

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.

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LARGE THERMOS

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<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-for" at a furniture warehouse. His first task was to go out for coffee.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,865	843,481	
Low Grown Tippy	2,277	1,123,548	
High & Medium	1,625	701,393	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.
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."
Total	<u>12,472</u>	<u>6,349,608</u>	

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
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3000	2000-3600	1350-1600	1400-1850	1900-2550
	Last Week	2000-3100	2000-3600	1250-1650	1350-1850	1950-2700
BEST	This Week	1550-1950	1500-1950	1200-1300	1200-1350	1500-1850
	Last Week	1600-1950	1550-1950	1100-1200	1150-1350	1500-1900
BELOW BEST	This Week	1350-1500	1350-1450	1000-1150	1000-1150	1200-1450
	Last Week	1400-1550	1300-1500	900-1050	950-1100	1200-1450
SECONDARIES	This Week	1150-1300	1100-1300	850-950	800-950	1000-1100
	Last Week	1200-1350	1000-1250	800-850	750-900	1000-1150
POOR	This Week	900-1100	600-1050	550-800	550-750	800-900
	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	1700-2050	1500-2000	2200-2550	1500-1650	4400-5450
	Last Week	1750-2150	1500-1950	2250-2550	1600-2250	3800-3950
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1300-1460	1700-1950	1420-1480	3200-3600
	Last Week	1480-1650	1300-1480	1700-1950	1420-1550	3250-3650
BELOW BEST	This Week	1240-1460	1140-1240	1440-1650	1280-1400	2050-3050
	Last Week	1260-1460	1140-1240	1450-1650	1300-1400	2100-3100
SECONDARIES	This Week	1040-1220	920-1120	1220-1420	1120-1280	1420-1700
	Last Week	1060-1240	940-1100	1220-1420	1120-1280	1440-1750
POOR	This Week	920-1020	770-900	920-1160	850-1040	1000-1260
	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>
FBOP	1250-1800	1250-1800	1080-1240	1100-1250	800-1080	800-1100
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1300-1650	1300-1550	1100 - 1280	1120 - 1320	800 -1100	800 -1140
PEK/PEK1	1550-1850	1500-1850	1000 - 1400	1100 - 1500	750-1130	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>
Best Westerns	1380 - 1420	1340 - 1440	1280 - 1440	1300 - 1480
Below Best Westerns	1260 - 1360	1200 - 1320	1200 - 1260	1220 - 1280
Plainer Westerns	1100 - 1240	1080 - 1180	1140 - 1180	1140 - 1200
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1080 - 1120	1060 - 1100	1120 - 1180	1140 - 1160
Other Uda Pussellawas	1000 - 1040	1020 - 1040	1040 - 1080	1100 - 1120
Best Uva's	1200 - 1240	1180 - 1280	1180 - 1260	1200 - 1260
Other Uva's	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 FNGS/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)	920-1200	920-1150	800-830	800-830	800-830	800-830
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	630-730	580-750	580-750	590-750	590-750
Best BOP1As	670-800	720-820	810-860	810-860	1000-1200	1000-1200
Other BOP1As	630-730	670-730	630-730	670-730	620-730	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 grows together with Mid grows declined Rs.40-60/- Low Grows 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)	800 - 1700	800 - 1750	780 - 1340	800 - 1340	770 - 1420	780 - 1340
Good Primary PD (CTC)	800 - 1220	800 - 1200	770 - 1220	780 - 1240	770 - 1460	800 - 1440
Secondary Dust	780 - 1240	780 - 1180	780 - 940	800 - 1060	780 - 1100	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/-
*Nawagamuwahena	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/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	FBOPF1	1650/-
Adams View	FBOPF1	1650/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1550/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Kiruwanaaganga	FBOPFSP	5350/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPFSP	4950/-
Aruna	FBOPFSP	4950/-
*Makandura	FBOPFSP	4400/-
King Bru	FBOPFEXSP	5450/-
Peak View Super	FBOPFEXSP1	5050/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1160/-
*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1140/-

MEDIUM GROWN

New Rothschild CTC	BP1	900/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1120/-
New Peacock CTC	PF1	1120/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1420/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1360/-
New Galboda CTC Super	PF1	1360/-

OFF GRADES

*Kothmale Hills	BP	1300/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PF	1080/-
Chandrika CTC	PF	960/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	920/-
Gunawardana	BM	1220/-
*Wattahena	FNGS	1000/-
Wattegodde	FNGS1	1240/-
Wanarajah	FNGS1	1240/-
Bogoda	BOP1A	1340/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1200/-
*Aldora	BOP1A	1180/-

BOPA

Kingsbru	BOPA	2100/-
Wewelkandura Super	BOPA	2000/-
Bogoda Group	BOPA	2000/-
*Ganganee	BOPA	1950/-
*Wattahena	BOPA	1950/-
*Hedigalla	BOPA	1950/-
*Makandura	BOPA	1950/-

Dust

Wattegodde	DUST	1240/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1700/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1460/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Rothschild CTC	PD	1220/-
*Rothschild	PD	1200/-
*Kallebokka	PD	1140/-

LOW GROWN

*Andaradeniya Hills	DUST	1100/-
*New Nivithigala	DUST	1060/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.02 OF 13TH JANUARY, 2026

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

SALE NO: 04

SALE NO: 05

Sale of 27th /28th Jan. '26

Sale of 02nd /03rd Feb. '26

Lots

Qty. (Kgs)

