

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 48

December 15 & 16, 2025



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, namely Sale #48 was held on December 15(Mon.)/16 (Tue.), 2025. A total weight of 5.7 MKGS was on offer, which shows an increase when compared to the previous week's quantity. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.5 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.8 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8 MKGS.

Demand at today's Ex-Estate sale met with irregular demand. Best Western BOP's/BOPF's where quality was maintained were mostly firm whilst others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Below best and plainer category, teas were firm to Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. The majority of the Nuwara Eliya teas were unsold due to lack of suitable bids. Uva/Udapussellawa teas tended irregular following quality. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's were firm to Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst Low Grown were Rs.20-40/- per easier. There were hardly any BP1's on offer this week from all elevations. There was widespread demand from shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa along with Russia, CIS, China.

The overall market for Low Grown teas continued to be fully firm for majority of the grades. Bright Tippy Teas too realized attractive prices around last week levels. Traditional markets were fully active.

This week's auction comprised of **11,648** lots with a total quantity of **5,758,309** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

Trusted Doctor

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,094	808,831
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,722	724,589
Low Grown Tippy	1,998	917,888
High & Medium	1,718	771,422
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,409	1,243,689
Dust	515	457,498
Premium Flowery	366	48,156
Ex-Estate	<u>826</u>	<u>786,236</u>
Total	<u>11,648</u>	<u>5,758,309</u>

A newcomer to the neighborhood consulted one of the established residents in regard to a doctor.

"My little daughter," she explained, "has swallowed a gold piece and has got to be operated on. I wonder if Dr. Robertson is to be trusted?"

"Without a doubt," her neighbor assured her, "he's absolutely honest."

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : In general were fully firm to irregularly dearer.

OP1 : Teas in the select best category maintained, whilst the best and below best types were appreciated, Stalky invoices were declined substantially.

OP : Select best invoices eased by Rs.50/- per kg whilst the below best teas too declined. Lower end teas too lower followed a similar trend.

OPA : High priced OPA's were dearer, whilst best and below best invoices were maintained. Poorer sorts declined.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best PEK's maintained, whilst the balance were irregular. PEK1's in general were dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2300-3000	2400-3600	1450-1700	1500-1900	2100-2450
	Last Week	2300-3000	2400-3600	1500-1850	1500-1700	2100-2700
BEST	This Week	1800-2250	1750-2550	1250-1400	1300-1450	1800-2050
	Last Week	1750-2200	1700-2350	1300-1450	1350-1450	1800-2050
BELOW BEST	This Week	1450-1750	1400-1700	1100-1200	1100-1250	1400-1750
	Last Week	1450-1700	1350-1650	1100-1250	1100-1300	1400-1750
SECONDARIES	This Week	1200-1400	1150-1350	850-1050	850-1050	1100-1350
	Last Week	1100-1400	1100-1300	900-1050	900-1050	1100-1350
POOR	This Week	900-1150	700-1100	550-800	550-800	900-1050
	Last Week	850-1100	750-1050	600-850	600-850	900-1050

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were firm.

BOPF/BOPFSP : In general sold around last levels.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best FBOP's were firm whilst the best catagories were easier by Rs.50-100/- per kg. Bold varieties were firm whilst the teas at the lower end were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and best met with strong demand. Below best were firm, whilst the others were irregularly lower.

FBOPFSP : Small tippy teas were firm to dearer.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Long tippy varieties were irregularly lower whilst the others followed a similar trend.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	2250-2500	1650-1900	2250-2700	1650-2900	5250-6300
	Last Week	2200-2600	1650-2400	2100-2950	1650-2000	5000-6250
BEST	This Week	1650-2150	1420-1600	1650-1850	1440-1600	3700-4850
	Last Week	1600-2100	1400-1600	1600-1800	1440-1600	3600-4500
BELOW BEST	This Week	1100-1600	1280-1400	1420-1600	1320-1420	2480-3550
	Last Week	1380-1580	1260-1380	1400-1500	1320-1420	2300-3450
SECONDARIES	This Week	1080-1360	1070-1250	1220-1380	1180-1300	1440-1800
	Last Week	1060-1340	1000-1240	1200-1360	1180-1280	1420-1750
POOR	This Week	900-1040	850-960	960-1140	890-1080	1000-1340
	Last Week	890-1040	800-960	940-1120	880-1060	1060-1340

