

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 02

January 12 & 13, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, namely Sale #02 was held on January 12(Mon)/13(Tue), 2026. A total weight of 5.6 MKGS was on offer, which shows a slight decrease when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.4 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.7 MKGS.

This week's Ex-Estate sale once again met with irregular demand and price levels were barely steady. A few select better Western BOP's/BOPF's gained Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst the others tended irregular. In the below best category where quality was maintained held firm but all others together with the plainer sorts lost Rs.20-50/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady and unsold at most times. Uva/Udapussellawa teas were irregularly lower by Rs.20-40/- per kg. CTC Teas - High & Medium PF1's were generally firm whilst Low Grown PF1's lost Rs.20/- per kg. BP1's from all elevations tended irregular. The limited availability of better liquorering teas were selectively sought after by shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa whilst the balance was accounted for by Shippers to Russia, CIS and China.

The Low grown market across all catalogues once again met with less demand and lost in value when compared with the previous sale. The main contributory factor in lower price levels and demand was due to the ongoing conflict currently experienced in the Middle East & Iran countries with buyers following the situation very closely.

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Google Play

This week's auction comprised of **11,404** lots with a total quantity of **5,554,655** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,117	794,803
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,561	646,957
Low Grown Tippy	2,016	929,335
High & Medium	1,581	667,214
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,409	1,261,546
Dust	545	462,576
Premium Flowery	402	55,080
Ex-Estate	<u>773</u>	<u>737,144</u>
Total	<u>11,404</u>	<u>5,554,655</u>

In Lighter Vein

That's A Good GPA

At the end of the college year, a star football player celebrated by attending a late night campus party. Soon after arriving, he became captivated by a beautiful coed and eased into a conversation with her by asking if she met many any "potential dates" at the party.

"Oh, I'm much more attracted to the strong academic types than to the party animals," she said. "What's your G.P.A.?"

Grinning from ear to ear, the jock boasted, "I get about 25 in the city and 40 on the highway."

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Well-made BOP's tended irregular, whilst balance appreciated.

OP1 : Select best together with best invoices were declined, whilst the bolder varieties held firm. Stalky teas were lower.

OP : In general, were lower.

OPA : In general, were lower.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best PEK/PEK1's were firm, whilst the balance were declined. Teas at the lower end sold around last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3100	2000-3600	1250-1650	1350-1850	1950-2700
	Last Week	2000-3000	2000-3600	1300-1650	1400-2000	2000-2700
BEST	This Week	1600-1950	1550-1950	1100-1200	1150-1350	1500-1900
	Last Week	1600-1950	1600-1950	1100-1250	1200-1350	1550-1950
BELOW BEST	This Week	1400-1550	1300-1500	900-1050	950-1100	1200-1450
	Last Week	1350-1550	1300-1550	900-1050	1000-1150	1250-1500
SECONDARIES	This Week	1200-1350	1000-1250	800-850	750-900	1000-1150
	Last Week	1100-1300	1000-1250	800-850	800-950	1000-1200
POOR	This Week	900-1150	550-950	500-750	500-700	800-950
	Last Week	800-1050	600-950	500-750	500-750	800-950

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were lower.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Well-made BOPF/BOPFSP together with cleaner best and below best were firm, whilst the others were irregular following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best FBOP's were dearer, whilst others irregularly lower following quality. FBOP1's in general were easier.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : FBOPF1's in general were lower. Few well-made FBOPF invoices maintained, whilst the others were easier following quality.

FBOPFSP : Market declined sharply; only few selected invoices were maintained.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Over-all market declined, others were unsellable.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1750-2150	1500-1950	2250-2550	1600-2250	3800-3950
	Last Week	1850-2250	1550-2000	2200-2450	1600-2250	5850-6000
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1300-1480	1700-1950	1420-1550	3250-3650
	Last Week	1550-1800	1300-1480	1700-1900	1440-1550	3800-4600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1260-1460	1140-1240	1450-1650	1300-1400	2100-3100
	Last Week	1280-1500	1200-1230	1450-1650	1320-1420	2200-3650
SECONDARIES	This Week	1060-1240	940-1100	1220-1420	1120-1280	1440-1750
	Last Week	1020-1300	940-1100	1240-1400	1140-1300	1450-1800
POOR	This Week	920-1020	790-900	960-1180	870-1060	1000-1220
	Last Week	870-1000	800-900	980-1160	890-1100	1000-1280

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : A few well-made FBOP's were firm to irregularly easier, whilst the balance dearer.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : FBOPF1's were in general were firm to irregularly easier, whilst the balance in general declined.

