

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 03**

**January 20 & 21, 2026**



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## COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.03 on January 20(Tue)/21(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 6.3 MKGS was on offer, which shows a 0.7MKGS increase when compared to the previous sale. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.9 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.7 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8 MKGS.

Western High Grown teas showed an irregular market due to less demand from Russia and Continental countries. Select best BOP's declined Rs.40-60/- whilst the below best and the secondaries were Rs.20-40/- lower. High Grown BOPF started firm on last levels and declined Rs.50-80/- as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's and Uda Pussellawa's were also showed an irregular market and declined Rs.40-80/- and at times. A few select invoices from Uva's maintained on last levels, whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower. Select best CTC maintained last levels whilst the below best and secondaries declined by Rs.30-50/-.

In the Low grown category select best BOP1's together with bottom end were firm whilst the below best and bolder varieties were irregular and mostly lower. Wiry OP1's maintained last levels, whilst the other secondaries and below best types declined Rs.30-40/-. OP/OPA's maintained last levels. Select best PEK/PEK1's were firm on last levels whilst their secondaries and poorer types declined. In the tippy category well made FBOP's maintained last levels, others were irregular and mostly lower. Cleaner BOPF maintained last levels, whilst the others were lower. FBOPF/FBOPF1's maintained last levels.

This week's auction comprised of **12,472** lots with a total quantity of **6,349,608** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

### In Lighter Vein

### *LARGE THERMOS*

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,207	903,311	Freddie was eighteen years old, friendly, and eager to do things right. Unfortunately, he wasn't especially bright. He had just started his first job, as a delivery boy and general "go-fer" at a furniture warehouse. His first task was to go out for coffee.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,865	843,481	He walked into a nearby coffee shop carrying a large thermos. When the counterman finally noticed him, he held up the thermos. "Is this big enough to hold six cups of coffee?" he said.
Low Grown Tippy	2,277	1,123,548	
High & Medium	1,625	701,393	
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,567	1,330,190	
Dust	618	561,246	The counterman looked at the thermos, hesitated for a few seconds, then finally said, "Yeah. It looks like about six cups to me."
Premium Flowery	453	63,758	
Ex-Estate	<u>860</u>	<u>822,654</u>	"Good," Freddie said. "Give me two regular, two black, and two decaf."
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,472</u></b>	<b><u>6,349,608</u></b>	

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

**BOP1** : Well-made BOP1's maintained at last week levels, whilst balance declined further.

**OP1** : Select best together with best invoices tended irregularly lower, whilst the bolder varieties held firm. Stalky invoices were appreciated by 50/-.

**OP** : Well twisted OP's were maintained whilst the balance too appreciated by Rs.20-40/-.

**OPA** : Well made OPA's were irregular to lower. Best and the Below best types appreciated by Rs.50/- Poor sorts were maintained.

**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
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>2000-3000</b>	<b>2000-3600</b>	<b>1350-1600</b>	<b>1400-1850</b>	<b>1900-2550</b>
	Last Week	2000-3100	2000-3600	1250-1650	1350-1850	1950-2700
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1550-1950</b>	<b>1500-1950</b>	<b>1200-1300</b>	<b>1200-1350</b>	<b>1500-1850</b>
	Last Week	1600-1950	1550-1950	1100-1200	1150-1350	1500-1900
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1350-1500</b>	<b>1350-1450</b>	<b>1000-1150</b>	<b>1000-1150</b>	<b>1200-1450</b>
	Last Week	1400-1550	1300-1500	900-1050	950-1100	1200-1450
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1150-1300</b>	<b>1100-1300</b>	<b>850-950</b>	<b>800-950</b>	<b>1000-1100</b>
	Last Week	1200-1350	1000-1250	800-850	750-900	1000-1150
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>900-1100</b>	<b>600-1050</b>	<b>550-800</b>	<b>550-750</b>	<b>800-900</b>
	Last Week	900-1150	550-950	500-750	500-700	800-950

## TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

**BOP/BOPSP** : BOP's, in general, were easier.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : Well-made BOPF's together with the cleaner Below Best were firm, whilst the balance were irregular following quality.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : A selection of Select Best and Best FBOP's were firm, whilst the others in general were easier. FBOP1's too followed a similar trend.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : FBOPF1's in general firm to dearer whilst the teas at the bottom were irregular lower following quality. FBOPF's in general were lower.