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best FBOP's were firm on last levels and the best and below best followed a similar trend. However the lower end were irregularly lower.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Gained in value and appreciated whilst the below best were dearer by Rs.50-80/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best and best PEK/PEK1's were firm to dearer, whilst the below best and other PEK/PEK1's were firm to irregularly easier.

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	1450-2250	1450-1950	1350-1450	1380-1450	870-1400	860-1380
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1500-1700	1450-1650	1300-1480	1250-1450	880 -1250	900 -1250
PEK/PEK1	1800-2050	1800-2000	1350-1750	1450-1800	800-1350	800-1450

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Irregular and a firm to dearer trend in prices

BOP : Best Western's, where quality was maintained, were mostly firm, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular and mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Uva's – Select high-priced teas of last week were sharply easier, whilst the others were firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg easier.

BOPF : Best Western's, where quality was maintained, were mostly firm, whilst the others were Rs.20/- per kg easier. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Plainer sorts at the lower end were mostly firm. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were irregular and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Uva's were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1300 – 1500	1280 – 1440	1360 – 1420	1340 – 1440
Below Best Westerns	1220 – 1280	1200 – 1260	1300 - 1340	1280 – 1320
Plainer Westerns	1180 - 1200	1160 - 1180	1160 – 1280	1140 – 1260
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	1380	N/A	1260
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1220	1200 – 1240	1220 – 1280	1200 – 1280
Other Uda Pussellawas	1180 – 1200	1160 – 1180	1160 - 1180	1200 - 1240
Best Uva's	1200 – 1240	1220 – 1340	1260 – 1300	1260 – 1360
Other Uva's	N/A	1200	1000	1240

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas continued to sell around the previous week's levels, whilst the others were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier.

BOPF : Better sorts were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others appreciated by Rs.20/- per kg and more as the sale progressed.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	920 - 1950	880 - 2050	940-1300	920-1320

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	N/A	1040 - 1180	1100 - 1160
Medium	800 - 1080	500 - 1120	650 - 1180	680 - 1220
Low	1020 - 1440	650 - 1460	660 - 1450	650 - 1440

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last whilst, below Best types tended irregular. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.20/- per kg on last whilst others firm to dearer Rs.10-20/- per kg. Select best BM's shed Rs.10-20/- per kg, others firm on last.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best Teas firm on last and best teas held firm. Poorer teas advanced Rs.10-20/- 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)	920-1250	920-1270	800-870	800-870	830-870	820-870
Good Fannings (CTC)	820-840	820-840	720-770	720-770	750-820	750-820
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	740-750	740-750	760-800	760-800	700-800	700-800
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	820-880	820-920	820-920	820-930	820-940	830-960
Other BM's	630-760	630-760	630-780	630-780	630-800	630-800
Best BOP1As	750-820	750-820	810-860	810-860	1200-1500	1200-1500
Other BOP1As	720-780	700-770	720-780	700-770	720-790	700-790

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown select best types declined Rs.60-100/- per kg whilst their secondaries and below best types were firm to dearer. Mid grown teas sold firm on last levels. Low Grown declined Rs.40-60/- per kg.

PD : High grown together with mid grown maintained last levels, whilst the Low grown were irregular and mostly lower.