PEK/PEK1 : High priced PEK1's met with lower demand and were easier, whilst the balance declined.

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	1250-1800	1300-1750	1100-1250	1150 -1300	800-1100	800-1150
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1300-1550	1350-1550	1120 - 1320	1150 - 1350	800 -1140	800 -1150
PEK/PEK1	1500-1850	1600-1950	1100 - 1500	1200 - 1600	750-1160	750-1200

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Irregular and barely steady.

BOP : Best Western's – A few select invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular and often easier by a similar margin. Teas in the Below Best category, particularly where quality was maintained, were reasonably firm, whilst the others were irregular. Plainer sorts declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's, where quality was maintained, prices were firm and Rs.20-30/- per kg easier, whilst the others declined further.

BOPF : Best Western's – Select invoices were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and up to Rs.20/- per kg easier. Clean leaf teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories sold around last levels, whilst the poor leaf types declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were easier and mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs.20/- per kg lower. Uva's were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer selectively.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1340 - 1440	1280 - 1400	1300 - 1480	1260 - 1400
Below Best Westerns	1200 - 1320	1220 - 1260	1220 - 1280	1220 - 1240
Plainer Westerns	1080 - 1180	1140 - 1200	1140 - 1200	1160 - 1200
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	1200	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1060 - 1100	1120 - 1140	1140 - 1160	1160 - 1200
Other Uda Pussellawas	1020 - 1040	1020 - 1080	1100 - 1120	1100 - 1140
Best Uva's	1180 - 1280	1100 - 1220	1200 - 1260	1160 - 1260
Other Uva's	1120	N/A	890	900 - 920

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas declined by Rs.50- 100/- per kg, whilst the others were generally firm.

BOPF : Better sorts were firm, whilst the poorer powdery types were neglected.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	830 - 1800	790 - 1900	840-1260	820-1260

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Generally firm.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Generally firm.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

PF1 - Rs.20/- per kg lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	N/A	1000 - 1180	1040 - 1200
Medium	850 - 1020	860 - 1000	810 - 1160	770 - 1140
Low	810 - 1360	840 - 1360	650 - 1400	660 - 1400

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.50-75/- per kg. Best types tended irregular.

Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's eased Rs.20-30/- per kg on last whilst others firm to lower Rs.20-30/- per kg. Select best BM's advanced Rs.10-20/- per kg, others were irregular. Lower end teas firm to dearer.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's declined Rs.100-150/- per kg. Best Teas firm on last whilst below best teas tended irregular Rs.25-50/- per kg. Poorer teas advanced Rs.20/- 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)	920-1150	920-1220	800-830	800-840	800-830	800-850
Good Fannings (CTC)	820-840	820-840	720-770	720-770	720-840	720-840
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	720-750	720-750	760-800	760-800	650-750	650-750
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	820-880	820-880	800-930	800-930	820-950	820-950
Other BM's	630-730	6300-720	580-750	580-750	590-750	590-750
Best BOP1As	720-820	700-820	810-860	810-860	1000-1200	1000-1450
Other BOP1As	670-730	650-720	670-730	650-730	650-730	620-730

DUST

DUST/DUST1 : High grown liquoring Dust/Dust1 maintained last levels whilst their secondaries and below best types were Rs.30-60/- per kg lower. Mid Growns showed an improved demand and gained Rs.40-60/- per kg. Low grownns were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : High grownns together with Mid grownns were irregularly lower. Low Growns were firm to dearer.