**FBOPFSP** : A selection of high-priced Tippy teas met with good demand, whilst poorer sorts were irregular following quality.

**FFEXSP/SP1** : Long tippy teas showed a fair demand when compared to last week. Teas at the bottom were lower and mostly unsellable.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	<b>1700-2050</b>	<b>1500-2000</b>	<b>2200-2550</b>	<b>1500-1650</b>	<b>4400-5450</b>
	Last Week	1750-2150	1500-1950	2250-2550	1600-2250	3800-3950
BEST	This Week	<b>1480-1650</b>	<b>1300-1460</b>	<b>1700-1950</b>	<b>1420-1480</b>	<b>3200-3600</b>
	Last Week	1480-1650	1300-1480	1700-1950	1420-1550	3250-3650
BELOW BEST	This Week	<b>1240-1460</b>	<b>1140-1240</b>	<b>1440-1650</b>	<b>1280-1400</b>	<b>2050-3050</b>
	Last Week	1260-1460	1140-1240	1450-1650	1300-1400	2100-3100
SECONDARIES	This Week	<b>1040-1220</b>	<b>920-1120</b>	<b>1220-1420</b>	<b>1120-1280</b>	<b>1420-1700</b>
	Last Week	1060-1240	940-1100	1220-1420	1120-1280	1440-1750
POOR	This Week	<b>920-1020</b>	<b>770-900</b>	<b>920-1160</b>	<b>850-1040</b>	<b>1000-1260</b>
	Last Week	920-1020	790-900	960-1180	870-1060	1000-1220

## MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Select best and best held firm, whilst the balance were irregularly easier.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : In general were firm, whilst the balance declined.

**PEK/PEK1** : High priced PEK/PEK1's met held firm, 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>
<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1250-1800</b>	1250-1800	<b>1080-1240</b>	1100-1250	<b>800-1080</b>	800-1100
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1300-1650</b>	1300-1550	<b>1100 - 1280</b>	1120 - 1320	<b>800 -1100</b>	800 -1140
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1550-1850</b>	1500-1850	<b>1000 - 1400</b>	1100 - 1500	<b>750-1130</b>	750-1160

## HIGH GROWNS TEAS

### **MARKET : Irregular and barely steady.**

**BOP** : Best Western's – A few select invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst selected BOPSp invoices appreciated further. Others were lower by a similar margin. In the Below Best category, select improved teas appreciated by up to Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Teas at the lower end were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliya's were firm. Uda Pussellawa's were up to Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer. Uva's were irregular.

**BOPF** : Best Western's – Select invoices were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and barely steady. In the Below Best category, select improved teas appreciated by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more, whilst the others were barely steady. At the lower end, clean leaf types were firm, whilst the others were Rs. 20 per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's were firm. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Uva's sold around last week's levels.

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>1380 - 1420</b>	1340 - 1440	<b>1280 - 1440</b>	1300 - 1480
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1260 - 1360</b>	1200 - 1320	<b>1200 - 1260</b>	1220 - 1280
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>1100 - 1240</b>	1080 - 1180	<b>1140 - 1180</b>	1140 - 1200
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>1080 - 1120</b>	1060 - 1100	<b>1120 - 1180</b>	1140 - 1160
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>1000 - 1040</b>	1020 - 1040	<b>1040 - 1080</b>	1100 - 1120
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>1200 - 1240</b>	1180 - 1280	<b>1180 - 1260</b>	1200 - 1260
<b>Other Uva's</b>	N/A	1120	N/A	890

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP** : Large Leaf teas were firm and up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were generally firm.

**BOPF** : Better sorts were Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the poorer sorts eased further.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	800 - 1850	830 - 1800	830-1280	840-1260

## CTC TEAS

### **HIGH GROWN:-**

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - Firm.