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)	880 - 1650	870 - 1750	860 - 1300	860 - 1300	820 - 1500	800 - 1020
Good Primary PD (CTC)	850 - 1260	840 - 1260	850 - 1240	840 - 1220	850 - 1340	840 - 1420
Secondary Dust	840 - 1280	820 - 1240	830 - 1080	820 - 1120	830 - 1340	800 - 1160

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1950/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1900/-
*Harangalla	BOP	1800/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1550/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1550/-
*Uplands	BOPSP	1500/-
Windsorforest	BOPSP	1500/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1300/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1280/-
Harangalla	BOPFSP	1080/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1800/-
Craighead	FBOP/ FBOP1	2250/-
Harangalla	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1700/-
*Hatale	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1650/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1650/-
*Uplands	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1650/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1650/-
Craighead	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1650/-
*Hatale	OP/OPA	1340/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	OP/OPA	1340/-
*Hatale	OP/OPA	1320/-
Dartry Valley	OP/OPA	1320/-
Harangalla	OP/OPA	1320/-
Madukelle	OP/OPA	1320/-
Dartry Valley	OP1	1600/-
Harangalla	OP1	1550/-
*Hatale	OP1	1500/-
New Rothschild	PEK/PEK1	2050/-
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	2050/-

WESTERN HIGH

Inverness	BOP	1500/-
Queensberry	BOPSP	1440/-
Mattakelle	BOPF/BOPFSP	1420/-
Inverness	BOP1	2150/-
Queensberry	FBOP/ FBOP1	1700/-
Inverness	FBOP/ FBOP1	1700/-
Queensberry	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
Venture	OP/OPA	1260/-
Venture	OP1	1500/-
Bambrakelly	PEK/PEK1	1750/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP	920/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	890/-
Kenmare	BOPF/BOPFSP	920/-
Kenmare	FBOP/ FBOP1	1340/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1160/-
Kenmare	OP/OPA	940/-
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	1260/-

UVA MEDIUM

Demodera 'S'	BOP	1500/-
Dickwella	BOP	1500/-
Dickwella	BOPSP	1500/-
Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	1500/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPF/BOPFSP	1500/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1800/-
Dickwella	FBOP/ FBOP1	2000/-
Blossom Uva Tea	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
Wewesse	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
Pettigalla	OP/OPA	1280/-
Wewesse	OP/OPA	1280/-
Pinnawela	OP/OPA	1280/-
Misty Uva	OP1	1480/-
High Spring	OP1	1480/-
Dickwella	PEK/PEK1	1950/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEK/PEK1	1950/-

UVA HIGH

Ellathota Uva	BOP	1460/-
Aislaby	BOPSP	1500/-
Spring Valley	BOPF/BOPFSP	1360/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1850/-
Aislaby	FBOP/ FBOP1	1900/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1550/-
Ampittiakande	OP/OPA	1320/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1500/-
Ranaya	PEK/PEK1	2000/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

*Mooloya	BOP	1220/-
High Forest	BOP	1220/-
Luckyland	BOP	1220/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1200/-
*Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	1280/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1320/-
Delmar	FBOP/ FBOP1	1750/-
Delmar	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	1600/-
Maha Uva	OP/OPA	1240/-
Delmar	OP1	1500/-
Maha Uva	PEK/PEK1	1850/-

OFF GRADES

Suviska	BP	1360/-
Chandrika Estate	BP	1340/-
*Kothmale Hills	BP	1300/-
Cecilayan CTC	PF	1000/-
Chandrika CTC	PF	880/-
Donside CTC	PF	880/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	860/-
Gunawardana	BM	1300/-
Wattegodde	FNGS/ FNGS1	1280/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1460/-
Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	1460/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
Sithaka	BOP1	2900/-
*Makandura	BOP1	2800/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3600/-
Sithaka	OP1	3450/-
*Green House	OP1	3300/-
New Kandedola	OP	2050/-
Miriswatta	OPA	1900/-
Liyonta	OPA	1900/-
Adams View	PEKOE	2350/-
Pothotuwa	PEKOE	2150/-
Kings Bru	PEKOE	2150/-
*New Deraniyagala	PEKOE	2100/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2450/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2450/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2500/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	2350/-
*New Nivitigala	BOP	2300/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2300/-
Parakaduwa Super	BOPF	1900/-
Uruwala	BOPF	1750/-
*Hidellana	BOPF	1650/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1650/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Wattahena	BOPFSP	1550/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2700/-
Athukorala G.S	FBOP1	2250/-
Gunawardana	FBOP1	2050/-
*Wattahena	FBOP1	1950/-
Stream Line	FBOPF	2900/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1800/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