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)	800 - 1750	800 - 1850	800 - 1340	780 - 1380	780 - 1340	770 - 960
Good Primary PD (CTC)	800 - 1200	810 - 1220	780 - 1240	800 - 1220	800 - 1440	780 - 1480
Secondary Dust	780 - 1180	800 - 1200	800 - 1060	780 - 880	800 - 890	780 - 980

WESTERN MEDIUM			UVA MEDIUM			LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES		
*Ancoombra	BOP	1800/-	Dickwella	BOP	1420/-	Pothotuwa	BOP1	3100/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1280/-	Demodera 'S'	BOP	1420/-	Kiruwaganaganga	BOP1	2900/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1240/-	Hindagala	BOPSP	1380/-	*Makandura	BOP1	2850/-
Dartry Valley	BOPSP	1240/-	El Teb	BOPF	1200/-	Mulatiyana Hills	OP1	3600/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1260/-	Dickwella	BOPFSP	1440/-	Gunawardana	OP1	3600/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-	Dickwella	BOP1	1550/-	Pothotuwa	OP1	3500/-
Harangalla	BOPFSP	1100/-	Dickwella	FBOP	1550/-	Kiruwaganaganga	OP1	3500/-
*Hatale	BOP1	1900/-	High Spring	FBOP	1550/-	*Green House	OP1	3100/-
Craighead	FBOP	1850/-	Dickwella	FBOP1	1300/-	Miriswatte	OP	1650/-
Harangalla	FBOP1	1260/-	Hindagala	FBOPF	1020/-	Lickra	OP	1550/-
Greenwood	FBOPF	1380/-	Aruna Passara	FBOPF1	1420/-	Galahitiya	OP	1550/-
Harangalla	FBOPF1	1550/-	Blairlomond	FBOPF1	1420/-	Berubeula	OP	1550/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1550/-	Halpewatta Uva	OP	1240/-	Sunrise	OP	1550/-
Dartry Valley	OP	1220/-	Hindagala	OPA	1120/-	Parakaduwa Super	OP	1550/-
*Hatale	OP	1180/-	Pettigalla	OP1	1500/-	*Lenama Hills	OP	1500/-
Orange Field	OP	1180/-	Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE	1440/-	Berubeula	OPA	1850/-
Imboolpittia	OP	1180/-	Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1800/-	Miriswatte	OPA	1850/-
Harangalla	OPA	1200/-	UVA HIGH			Liyonta	PEKOE	2700/-
Craighead	OP1	1600/-	Pitaratmalie	BOP	1280/-	Lumbini	PEKOE	2700/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE	1440/-	Nayabedde	BOP	1280/-	Adams View	PEKOE	2700/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1400/-	Ranaya	BOPSP	1380/-	New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2650/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1400/-	Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1260/-	*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2350/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1850/-	Uva Highlands	BOP1	1850/-	King Bru	PEKOE1	2350/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1850/-	Aislaby	FBOP	1600/-	Galatara	PEKOE1	2350/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	1800/-	Battawatte	FBOP1	1120/-	Dampahala	PEKOE1	2350/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1750/-	Uvakellie	FBOPF	1100/-	LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES		
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	1750/-	Aislaby	FBOPF1	1460/-	Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2150/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1750/-	Ellathota Uva	OP	1200/-	*New Laksakanda BOP		2000/-
WESTERN HIGH			Uva Highlands	OPA	1020/-	Golden Garden	BOP	2000/-
Ingestre	BOP	1440/-	Uvakellie	OPA	1020/-	*New Nivithigala BOP		1850/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1550/-	Ranaya	OPA	1020/-	*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2150/-
Alton	BOPF	1480/-	Glenanore	OPA	1020/-	Stream Line	BOPSP	1950/-
Inverness	BOP1	1800/-	Uva Highlands	OP1	1380/-	New Spring View	BOPSP	1950/-
Venture	FBOP	1550/-	Needwood Super	PEKOE	1380/-	*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1900/-
New Meddecombra	FBOP1	1260/-	Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1700/-	Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1800/-
Cymru	FBOPF1	1440/-	UDAPUSSELLAWA			Parakaduwa Super	BOPF	1700/-
Bambrakelly	OP	1220/-	*Mooloya	BOP	1100/-	*Nawagamuwahena BOPF		1500/-
Cymru	OPA	1160/-	High Forest	BOP	1100/-	*Makandura	BOPF	1500/-
Torrington	OP1	1300/-	Kirklees	BOPSP	1000/-	Bulathsinghala Tea	BOPFSP	1950/-
Annfield	PEKOE	1500/-	Luckyland	BOPF	1160/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	2550/-
Somerset	PEKOE	1500/-	Liddesdale	BOPF	1160/-	*Green House	FBOP	2400/-
Inverness	PEKOE1	1650/-	Delmar	FBOP	1440/-	New Deniyaya	FBOP1	2000/-
NUWARA ELIYA			Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1480/-	Kiruwaganaganga	FBOP1	1800/-
Court Lodge	BOP	1040/-	Maha Uva	OP	1060/-	*Greenwin Super	FBOP1	1750/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	940/-	Delmar	OPA	940/-	Lellopitiya Super	FBOPF	2250/-
Kenmare	BOPF	780/-	Delmar	OP1	1340/-	Stream Line	FBOPF	2150/-
Court Lodge	FBOP	1650/-	Maha Uva	PEKOE	1280/-	*New Laksakanda FBOPF		1900/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1200/-	Delmar	PEKOE1	1650/-	Lumbini	FBOPF1	2100/-
Court Lodge	OP	890/-	Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1650/-	Rajjuruwatte Super	FBOPF1	1750/-
Kenmare	OPA	890/-	PREMIUM FLOWERY			*Makandura	FBOPF1	1600/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	890/-				Kurunduwatta	FBOPFSP	3900/-
						IVY hills	FBOPFEXSP	3950/-
						Madampe Super	FBOPFEXSP1	6450/-