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Low Grown Leafy

2,312

900,019

2,505

962,061

Low Grown Semi Leafy

1,794

778,194

1,839

798,981

Low Grown Tippy

2,209

1,062,997

2,104

1,013,558

High & Medium

1,564

642,046

1,629

654,744

Off Grade/BOP1A

2,443

1,259,365

2,593

1,309,972

Dust

568

513,275

564

503,510

Premium Flowery

441

61,812

458

62,362

Ex-Estate

844

806,690

801

784,524

Total

12,175

6,024,398

12,493

6,089,722

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.08 of 24th (Tue.)/25th (Wed.) February, 2026

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

SALE NO. 04

AUCTION OF 27TH /28TH 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. John Keells PLC	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	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. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
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 13th to 19th 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 Grown

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)

<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

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 3 - 21ST 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 18TH 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, 19th JANUARY, 2026

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

BROKENS: Well made good liquoring 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 liquoring 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 liquoring 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	270-280	265-272	Best	270-280	270-280	PD	265-310	258-325
Good	255-260	257-262	Good	260-265	260-265	RD	245-324	245-325
Medium	248-252	249-254	Medium	249-254	250-255	D	245-312	245-325
Plain	245-247	245-248	Plain	245-248	245-249	CD	245-336	245-325
BLF	240-250	238-248	BLF	240-250	240-249	BLF	246-253	245-260

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.02 of 12th 13th & 14th 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
Best	280 – 490	305 – 401
Good	262 – 316	305 – 342
Good Medium	225 – 290	300 – 320
Medium (KTDA)	165 – 205	220 – 284
Medium (Plantations)	168 – 204	201 – 246
Lower Medium	140 – 178	142 – 223
Plainer	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
Best	296 - 338	294 - 359
Good	275 - 313	272 - 304
Good Medium	250 - 308	274 - 308
Medium (KTDA)	165 - 230	175 - 259
Medium (Plantations)	190 - 222	170 - 184
Lower Medium	132 - 187	130 - 159
Plainer	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
Best / Good	223 - 352	222	150 - 218	144 - 209	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	130 - 194	125 - 186	-
Lower Medium	120 - 174	134 - 156	104 - 158	096 - 138	108 - 116
Plainer	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.

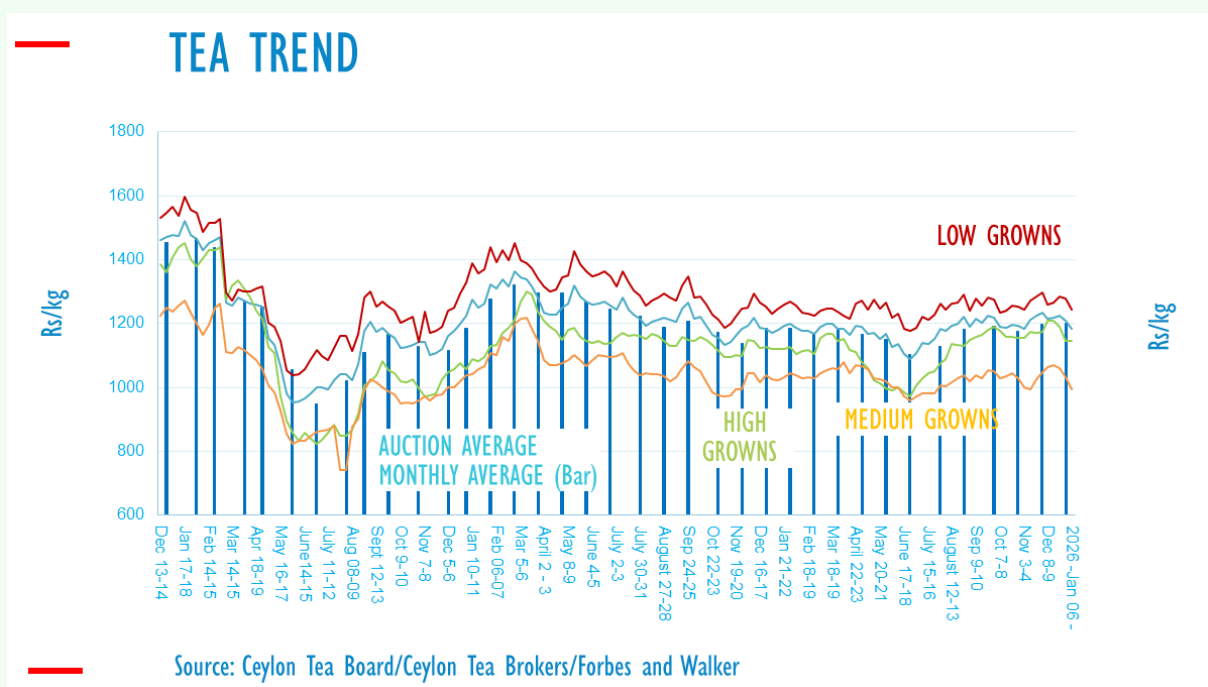
Lumbini Tea Valley is well known for its exceptional teas, and 'Lumbini Screw Buds', a new and innovative tea creation, was highly commended at this year's Leafies, further strengthening the brand's reputation for producing world-class Ceylon tea.

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 Grown 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 Grown 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 grown, popular in the Middel 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.”

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	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)