### **MEDIUM GROWN:-**

**BP1** - Irregular.

**PF1** - Generally firm.

### **LOW GROWN:-**

**BP1** - Firm and dearer.

**PF1** - Barely steady.

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 - 1160	1000 - 1180
Medium	830 - 960	850 - 1020	800 - 1120	810 - 1160
Low	700 - 1420	810 - 1360	660 - 1360	650 - 1400

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to dearer Rs.20-40/- per kg. Best types tended irregular. Low Grown select best FNNGS/FNGS1's firm on last whilst others firm to lower Rs.20-30/- per kg. Select best BM's held firm others were irregular. Lower end teas firm to dearer.

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

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1**: High grown select best types maintained last levels whilst their secondaries and below best types declined Rs.50-70/-. Mid grown teas also followed a similar trend. A select few invoices in Low grown category gained Rs.40-100/- whilst the other were irregular and mostly lower.

**PD** : High grown together with Mid grown declined Rs.40-60/- Low Grown were firm to 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 - 1700</b>	800 - 1750	<b>780 - 1340</b>	800 - 1340	<b>770 - 1420</b>	780 - 1340
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>800 - 1220</b>	800 - 1200	<b>770 - 1220</b>	780 - 1240	<b>770 - 1460</b>	800 - 1440
Secondary Dust	<b>780 - 1240</b>	780 - 1180	<b>780 - 940</b>	800 - 1060	<b>780 - 1100</b>	800 - 890

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

*Ancoombra	BOP	1850/-
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* Harangalla	BOP	1750/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1750/-
Windsorforest	BOPSP	1400/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1300/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1280/-
Craighead	BOP1	1900/-
New Rothschild	FBOP	1800/-
*Hatale	FBOP	1700/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	1700/-
*Dartry Valley	FBOP1	1380/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1600/-
New Rothschild	OP	1240/-
*Hatale	OP	1220/-
Uplands	OP	1220/-
*Harangalla	OP	1180/-
*Hatale	OPA	1260/-
*Hatale	OPA	1240/-
*Hatale	OP1	1550/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1550/-
Hanthana Hills	PEKOE	1420/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1400/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1850/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1850/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1850/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1850/-
Doombagasthalawa	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1800/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1800/-
Greenwood	PEKOE1	1800/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Inverness	BOP	1420/-
Robgill	BOP	1420/-
Robgill	BOPSP	1500/-
Noorwood	BOPSP	1500/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1500/-
Dessford	BOPF	1440/-
Inverness	BOP1	1650/-
Cymru	FBOP	1650/-
Inverness	FBOP1	1380/-
Cymru	FBOPF1	1440/-
Venture	OP	1180/-
Cymru	OPA	1040/-
Inverness	OP1	1500/-
Tillyrie	PEKOE	1600/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1800/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Court Lodge	BOP	1100/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	960/-
Court Lodge	BOPF	920/-
Court Lodge	FBOP	1160/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	850/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF1	1320/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE1	1280/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

Pettiagalla	BOP	1400/-
*Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1460/-
El Teb	BOPF	1260/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1500/-
Demodera 'S'	BOP1	2200/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOP	1700/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP	1700/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1480/-
Dickwella	FBOPF	1000/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1500/-
Aruna Passara	OP	1240/-
Pettiagalla	OPA	1180/-
Telbedde	OP1	1550/-
Dickwella	PEKOE	1550/-
Misty Uva	PEKOE1	1850/-

**UVA HIGH**

Kelliebedde	BOP	1240/-
Aislaby	BOPSP	1420/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1260/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	920/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	2050/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1600/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP	1600/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1140/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1500/-
Needwood Super	OP	1060/-
Needwood Super	OPA	1100/-
Uva Highlands	OP1	1550/-
Aislaby	PEKOE	1340/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1850/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

Liddesdale	BOP	1120/-
Maha Uva	BOPSP	800/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1180/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1260/-
Delmar	FBOP	1320/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1220/-
Maha Uva	OP	1040/-
Delmar	OPA	960/-
Delmar	OP1	1400/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1220/-
Gonapitiya	PEKOE1	1460/-