CTC TEAS		OFF GRADES			BOPA		
HIGH GROWN		Kothmale Hills	BP	1220/-	*Hadigalla	BOPA	2050/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1180/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PF	*Green House	BOPA	2000/-
MEDIUM GROWN		*Chandrika CTC PF	1020/-				
Delta CTC	BP1	1020/-	*Chandrika CTC PF	980/-	Dust		
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1160/-	*Avissawella	BM	Adisham	DUST	1180/-
LOW GROWN		Kurunduwatte	BM	1080/-	Mattakelle	DUST	1180/-
Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1360/-	*Makandura	FNGS	Mattakelle	DUST1	1750/-
Liyonta CTC	PF1	1400/-	Renukanda	FNGS	Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1440/-
		Court Lodge	FNGS	920/-	WESTERN MEDIUM		
		Dessford	FNGS1	1220/-	Strathdon CTC	PD	1240/-
		Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	1200/-	*Rothschild CTC	PD	1220/-
		*Ancoombra	BOP1A	1080/-	*Kallebokka	PD	1220/-
		Menikkanda	BOP1A	1080/-	*New Peacock CTC	PD	1200/-
		Rajjuruwatta Super	BOP1A	1080/-	WESTERN HIGH		
		*Ancoombra	BOP1A	1060/-	Dunsinane CTC	PD	1200/-
		Lellopitiya	BOP1A	1060/-	Mount Vernon CTC	PD	1140/-
					*Florence CTC	PD	1080/-

COLOMBO AUCTION - WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.01 OF 07TH JANUARY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,056.68	1,060.70	1,056.68	1,040.94	1,040.94
Western High Grown	1,194.86	1,210.30	1,194.86	1,145.92	1,145.92
High Grown	1,145.14	1,158.24	1,145.14	1,106.59	1,106.59
Uva Medium	982.60	983.89	982.60	1,064.95	1,064.95
Western Medium	1,001.18	1,010.23	1,001.18	997.45	997.45
Medium Grown	994.84	1,001.62	994.84	1,022.28	1,022.28
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,263.98	1,263.98	1,263.98	1,263.67	1,263.67
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,243.94	1,242.82	1,243.94	1,245.25	1,245.25
Total	1,183.95	1,185.01	1,183.95	1,177.71	1,177.71

