

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 04

January 27 & 28, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.04 of January 27(Tue)/28(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 6.0 MKGS was on offer, which shows a 0.3 MKGS decrease when compared to the previous sale. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.8 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8 MKGS.

Demand at today's Ex-Estate sale witnessed better demand particularly for the improved teas whilst others met with fair interest. Select best Western BOP's/BOPF's gained Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst others tended irregular. In the below best category, select improved teas advanced Rs.20-40/- per kg, others tended irregular. Lower end teas were firm to dearer up to a lesser extent. The limited selection of Nuwara Eliya teas on offer were mostly unsold due to lack of suitable offers. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's lost Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst their corresponding BOPF's held firm on last levels. CTC Teas – PF1's from all elevations lost Rs.20/- per kg on average. The limited availability of the better teas were sought after by shippers to Japan and the Continent whilst the balance were absorbed by shippers to Russia, CIS, China & Hongkong.

At the Low Grown sale, Leafy, Semi Leafy and Tippy varieties met with irregular demand consequent to the unrest in the Middle-Eastern region. The Tea Trade is closely monitoring the situation.

Next week's Sale No.05 will be held on Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd February 2026 owing to Independence Day falling on 4th February.

This week's auction comprised of **12,175** lots with a total quantity of **6,024,398** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

In Lighter Vein

Golfing Professors

Three college professors were playing golf in a particularly hot day when they decided to make a bet. Whoever loses a round will remove an article of clothing. By the time they got to the 9th hole they were all completely naked. Just as they were about to wear clothes, a bus carrying a group of college students came around the bend. Two of the three professors grabbed their clothes and try to cover their naked body. The third one, however, just put his clothes over his face.

After the bus passed the two professors asked the third one,

"Why in the world would you cover your face? Have you no shame?"

The professors replies, "I don't know about your classroom but in my classroom EVERYONE knows my face!"

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,312	900,019
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,794	778,194
Low Grown Tippy	2,209	1,062,997
High & Medium	1,564	642,046
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,443	1,259,365
Dust	568	513,275
Premium Flowery	441	61,812
Ex-Estate	<u>844</u>	<u>806,690</u>
Total	<u>12,175</u>	<u>6,024,398</u>

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best invoices were barely steady, whilst the balance were declined.

OP1 : A few select best invoices held firm, whilst the best teas declined. Bolder varieties together with the stalky invoices were maintained.

OP : In general, declined.

OPA : In general, declined.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best PEK's were irregularly lower, whilst the best invoices held firm. Below best together with the mixed open varieties were easier. Select best PEK1's were irregular, whilst the balance were lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3000	2000-3750	1300-1600	1400-1700	1850-2350
	Last Week	2000-3000	2000-3600	1350-1600	1400-1850	1900-2550
BEST	This Week	1500-1950	1500-1950	1150-1250	1200-1350	1450-1800
	Last Week	1550-1950	1500-1950	1200-1300	1200-1350	1500-1850
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1450	1300-1450	1000-1100	1000-1150	1200-1400
	Last Week	1350-1500	1350-1450	1000-1150	1000-1150	1200-1450
SECONDARIES	This Week	1100-1250	1100-1250	850-950	800-950	1000-1150
	Last Week	1150-1300	1100-1300	850-950	800-950	1000-1100
POOR	This Week	850-1150	600-1050	550-800	500-750	800-950
	Last Week	900-1100	600-1050	550-800	550-750	800-900

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : 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. BOPFSP in general were easier.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best FBOP's were firm, whilst the best FBOP's were dearer by Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the below best together with bold varieties declined. Teas at the lower end were irregular. Well-made FBOP1's were firm, whilst the other categories followed a similar trend.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Select best FBOP1's were firm, whilst the best together with cleaner below best were firm to dearer. FBOPF market was generally declined.
- FBOPFSP** : A selection of very tippy invoices maintained, best categories were firm to dearer. Teas at the lower end were largely remained unsold.
- FFEXSP/SP1** : Overall, long tippy varieties declined.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1650-2000	1500-2000	2250-2500	1650-1850	4450-5200
	Last Week	1700-2050	1500-2000	2200-2550	1500-1650	4400-5450
BEST	This Week	1460-1600	1300-1480	1700-2000	1440-1500	3350-3800
	Last Week	1480-1650	1300-1460	1700-1950	1420-1480	3200-3600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1270-1420	1170-1240	1470-1600	1370-1420	2250-2950
	Last Week	1240-1460	1140-1240	1440-1650	1280-1400	2050-3050
SECONDARIES	This Week	1670-1700	900-1100	1700-1980	1140-1300	1400-1650
	Last Week	1040-1220	920-1120	1220-1420	1120-1280	1420-1700
POOR	This Week	900-1000	750-900	900-1140	880-1100	1000-1220
	Last Week	920-1020	770-900	920-1160	850-1040	1000-1260

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best and best FBOP's were firm to dearer, whilst the others in general were irregularly easier.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : A few select best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer by Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others were selectively dearer.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK/PEK1's were firm, whilst the below best together with the mixed/open varieties eased.