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
Susantha	BOP1	2800/-
*Makandura	BOP1	2700/-
Susantha	OP1	3700/-
New Panilkanda	OP	1600/-
*Wattahena	OP	1550/-
Dampahala	OP	1550/-
Berubeula	OP	1550/-
Sunrise	OP	1550/-
*Green House	OP	1500/-
Dampahala	OPA	1850/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2250/-
*Ganganee	PEKOE	2200/-
Galatara	PEKOE1	2350/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2350/-
Nilgiri	PEKOE1	2300/-
*Hidellana	PEKOE1	2250/-

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

*New Laksakanda BOP	2050/-
*Nawagamuwhena BOP	2050/-
*New Nivithigala BOP	2000/-
*Andaradeniya S BOP	1900/-
*Rain Forest BOP	1900/-
Lellopitiya Super BOPSP	2050/-
Rajjuruwatta Super BOPF	1850/-
H P P Tea BOPFSP	2000/-
Rajjuruwatta Super BOPFSP	2000/-
Ayagama BOPFSP	1900/-
*Ganganee BOPFSP	1600/-
*Sithaka FBOP	2550/-
*Makandura FBOP	2350/-
Aruna FBOP1	1950/-
*Ganganee FBOPF	1600/-
*New Laksakanda FBOPF	1500/-
*Lenama Hills FBOPF	1500/-
Rajjuruwatte Super FBOPF1	1650/-
Adams View FBOPF1	1650/-
Lumbini FBOPF1	1600/-
*Makandura FBOPF1	1550/-
Kiruvanaganga FBOPFSP	5350/-
*New Laksakanda FBOPFSP	4950/-
Aruna FBOPFSP	4950/-
*Makandura FBOPFSP	4400/-
King Bru FBOPFEXSP	5450/-
Peak View Super FBOPFEXSP1	5050/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

<b>CTC TEAS</b>		<b>OFF GRADES</b>			<b>BOPA</b>		
<b>HIGH GROWN</b>		<b>*Kothmale Hills</b> <b>BP</b> <b>1300/-</b> Ceciliyan CTC      PF      1080/- Chandrika CTC      PF      960/- <b>*Chandrika CTC</b> <b>PF</b> <b>920/-</b> Gunawardana      BM      1220/- <b>*Wattahena</b> <b>FNGS</b> <b>1000/-</b> Wattegodde      FNGS1      1240/- Wanarajah      FNGS1      1240/- Bogoda      BOP1A      1340/- Liyonta      BOP1A      1200/- <b>*Aldora</b> <b>BOP1A</b> <b>1180/-</b>			Kingsbru      BOPA      2100/- Wewelkandura Super      BOPA      2000/- Bogoda Group      BOPA      2000/- <b>*Ganganee</b> <b>BOPA</b> <b>1950/-</b> <b>*Wattahena</b> <b>BOPA</b> <b>1950/-</b> <b>*Hedigalla</b> <b>BOPA</b> <b>1950/-</b> <b>*Makandura</b> <b>BOPA</b> <b>1950/-</b>		
<b>MEDIUM GROWN</b>					<b>Dust</b>		
New Rothschild CTC BP1		900/-			Wattegodde      DUST      1240/-		
Strathdon CTC      PF1		1120/-			Mattakelle      DUST1      1700/-		
New Peacock CTC PF1		1120/-			Ceciliyan CTC      PD      1460/-		
<b>LOW GROWN</b>					<b>WESTERN MEDIUM</b>		
Ceciliyan CTC      BP1		1420/-			<b>*Rothschild CTC</b> <b>PD</b> <b>1220/-</b> <b>*Rothschild</b> <b>PD</b> <b>1200/-</b> <b>*Kallebokka</b> <b>PD</b> <b>1140/-</b>		
Hingalgoda CTC      PF1		1360/-			<b>LOW GROWN</b>		
New Galboda CTC Super PF1		1360/-			<b>*Andaradeniya Hills</b> <b>DUST</b> <b>1100/-</b> <b>*New Nivithigala</b> <b>DUST</b> <b>1060/-</b>		