Private Sale Figures (01.01.2026 – 07.01.2026) 174,966.40

Cumulative 174,966.40

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALESALE NO: 03SALE NO: 04Sale of 20th /21st Jan. '26Sale of 27th /28th Jan. '26Lots Qty. (Kgs)Lots Qty. (Kgs)

Low Grown Leafy	2,207	903,311	2,312	900,019
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,865	843,481	1,794	778,194
Low Grown Tippy	2,277	1,123,548	2,209	1,062,997
High & Medium	1,625	701,393	1,564	642,046
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,567	1,330,190	2,443	1,259,365
Dust	618	561,246	568	513,275
Premium Flowery	453	63,758	441	61,812
Ex-Estate	<u>860</u>	<u>822,654</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>806,690</u>
Total	<u>12,472</u>	<u>6,349,608</u>	<u>12,175</u>	<u>6,024,398</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.05 of 02nd(Mon.)/03rd(Tue.) February, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Friday, 16th January, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.06 of 10th (Tue.)/11th (Wed.) February, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 22nd January, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.07 of 17th (Tue.)/18th (Wed.) February, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 29th January, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO. 03

AUCTION OF 20TH /21ST JANUARY, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

<u>Leafy/Semi Leafy/Tippy/ BOP1A/ Premium Flowery</u>	<u>High & Medium/ Off Grades/Dust</u>	<u>Ex-Estate</u>
1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC 2. John Keells PLC 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd 4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 5. Eastern Brokers PLC 6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd 8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd 4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC 5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd 6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC 7. John Keells PLC 8. Eastern Brokers PLC	1. John Keells PLC 2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 3. Eastern Brokers PLC 4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC 5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd 7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd 8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 07th to 12th January, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions reported bright weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects scattered showers in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported rain throughout the week. Showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Growns

Sunny weather and occasional showers were reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, misty conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

The Western, Nuwara Eliya, Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions maintained the crop intake, whilst the Low Grown Region 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</i> 2024	<i>To-date</i> 2025	<i>Difference</i> +/-
BANGLADESH	Oct.	14.92	14.62	-0.3	76.68	75.53	-1.2
KENYA	Oct.	50.06	49.70	-0.4	495.23	451.38	-43.9
MALAWI	Oct.	2.60	2.20	-0.4	41.50	38.40	-3.1
NORTH INDIA	Nov.	128.40	104.70	-23.7	1064.40	1074.80	10.4
SOUTH INDIA	Nov.	19.90	19.50	-0.4	208.50	215.80	7.3
SRI LANKA	Nov.	22.72	21.44	-1.3	240.88	242.57	1.7

OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 36 OF MONDAY, 12th JANUARY, 2026

CTC LEAF: 46,769 packages of tea on offer met with less demand.

BROKENS: Well-made good liquorering smaller Brokens continued to meet with a fairly strong demand and sold at around last levels. However, larger varieties were less in demand and prices eased with a little more withdrawals. Medium varieties were a fair market at slightly easier rates. Plainer types once again, met with less demand and were easier. BLF teas continued to meet with good demand at around last levels.

FANNINGS : Well-made good liquorering Fannings were a strong market and were mostly firm. Medium types were a good market and were easier following quality. Plainer types again met with less demand and were easier. BLF teas continued to meet with good demand at around last levels

DUST: 10,623 packages of tea on offer met with good demand. Good liquorering Dusts sold well at around last levels. Their Mediums had fair demand and sold Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- easier than last. Plain/BLF Dusts met with fair demand and had more withdrawals than last. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Well-made good liquorering varieties particularly the Fannings were again a good market and prices for these were mostly firm. Blenders were the mainstay of the market whilst Loose tea buyers were selective. It was evident that buyers were strictly following quality in their purchase.

