World's Most Expensive [Microbiome-Enhanced Black Tea](#), grown and produced deep in the heart of Sri Lanka's rainforest using cutting-edge microbiome technology. This revolutionary creation blends ancient tea-making traditions with frontier biotechnology to redefine how nature, science, and longevity can harmonize in a single cup.

At the core of this innovation lies Aquabiota, a proprietary probiotic biofertilizer created by INNOVATION LABO, Tokyo's leading microbiome biotechnology platform. Aquabiota originates from the native microbiome of a 950-year-old sacred tree in the volcanic Gozen Plantation of Kagoshima, Japan. This microbial ecosystem, formed over nearly a millennium in extreme volcanic soil, was carefully isolated, cultured, and adapted to the terroir of Sri Lanka's most prestigious tea estates.

The biofertilizer features *Lactobacillus fermentum* IL-108, a unique strain known for its ability to revitalize soil microbiota, increase nutrient absorption, and fortify plant immunity against environmental stressors such as drought and heat. Once applied to the tea fields, this living consortium of beneficial bacteria regenerated the soil's natural fertility, stimulated the plant's own defense genes, and optimized photosynthetic efficiency. The outcome is a healthier, more resilient tea plant capable of producing leaves with elevated amino acids, antioxidants, and aromatic compounds.

The resulting black tea embodies an unprecedented balance of flavor, function, and philosophy. It offers a richer aroma, deeper body, and longer finish, while its biochemical profile shows increased levels of L-theanine, catechins, and natural polyphenols, all key to supporting relaxation, focus, and cellular protection. With its record-setting sale at the Sri Lanka Tea Board's international auction, JANAT PARIS officially entered the Guinness World Records™ for the most expensive tea ever sold, symbolizing both the rarity of this tea and the breakthrough science behind it.

#### A NEW ERA FOR TEA: SCIENCE MEETS TRADITION

The pioneering use of microbiome science in tea cultivation represents a landmark moment in sustainable agriculture. Through the lens of biotechnology, JANAT PARIS and INNOVATION LABO have proven that beneficial microbes can revive soil ecosystems, enhance nutritional composition, and reduce dependency on chemical fertilizers, ushering in a regenerative future for the global tea industry.

#### KEY BENEFITS OF THE MICROBIOME-ENHANCED BLACK TEA

Enhanced L-Theanine Content – Supports cognitive wellness, relaxation, and mental clarity.  
 Increased Gut Bifidobacterium – Promotes mitochondrial efficiency and strengthens health resilience.  
 Gut–Skin Axis Modulation – Probiotic metabolites help balance the microbiome, improving holistic well-being.  
 Radiant Skin Beauty – Through microbiome signaling, enhances skin hydration, elasticity, and luminosity.  
 Richer Aroma & Flavor Profile – Microbial cultivation deepens the sensory experience of the tea.  
 Sustainably Cultivated – Produced using probiotic biofertilizers that restore soil health and biodiversity.

#### A GLOBAL STAGE AT OSAKA EXPO

The record-breaking presentation took place during the Osaka Expo 2025, where the Sri Lanka Tea Board's ceremonial auction attracted international buyers, scientists, and media. The event not only celebrated the exceptional artistry of Ceylon tea but also introduced the world to microbiome-enhanced agriculture, a fusion of nature and biotechnology that extends far beyond luxury beverages. By demonstrating how beneficial bacteria can improve both crop performance and human wellness, the project offered a vision of agriculture as a living ecosystem connected to longevity and sustainability.

#### PARTNERING FOR THE FUTURE

Building on this success, INNOVATION LABO aims to expand its Aquabiota platform across multiple fields, from agriculture to functional nutrition, cosmetics, and health science. The company's mission is to translate microbial intelligence into real-world solutions that promote planetary health and human longevity. By partnering with research institutes, tea producers, and wellness brands worldwide, INNOVATION LABO seeks to make microbiome-based innovation a cornerstone of future sustainable industries.