## COLOMBO AUCTION - WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.02 OF 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
<b>Uva High Grown</b>	1,027.53	1,052.88	1,042.47	1,064.51	1,049.81
<b>Western High Grown</b>	1,178.76	1,201.83	1,186.61	1,129.00	1,139.02
<b>High Grown</b>	1,127.12	1,150.13	1,136.04	1,106.79	1,106.67
<b>Uva Medium</b>	949.83	968.91	967.01	1,058.19	1,062.37
<b>Western Medium</b>	977.28	1,001.21	989.52	993.18	995.81
<b>Medium Grown</b>	968.43	990.97	982.04	1,016.77	1,020.16
<b>Low Grown (Orthodox)</b>	1,244.25	1,254.74	1,254.74	1,303.73	1,280.19
<b>Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)</b>	1,220.74	1,230.65	1,232.96	1,288.51	1,263.12
<b>Total</b>	1,159.13	1,173.03	1,172.02	1,209.18	1,190.45

Private Sale Figures (08.01.2026 – 13.01.2026) 188,040.50

Cumulative 363,006.90

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALESALE NO: 04SALE NO: 05Sale of 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> Jan. '26Sale of 02<sup>nd</sup> /03<sup>rd</sup> Feb. '26LotsQty. (Kgs)LotsQty. (Kgs)

<b>Low Grown Leafy</b>	2,312	900,019	2,505	962,061
<b>Low Grown Semi Leafy</b>	1,794	778,194	1,839	798,981
<b>Low Grown Tippy</b>	2,209	1,062,997	2,104	1,013,558
<b>High &amp; Medium</b>	1,564	642,046	1,629	654,744
<b>Off Grade/BOP1A</b>	2,443	1,259,365	2,593	1,309,972
<b>Dust</b>	568	513,275	564	503,510
<b>Premium Flowery</b>	441	61,812	458	62,362
<b>Ex-Estate</b>	<u>844</u>	<u>806,690</u>	<u>801</u>	<u>784,524</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,175</u></b>	<b><u>6,024,398</u></b>	<b><u>12,493</u></b>	<b><u>6,089,722</u></b>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.06 of 10<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/11<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) February, 2026**

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

### **Sale No.07 of 17<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/18<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) February, 2026**

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

### **Sale No.08 of 24<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/25<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) February, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Friday, 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **SALE NO. 04**

### **AUCTION OF 27<sup>TH</sup> /28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

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

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

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported bright weather throughout the week. Intermittent showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Both regions reported sunny mornings and evening showers throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, scattered showers are expected in the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions in the week ahead.

### Low Growns

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

### Crop Intake

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

### WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2024	2025	Difference +/-	To-date 2024	To-date 2025	Difference +/-
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
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>22.72</b>	<b>21.44</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>240.88</b>	<b>242.57</b>	<b>1.7</b>

# OTHER MARKETS

## LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 3 - 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY,2026

There was improved demand for the 5000 packages on offer at firm to dearer rates following quality.

BP1 were well supported at firm rates

PF1- Bright and well made invoices sold 2 – 5 USC below valuation, lesser sorts were neglected.

PD/PF1SC were not supported

D1 were irregular where sold

Secondary teas continued to attract good competition at firm to dearer levels.

## WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY,2026.

Partly cloudy, hot during the day and cool at night with some useful rains received in the planting districts of Thyolo and Mulanje, particularly the last three days of the week.

Crop intakes remain high.

## BANGLADESH AUCTION

### **SALE NO. 37 OF MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

**CTC LEAF:** 49,930 packages of tea on offer met with an improved demand.

**BROKENS:** Well made good liquorering smaller Brokens were again a fairly strong market and prices were mostly firm. Larger Brokens met with a little less demand and prices eased slightly in line with quality. Medium and Plainer varieties were a fairly good market and there were less withdrawals in these categories. BLF teas met with more demand and tended dearer.

**FANNINGS :** Well made good liquorering Fannings were again a strong market and were firm to occasionally dearer following competition. Medium and Plainer varieties were also a good market and sold at around last levels. BLF teas met with more demand and tended dearer.