*Rain Forest	FBOPFSP	6050/-
Adams View	FBOPFSP	6050/-
*New Marakanda	FBOPFEXSP	6300/-
Nilgiri	FBOPFEXSP1	4900/-

Dust

Pothotuwa	DUST	1340/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1650/-
Great Western	DUST1	1650/-
Dellawa CTC	PD	1340/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1180/-
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MEDIUM GROWN

Duckwari CTC	BP1	1080/-
*Carolina CTC	PF1	1180/-

LOW GROWN

Cecilayan CTC	BP1	1440/-
Liyonta CTC	PF1	1460/-

NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES – NOVEMBER, 2025

Elevation	MONTH		TO-DATE	
	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS./KGS-	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS/KGS-
ORTHODOX				
UVA-HIGH	966,540	1,076.77	14,544,188	1,048.43
WESTERN-HIGH	2,157,039	1,216.31	28,535,218	1,140.26
UVA-MEDIUM	856,084	1,076.46	12,683,572	1,070.83
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,624,072	1,024.20	20,278,822	1,040.35
LOW	11,333,684	1,296.42	132,019,772	1,269.42
TOTAL	16,937,419	1,236.46	208,061,572	1,201.83
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UVA -HIGH	108,721	1,128.36	1,004,383	1,121.62
WESTERN- HIGH	282,112	1,147.27	3,708,841	1,079.82
WESTERN - MEDIUM	803,537	965.73	8,909,628	945.60
LOW	954,238	978.51	11,205,635	980.13
TOTAL	2,148,608	1,003.47	24,828,487	988.35
COMBINED (Orthodox/ CTC)				
UVA-HIGH	1,075,261	1,081.99	15,548,571	1,053.16
WESTERN-HIGH	2,439,151	1,208.33	32,244,059	1,133.31
UVA-MEDIUM	856,084	1,076.46	12,683,572	1,070.83
WESTERN-MEDIUM	2,427,609	1,004.85	29,188,450	1,011.43
LOW	12,287,922	1,271.73	143,225,407	1,246.78
TOTAL	19,086,027	1,210.23	232,890,059	1,179.06

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.47 OF 09TH DECEMBER, 2025

	2025			2024	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,121.11	1,123.75	1,045.86	1,003.97	1,098.50
Western High Grown	1,249.04	1,254.61	1,125.61	1,142.98	1,185.39
High Grown	1,210.29	1,211.85	1,100.05	1,096.88	1,157.39
Uva Medium	1,136.30	1,137.72	1,071.09	1,050.94	1,123.57
Western Medium	1,028.55	1,036.65	1,007.64	977.22	1,049.00
Medium Grown	1,064.28	1,068.34	1,027.51	995.44	1,073.56
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,280.58	1,280.58	1,266.98	1,270.60	1,349.14
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,259.20	1,256.23	1,250.25	1,244.65	1,326.37
Total	1,215.84	1,213.61	1,181.91	1,181.99	1,248.47

Private Sale Figures (27.11.2025 – 09.12.2025)

274,893.00

Cumulative

10,133,599.26

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 49

SALE NO: 50

Sale of 22nd /23rd Dec. '25

Sale of 30th Dec. '25

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,216	857,656	1,574	602,183
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,584	656,569	1,144	464,025
Low Grown Tippy	2,022	931,649	1,372	620,735
High & Medium	1,588	735,552	1,324	574,804
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,428	1,255,300	1,471	755,715
Dust	536	480,109	448	375,366
Premium Flowery	406	53,226	402	51,610
Ex-Estate	<u>796</u>	<u>795,702</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>756,978</u>
Total	<u>11,576</u>	<u>5,765,763</u>	<u>8,510</u>	<u>4,201,416</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.02 of 12th (Mon.)/13th (Tue.) January, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Monday, 22nd December, 2025 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.03 of 20th (Tue.)/21st (Wed.) January, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Friday, 02nd January, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.04 of 27th (Tue.)/28th (Wed.) January, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 08th January, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO. 49