Dusts met with fair demand with less withdrawals than last.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	265-272	268-275	Best	270-280	272-282	PD	258-325	265-310
Good	257-262	260-265	Good	260-265	262-270	RD	245-325	245-326
Medium	249-254	252-257	Medium	250-255	253-258	D	245-325	251-312
Plain	245-248	245-247	Plain	245-249	245-248	CD	245-325	248-294
BLF	238-248	245-253	BLF	240-249	245-249	BLF	245-260	248-251

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING - 10TH JANUARY, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: Brokens sold at steady levels and fannings were dearer by Rs.1 to 2.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and Cleaner blacker whole leaves sold at steady to occasionally dearer levels, other whole leaves were irregular and lower around last. Primary brokens were steady to dearer depending on quality. Secondary brokens and fannings were easier by RS.3 to 4 with some withdrawals.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Strong Demand .

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and good liquoring sorts sold dearer by Rs.4 to 5 and sometimes more. Plainer sorts also shared the same market trend

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

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Market opened barely steady on the Medium Brokens and on the Fannings, and also suffered fair out lots on the Larger Brokens. As the sale progressed the it had gained momentum to witness a better price levels on the Smaller Brokens and on the cleaner brighter liquoring Fannings whilst the Larger Brokens continued to suffer withdrawals.

The overall sale percentage was 81% at an average of Rs. 110.55.

Buying Pattern: Major Blenders and the Packeteers were the main stay yet again whilst the Exporters were operating on the Larger Brokens and on the Fannings. The Internal was rather cautious.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : An irregular market and mostly firm to dearer on the Primary whole leaf grades which had the touch of winter character. The Brokens and Fannings traded mostly around last levels.

The overall sale percentage was 91% at an average of Rs. 140.28.

Buying Pattern: Fairly stronger enquiry was forthcoming with Shah Brothers seen active whilst the Packeteers and Internal were selective.

CTC DUST

Demand : Strong.

Market : The buoyant demand has reflected in the price levels across all grades and categories as it had witnessed fully firm to dearer levels. The price realization was further more seen on the smaller and finer grades.

The overall sale percentage was 96% at an average of Rs. 120.95.

Buying Pattern: Fairly strong enquiry was forthcoming from all quarters of Buyers.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good.

Market: An irregular market on the premium primary dust grades and mostly easier whilst the Secondaries and the Tertiaries were rather trading fully firm to dearer by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/-.

The overall sale percentage was 80% at an average of Rs. 111.69.

Buying Pattern: Strong export operation was forthcoming with very select Internal participation.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Fair general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-, however bolder grades suffered some withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more.

Buying Pattern : All sections were selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Medium brokens fully firm to occasionally dearer. Secondary brokens and BOPF's were barely steady with few withdrawals.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active. Others selective.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more following quality. Medium teas were irregular and dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were irregularly dearer with few withdrawals.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and internal were active. Others selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Steady to occasionally dearer.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective.

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.01 of 05TH & 06TH JANUARY, 2026

Fair general demand at easier rates in the first auction of 2026 for the 143,239 packages (9,565,173.00 kilos) on offer with 24.25% unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers and **Bazaar** showed less support with **Yemen** and **other Middle Eastern countries** active but at lower levels. There were declined interest from **Kazakhstan**, **other CIS states** and **Afghanistan** while **Egyptian Packers** maintained activity but at easier rates. **UK** and **Russia** were selective while **South Sudan** showed some enquiry. **Sudan** and **Local Packers** were quiet with **Somalia** active at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :

Leaf Grades - 73,760 packages (4,854,023.00 kilos) – 32.16% unsold.

Dust Grades - 50,081 packages (3,722,361.00 kilos) – 19.17% unsold.

Secondary Grades - 19,398 packages (988,789.00 kilos) – 7.32% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Saw irregular enquiry ranging between USC32 dearer to easier by up to USC26.

Brighter: Were steady to mostly dearer by up to USC23 to easier by up to USC18.

Mediums: KTDA mediums shed by up to USC25 with plantation mediums irregular varying between USC6 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

Lower Medium: Were discounted by up to USC11.

Plainer: Were firm to USC32 above previous levels while some invoices shed by up to USC4.

PF1:

Best : Were discounted by up to USC28.

Brighter : Were easier by up to USC28.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC48 with plantation mediums irregular ranging between firm to USC10 dearer to USC11 below previous levels.