**DUST:** 11,629 packages of tea on offer met with good demand. Good liquorering Dusts sold well at around last levels. Their Mediums were slightly easier by Tk.3/- to Tk.5/-closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts met with less demand at easier rates and witnessed a few withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** There was a little more enquiry this week compared to last. Blenders continued to operate strongly with improved demand from the Loose tea buyers particularly for the best varieties.

Dusts sold well.

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

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	<b>270-280</b>	265-272	Best	<b>270-280</b>	270-280	PD	<b>265-310</b>	258-325
Good	<b>255-260</b>	257-262	Good	<b>260-265</b>	260-265	RD	<b>245-324</b>	245-325
Medium	<b>248-252</b>	249-254	Medium	<b>249-254</b>	250-255	D	<b>245-312</b>	245-325
Plain	<b>245-247</b>	245-248	Plain	<b>245-248</b>	245-249	CD	<b>245-336</b>	245-325
BLF	<b>240-250</b>	238-248	BLF	<b>240-250</b>	240-249	BLF	<b>246-253</b>	245-260

*COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD*

## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

### **Sale No.02 of 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2026**

There was good general demand for the 131,795 packages (8,707,533.00 kilos) available in the market; 19.44% remained unsold.

#### **MARKET:**

There was more support from **Pakistan Packers** and **Bazaar** while **Yemen** and **other Middle Eastern countries** maintained activity at lower levels. **Kazakhstan and other CIS states** showed improved participation with more interest from **Afghanistan**. **Egyptian Packers** lent good support while **UK** maintained enquiry. **Russia** were less active with some interest from **South Sudan**. **Sudan** and **Local Packers** were absent while **Somalia** maintained support at the lower end of the market.

#### **OFFERINGS :**

Orthodox Grades	- 3,930 packages ( 143,900.00 kilos) – 73.03% unsold.
Leaf Grades	- 64,600 packages (4,229,425.00 kilos) – 21.99% unsold.
Dust Grades	- 45,800 packages (3,424,616.00 kilos) – 20.17% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 17,665 packages ( 909,592.00 kilos) – 8.26% unsold.

#### **LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)**

##### **BP1:**

**Best :** Strong but irregular interest varying between USC48 dearer to easier by up to USC26

**Brighter:** Irregular enquiry and ranged between firm to USC19 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were steady to USC10 dearer for few select lines to mostly easier by up to USC13 while plantation mediums were firm to USC9 dearer to easier by up to USC12.

**Lower Medium:** Were dearer by up to USC14.

**Plainer:** Strong competition gaining by up to USC9.

##### **PF1:**

**Best :** Steady to USC25 above previous rates while a few lines were USC4 easier.

**Brighter :** Gained by up to USC16.

**Mediums :** KTDA mediums were steady to USC14 above previous levels to easier by up to USC6 while plantation mediums were dearer by up to USC8.

**Lower Medium :** Saw irregular interest varying between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC16 to easier by up to USC9.

**Plainer :** Steady to irregularly dearer by up to USC10.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	280 - 490	305 - 401
<b>Good</b>	262 - 316	305 - 342
<b>Good Medium</b>	225 - 290	300 - 320
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	165 - 205	220 - 284
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	168 - 204	201 - 246
<b>Lower Medium</b>	140 - 178	142 - 223
<b>Plainer</b>	098 - 152	094 - 155

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

**Best:** Irregularly discounted by up to USC26.

**Brighter:** Shed by up to USC18.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregular and mostly eased by up to USC22 with plantation mediums firm to USC10 above previous levels.

**Lower Medium:** Met irregular interest varying between firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC15.

**Plainer:** Some teas gained by up to USC8 but others were mostly easier by up to USC16.

**DUST1:**

**Best:** Mostly lost by up to USC16 but select invoices were up to USC6 above previous rates.

**Brighter:** Were easier by up to USC26.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregular and varied between USC12 dearer for a few select lines to mostly easier by up to USC27 with plantation mediums appreciating by up to USC7.