AUCTION OF 22nd /23rd DECEMBER, 2025

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

Leafy/Semi Leafy/Tippy/ BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/ Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 10th to 16th December 2025

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Bright mornings and evening showers were reported in both regions throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, showers are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Rain was reported in the Uva and Uda Pussekkawa regions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in both regions in the week ahead.

Low Grown

Bright mornings and evening showers were reported in the Low Grown region throughout the week. Fairly heavy 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 slight decrease.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2024</i>	<i>To-date 2025</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
BANGLADESH	Oct.	14.92	14.62	-0.3	76.68	75.53	-1.2
KENYA	Aug.	36.87	38.62	1.8	402.79	359.16	-43.6
MALAWI	Aug.	1.60	1.40	-0.2	36.40	34.40	-2.0
NORTH INDIA	Sep.	147.00	138.60	-8.4	754.40	794.90	40.5
SOUTH INDIA	Sep.	23.00	21.30	-1.7	164.40	174.60	10.2
SRI LANKA	Oct.	21.30	21.80	0.5	218.10	220.90	2.8

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HOLIDAY NOTICES

Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC

Please note that the above buyer's warehouse will be closed for business
from 24th December, 2025 to 01st January, 2026.

OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 32 OF MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 2025

CTC LEAF: 47,420 packages of tea on offer met with a stronger demand.

BROKENS: Well-made good liquoring Brokens were a stronger market particularly smaller varieties which appreciated further following competition. Medium varieties were a good market and were mostly firm. Plain varieties received a little more enquiry and tended dearer. BLF teas met with more demand at around last levels with less withdrawals.

FANNINGS : Well-made good liquoring Fannings were the strongest feature of the market and prices advanced quite substantially following competition. Medium and plainer varieties were also a strong market and were firm to slightly dearer. BLF teas met with more demand at around last levels with less withdrawals.

DUST: 9,752 packages of tea on offer met with strong demand. Good liquoring Dusts attracted good competition and were fully firm to slightly dearer. Their Mediums also sold well at around last levels occasionally Tk.3/- to Tk.4/- more closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts met with a dearer market with hardly any withdrawals. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: A stronger market prevailed throughout the sale with the best varieties fetching up to Tk.280/- and above. Blenders lent useful support for all varieties with improved enquiry from the loose tea buyers.

Dusts met with an improved demand.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	275-285	275-285	Best	277-287	275-285	PD	252-328	265-375
Good	262-272	260-270	Good	265-275	260-270	RD	245-354	257-370
Medium	255-260	250-257	Medium	255-260	253-258	D	245-370	245-370
Plain	245-250	245-249	Plain	245-250	245-250	CD	254-300	250-350
BLF	240-247	234-253	BLF	240-254	238-251	BLF	145-270	242-252



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 13th DECEMBER, 2025

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand: All grades sold at irregular and lower.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and cleaner blacker whole leaves sold dearer by Rs.5 to 8 others at easier levels depending on quality with some withdrawals. Primary borkens were steady, Secondary broken and fannings fetched prices lower by Rs.3 to 4.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold firmly to dearer by Rs.1 Plain sorts were steady.

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

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fairly good.

Market : High-priced and Better Mediums were irregular. Mediums and Plainers were steady to occasionally dearer by a Re with more unsold lots witnessed on the Plainers and bower teas.

The overall sale percentage was 76% at an average of Rs. 110.92.

Buying Pattern: Packeteer and Blenders were active with some support from Internal and Export being selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair.