Lower Medium : Were steady to USC12 dearer for some teas while others were discounted by up to USC10.

Plainer : Were easier by up to USC11.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
Best	285 – 361	300 – 352
Good	282 – 324	282 – 321
Good Medium	230 – 306	250 – 306
Medium (KTDA)	179 - 252	170 – 259
Medium (Plantations)	186 – 216	177 – 222
Lower Medium	128 – 190	132 – 167
Plainer	090 – 134	092 – 138

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

Best:	Discounted by up to USC45 however, few select invoices were up to USC6 above previous rates.
Brighter:	Irregularly lost up to USC50.
Mediums:	KTDA mediums were easier by up to USC20 with a few lines USC14 dearer. Plantation mediums were steady to USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC3.
Lower Medium:	Mostly shed by up to USC9 with select teas up to USC8 above last rates.
Plainer:	Were firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

DUST1:

Best:	Were irregularly easier by up to USC34.
Brighter:	Shed by up to USC40.
Mediums:	KTDA mediums were mostly discounted by up to USC35 but few lines gained up to USC12 while plantation mediums were steady to USC16 easier.
Lower Medium:	Were easier by up to USC10.
Plainer:	Shed up to USC7 but some lines were dearer by up to USC6.

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SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

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

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	235 - 320	212 - 241	175 - 237	128 - 287	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	142 - 178	126 - 187	-
Lower Medium	115 - 162	123 - 150	104 - 147	090 - 146	107 - 114
Plainer	085 - 140	089 - 132	088 - 107	084 - 117	087 - 104

January 13, 2026

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INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS

The world's largest tea producing countries have been revealed

Tea is one of the most popular beverages in the world, and its production covers vast areas. In the international market, some countries lead in volume and market share, while others stand out for growth rates or specialized segments.

According to the International Tea Committee, in 2024 the total global tea production reached approximately **7.05 million tons**. Nearly half of this volume — **3.74 million tons** — comes from China.

Apart from China, India also plays a major role in the tea market, producing 1.28 million tons. Kenya ranks third, producing around 0.6 million tons.

The top 5 also include Turkey (0.27 million tons) and Sri Lanka (0.26 million tons). Leading producers also include Vietnam, Indonesia, and Japan.

In Uzbekistan, the main part of the tea market is supplied through imports. Local industry mainly focuses on blending, processing, and packaging imported leaves. Projects for local tea cultivation exist, but they have not yet reached large-scale production — mostly experimental and planning stages.

In 2024, Uzbekistan imported **33,378 tons** of tea worth **\$50.6 million**. Main suppliers: China (26,806 t), Kenya (1,651 t), Iran (1,271 t), India (965 t), and Russia (578 t). From January to November, imports totaled 30,204 tons (\$45.2 million), indicating that most consumed tea in Uzbekistan comes from abroad.

Previously, in 2018, plans were announced to establish tea plantations covering 283 hectares, aiming for 189 tons of annual production by 2025. In 2022, some Japanese tea varieties were tested under Uzbek conditions with plans to establish fields in mountainous and foothill regions.

Russia is among the world leaders in tea consumption, but lags behind in production. For example, in 2024, Russia produced only **113 thousand tons** of tea, mostly from processed imported leaves. In the Krasnodar region, 373 tons of tea were harvested.

Unilever Indonesia to divest tea business

Unilever Indonesia has entered into an agreement to divest its tea business in Indonesia, under SariWangi brand to PT Savoria Kreasi Rasa, a fast-growing local FMCG group.

The proposed divestment forms part of Unilever's ongoing portfolio optimisation strategy, as the company continues to focus on fewer, bigger and more scalable categories to support sustainable long-term value creation.

Benjie Yap, president director Unilever Indonesia, said: "We are confident that this transaction will position the tea business for its next phase of growth, while sharpening Unilever Indonesia's focus on priority, higher growth segments and reinforcing our commitment to sustainable shareholder value."

The completion of the transaction is expected in the first half of 2026.

Unilever Indonesia acquired SariWangi in 1989.