**Lower Medium:** Were up to USC10 above previous levels where available.

**Plainer:** Irregular and mostly easier by up to USC11.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	296 - 338	294 - 359
<b>Good</b>	275 - 313	272 - 304
<b>Good Medium</b>	250 - 308	274 - 308
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	165 - 230	175 - 259
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	190 - 222	170 - 184
<b>Lower Medium</b>	132 - 187	130 - 159
<b>Plainer</b>	091 - 142	094 - 129

**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
<b>Best / Good</b>	223 - 352	222	150 - 218	144 - 209	-
<b>Good Medium / Medium</b>	-	-	130 - 194	125 - 186	-
<b>Lower Medium</b>	120 - 174	134 - 156	104 - 158	096 - 138	108 - 116
<b>Plainer</b>	090 - 144	085 - 136	090 - 123	084 - 107	090 - 104

*January 21, 2026*

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# **INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS**

## **Lumbini Tea Valley's 'Singharaja Wiry Tips' wins its 43rd and 44th International Awards at Leafies UK**



‘Singharaja Wiry Tips,’ produced by Lumbini Tea Valley Ceylon, was awarded its 43rd and 44th International Awards at the prestigious ‘The Leafies International Tea Awards’, held at Fortnum & Mason, United Kingdom, on Friday.

The unique low grown tea was named the Best Ceylon Black Tea as well as the “Best of All Black Teas” (Best Black Tea in the show) and is probably the most awarded Black Tea in the world!

‘Singharaja Wiry Tips’ categorised as FBOPF EX SP ( Flowery Broken Orange Pekoe Fannings Extra Special), is named for its golden tipped Wiry leaves and unique flavour it inherits from the UNESCO World Heritage Singharaja Rainforest which borders the Lumbini Tea plantation.

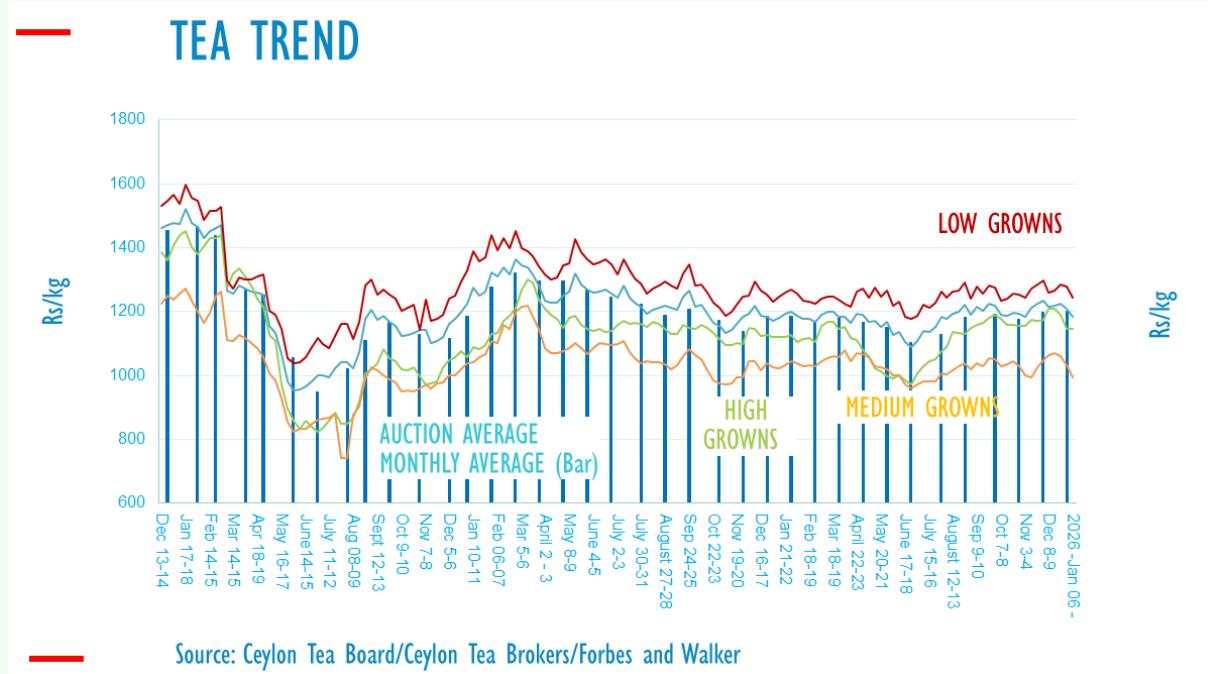
Lumbini Tea Valley is well known for its exceptional teas, and ‘Lumbini Screw Buds’, a new and innovative tea creation, was highly commended at this year’s Leafies, further strengthening the brand’s reputation for producing world-class Ceylon tea.