Market : Market was irregularly easier and also witnessed more unsold lots without bids.

The overall sale percentage was 67% at an average of Rs. 146.62.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active and Internal were subdued.

CTC DUST

Demand : Fairly good.

Market : Market was steady occasionally easier by a Re, however browner teas and Plainer sorts witnessed some outlist.

The overall sale percentage was 79% at an average of Rs. 116.82.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active, Packeteers and Blenders rendered fairly good support with some support from Internal Buyers.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fairly good.

Market: Market was irregularly lower.

The overall sale percentage was 76% at an average of Rs. 110.05.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active with Internal being very selective.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Good general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were irregular with some withdrawals. Medium teas were steady. Plainer teas were irregular and lower with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Less demand.

Market : Medium brokenes were lower with some withdrawals. BOPF's were firm to dearer.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were fully firm with few withdrawals. Medium teas were barely steady to lower by Re.1/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- sometimes more with few withdrawals. However, as sale progressed prices were firmed up.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.49 of 08TH & 09TH DECEMBER, 2025

There was improved general demand for the 160,484 packages (10.52m/kgs) on offer with 12.58% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers were strong with **Yemen, other Middle Eastern, Kazakhstan** and **other CIS** states were more active. **Afghanistan** and **Bazaar** maintained interest with improved enquiry from **Egyptian Packers**. **UK** were active but selective with some support from **Russia**. **Sudan** remained absent with **South Sudan** and **Local Packers** showing some activity. **Somalia** maintained interest at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :

Leaf Grades - 80,040 packages (5,27m/kgs) – 12.64% unsold.

Dust Grades - 61,420 packages (4,58m/kgs) – 13.03% unsold.

Secondary Grades - 19,024 packages (967,869.00 kilos) – 08.31% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Some teas advanced by up to USC48 with others irregular ranging between USC23 dearer to easier by up to USC24.

Brighter: More irregular enquiry ranging between USC26 dearer to easier by up to USC24.

Mediums: KTDA mediums mostly gained by up to USC33 but some teas were irregularly easier by up to USC12 with plantation mediums steady to USC23 dearer to easier by up to USC12.

Lower Medium: Lost up to USC22.

Plainer: Irregularly shed by up to USC20.

PF1:

Best : Irregular interest varying between firm to USC14 dearer for most teas to easier by up to USC7 for select lines.

Brighter : Were irregularly dearer by up to USC19.

Mediums : KTDA mediums gained by up to USC18 with plantation mediums dearer by up to USC22.

Lower Medium : Steady to USC15 above previous rates but select lines shed by up to USC4.

Plainer : Steady to USC11 above previous levels.

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

Best:	Met irregular interest and ranged between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC18 but some teas were easier by up to a similar margin.
Brighter:	Irregularly gained by up to USC29.
Mediums:	KTDA mediums were dearer by up to USC17 but few lines shed by up to USC9 with plantation mediums advancing by up to USC14.
Lower Medium:	Firm to USC19 dearer for most offers with a few invoices USC6 below last levels.
Plainer:	Gained by up to USC14.

DUST1:

Best:	Appreciated by up to USC12.
Brighter:	Were dearer by up to USC22.
Mediums:	KTDA mediums saw irregular interest ranging between firm to USC19 above previous levels to easier by up to USC9 with plantation mediums advancing by up to USC12.
Lower Medium:	Were up to USC14 dearer for the few lines on offer.
Plainer:	Were firm to USC17 dearer.

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** gained while others were steady with **PFs** firm but a few select lines were dearer. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** irregularly held value while **similar DUSTs** were steady. **Other Fannings** sold at previous rates with **DUSTs** firm. **BMFs** were readily absorbed at steady levels.

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TEA NEWS

SRI LANKA'S TOPOGRAPHY DICTATES GLOBAL TEA PRICES



A leading tea industry expert says that Sri Lanka's internationally famed tea business operates on a clear three-tier system, where the altitude at which leaves are grown directly dictates their market role and price.