Chairman and Managing Director of Lumbini Tea Valley Ceylon, Chaminda Jayawardena, who was in London to accept the awards, thanked the entire Lumbini family, whose dedication and commitment over the years have made this success possible.

He also extended his special appreciation to the 1,800 tea farmers who supply the finest quality green leaf, carefully plucking the traditional “two leaves and a bud”, ensuring superior standards from field to cup.

# SRI LANKA TEA PRICES DOWN ON IRAN,

## High Growns recover some losses



Wednesday January 14, 2026 10:05 am

ECONOMYNEXT – Sri Lanka's Ceylon tea prices have fallen over two weeks on Iran troubles, though High Growns recovered some losses this week on the second day, brokers said.

Iran is a key buyer of Ceylon tea, with foods allowed through sanctions, but there are disruptions when the Riyal collapses, making imports difficult.

In Sri Lanka prices in local currency were also supported by rupee depreciation, dealers said.



Sri Lanka's most expensive teas, low growns, popular in the Middle East, continued to decline.

"Tippy teas in general, were substantially lower and mostly unsellable due to lack of suitable bids," Forbes and Walker said in a market report

"A few high-priced FF1's were firm following special inquiry, whilst the balance in general declined."

SALE DTE	QUOTATIONS LKR	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
		06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan						
FBOP 1	1600-1900	1600 - 1800	1450-1500	1400 - 1450	1200-1300	1200 - 1300	950-1000	900 - 950	
FBOP	1700-2400	1700 - 2400	1500-1550	1500 - 1550	1300-1350	1250 - 1300	1000-1100	900 - 950	
BOP 1	2400-3000	2400 - 3100	1800-2300	1800 - 2300	1360-1600	1400 - 1600	900-1300	900 - 1380	
BOP	1700-2100	1600 - 2000	1450-1500	1400 - 1500	1200-1300	1150 - 1250	900-1000	900 - 1000	
BOPF	1300-1700	1300 - 1600	900-1000	900 - 1000	850-880	850 - 880	800-850	800 - 850	
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	5200-6200	4000 - 5000	3550-4500	3000 - 3800	2750-3000	2500 - 2900	1000-1100	1000 -	
FBOPF 1	1600-1800	1550 - 1650	1500-1550	1460 - 1500	1300-1350	1300 - 1350	1000-1100	1000 - 1100	
FBOPF	1700-1900	1600 - 1900	1450-1500	1400 - 1500	1200-1300	1200 - 1300	900-950	900 - 950	
OP 1	2950-3600	2950 - 3600	2600-2900	2600 - 2900	1650-2550	1650 - 2550	900-1600	900 - 1600	
OP	1480-1650	1440 - 1650	1380-1460	1340 - 1420	1200-1360	1160 - 1320	850-1180	850 - 1140	
OPA	1420-2000	1380 - 1850	1280-1400	1240 - 1360	1180-1260	1140 - 1220	850-1160	850 - 1120	
PEKOE	1480-2700	1460 - 2700	1300-1440	1280 - 1420	1200-1280	1180 - 1260	850-1180	850 - 1160	
PEK 1	1750-2400	1700 - 2650	1500-1700	1440 - 1650	1300-1460	1280 - 1420	900-1280	900 - 1260	

Source: Forbes and Walker

High Grown recovered some losses on the second day.

“A few selected invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst others were irregular and easier by a similar margin,” Ceylon Tea Brokers said in a report.

“A few selected teas in the Below Best category held firm whilst the others were irregular.”

There was demand for high grown from countries like Russia and Dubai, brokers said. (Colombo/Jan14/2026)

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