"Looking at the sales data of Forbes & Walker, elevation isn't just about geography – it's about economics," the expert says. "Each tier – high, medium, and low-grown – has a completely different function in the global market."

At the top are the high-grown teas from misty regions like Nuwara Eliya. "This is the luxury tier," the expert notes. "The slow growth in cool air creates exquisite flavour and aroma, fetching top dollar at auction. It's our prestige export, but it's fragile being dependent on perfect weather and global demand trends," he says.

"The medium-grown teas, mainly from areas like Kandy, are the industry's reliable core. These teas are the versatile workhorses," the expert explains. They offer good character at a more accessible price and are essential for creating consistent blends. Their strength is stable demand while they're always working to be valued on their own, not just as a blending ingredient."

"In the coastal plains, low-grown teas are all about scale. This is the volume engine," the expert describes. These teas are stronger and yield more. They're built for mass markets in places like the Middle East and Russia, competing on price and volume with other robust teas. Success here is measured in tonnes shipped."

The expert warns that all three tiers – not only high-grown teas, now face threats from climate change . The path forward is equal focus on all three tiers.

“Sri Lanka’s unique advantage isn’t just one type of tea given the emerging challenges. We need to produce the full spectrum, from the most delicate to the strongest. By marketing this complete range as our strength, we can secure a position no other country can easily match. I’d say that Sri Lanka tea sales data regularly presented by Forbes & Walker is a map, showing that the true strength of our international tea market lies in the synergy of all three heights,” he says.

Tea drinkers may have stronger bones than coffee consumers, study suggests



A decade-long study by Flinders University shed new light on two most frequently consumed drinks; tea and coffee and their impact on bone health among women.

The study published in the Journal *Nutrients*, monitored nearly 10,000 women aged 65 and older for ten years to examine whether regularly drinking coffee or tea was connected to changes in bone mineral density BMD-a central marker used to assess osteoporosis risk.

Osteoporosis affects one in three women over 50 and leads to millions of fractures every year, making bone health an important global issue.

Because coffee and tea are part of daily routines for billions of people, researchers note that understanding their long-term effects on bones is essential.

Moreover, the researchers used information from the study of Osteoporosis Fractures drawing on repeated measures of beverage intake and BMD at the fracture-prone hip and femoral neck.

Throughout the 10-year period, participants regularly reported how much coffee and tea they consumed, while at the same time, their bone density was also assessed using advanced imaging tools.

Results showed that women who drank tea had slightly higher total hip BMD than those who did not.

Although the improvement was small, it was statistically significant and may matter when considering the health of a large population.

Assistant Associate Professor Enwu Liu from the College of Medicine and Public Health expressed, "Even small improvements in bone density can translate into fewer fractures across large groups."

Researchers found that tea drinkers had slightly stronger bones, while moderate coffee drinking caused no harm.

The research also found that heavy coffee intake over five cups a day was linked to lower bone density, especially in women who consumed more alcohol.

Women with higher lifetime alcohol intake appeared particularly vulnerable to coffee's negative effects, whereas tea showed stronger benefits in women with obesity.

"Coffee's caffeine content, by contrast, has been shown in laboratory studies to interfere with calcium absorption and bone metabolism, though these effects are small and can be offset by adding milk," says Ryan Liu from Flinders University.

Ryan Liu, co-author of the study, concluded that Tea's benefits may stem from catechins that support bone formation.

The researchers say small daily habits could make meaningful difference over time.

Assistant Associate Professor Enwu Liu notes that the research suggests drinking tea daily may be an easy way to support bone health as people grow older.

"While moderate coffee drinking appears safe, very high consumption may not be ideal, especially for women who drink alcohol," added Enwu Liu.

The study *Longitudinal Association of Coffee and Tea Consumption with Bone Mineral Density in Older Women: A 10-Year Repeated-Measures Analysis in the Study of Osteoporotic Fractures* was published in the research journal *Nutrients*.