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	1250-1900	1250-1800	1000-1240	1080-1240	770-1050	800-1080
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1300-1650	1300-1650	1000 - 1250	1100 - 1280	770 -1050	800 -1100
PEK/PEK1	1500-1850	1550-1850	900 - 1300	1000 - 1400	750-1100	750-1130

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Better demand for improved teas, whilst the others met with fair interest

BOP : Best Western's - Improved teas gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Corresponding BOPSp invoices continued to sell at a premium. In the Below Best category too, select improved teas gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular. At the lower end of the market, clean leaf teas were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more. Uva's - Select Best were Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm around last week's levels.

BOPF : Best Western's - Select invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, select improved teas appreciated by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more, whilst the others were irregular. At the lower end, clean leaf types were Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last levels. Nuwara Eliya's had hardly any offerings and were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs.20/- per kg lower. Uva's - Select invoices were Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1400 - 1500	1380 - 1420	1320 - 1480	1280 - 1440
Below Best Westerns	1280 - 1380	1260 - 1360	1220 - 1300	1200 - 1260
Plainer Westerns	1120 -1260	1100 - 1240	1100 - 1200	1140 - 1180
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1120 - 1180	1080 - 1120	1160 - 1200	1120 - 1180
Other Uda Pussellawas	1040 - 1080	1000 - 1040	1040 - 1100	1040 - 1080
Best Uva's	1200 - 1240	1200 - 1240	1220 - 1280	1180 - 1260
Other Uva's	1160 - 1180	N/A	1150 - 1200	N/A

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Generally firm.

BOPF : Mostly 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	820 - 1700	800 - 1850	800-1260	830-1280

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Better sorts were Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others sold around last, whilst the others were irregular.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts – A few select invoices sold around last, whilst the others were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Sold around last.

PF1 - Better sorts were Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others ere irreghulst.

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 - 1160	1000 - 1160
Medium	820 - 1100	830 - 960	810 - 1140	800 - 1120
Low	820 - 1360	700 - 1420	640 - 1350	660 - 1360

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to lower by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Best types tended irregular. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last whilst others lost Rs.20-30/- per kg. Select best BM's held firm; others were irregular. Lower end teas firm to dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's held firm. Best Teas firm on last whilst below best advanced Rs.20-30/- per kg. Poorer teas firm to dearer by 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)	920-1150	920-1200	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	740-800	670-800	810-860	810-860	1000-1200	1000-1200
Other BOP1As	650-700	630-730	640-750	630-730	530-750	620-730

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring teas maintained last levels, whilst their secondaries and poorer types lost Rs.30-50/- per kg. Others were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : High grown select best types maintained last levels. Others 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)	800 - 1700	800 - 1700	780 - 1220	780 - 1340	700 - 1440	770 - 1420
Good Primary PD (CTC)	780 - 1200	800 - 1220	750 - 1240	770 - 1220	650 - 1420	770 - 1460
Secondary Dust	770 - 1220	780 - 1240	770 - 850	780 - 940	600 - 1000	780 - 1100

WESTERN MEDIUM

Dartry Valley	BOP	1700/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1440/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1400/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1360/-
Windsorforest	BOPSP	1360/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1260/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1080/-
Dartry Valley	BOP1	1850/-
Harangalla	BOP1	1850/-
*Harangalla	BOP1	1750/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	1900/-
New Rothschild	FBOP	1900/-
Imboolpittia	FBOP	1900/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1380/-
Werallakanda	FBOPF	1060/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1650/-
N.Baddegama Super	OP	1180/-
Uplands	OP	1160/-
*Meezan	OP	1140/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	OPA	1260/-
Craighead	OP1	1700/-
*Galgewatta	OP1	1550/-
Nayapane	OP1	1550/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1500/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE	1480/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1460/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1460/-
Uplands	PEKOE1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1850/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1800/-
Doombagasthalawa	PEKOE1	1800/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1700/-
*Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1700/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1700/-

WESTERN HIGH

Tillyrie	BOP	1500/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1500/-
Wattogodde	BOPSP	1500/-
Dessford	BOPF	1480/-
Inverness	BOP1	1700/-
Bambrakelly	FBOP	1650/-
Inverness	FBOP1	1200/-
Queensberry	FBOPF1	1420/-
Torrington	OP	1180/-
Venture	OPA	1160/-
Cymru	OP1	1480/-
Annfield	PEKOE	1650/-
Dessford	PEKOE	1650/-
Bambrakelly	PEKOE1	1700/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP	1000/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF	1120/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1420/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF1	1440/-
Court Lodge	OP	810/-
Kenmare	OPA	1440/-
Court Lodge	OP1	1300/-

UVA MEDIUM

Demodera 'S'	BOP	1500/-
Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1500/-
El Teb	BOPF	1220/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1500/-
Wewesse	BOP1	1750/-
Aruna Keppetipola	FBOP	1700/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP	1700/-
Pettiagalla	FBOP1	900/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1700/-
Dickwella	OP	1180/-
*Halpewatta Uva	OP	1100/-
High Spring	OPA	1100/-
Aruna Passara	OP1	1480/-
Pettiagalla	PEKOE	1480/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1750/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1750/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1750/-

UVA HIGH

Ellathota Uva	BOP	1320/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1360/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1280/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1340/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1600/-
Craig	FBOP	1600/-
*Battawatte	FBOP1	890/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1480/-
Craig	OP	1000/-
Ellathota Uva	OP	1000/-
Needwood Super	OPA	1080/-
Aislaby	OP1	1440/-
Craig	PEKOE	1300/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1650/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

*Mooloya	BOP	1180/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1200/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1180/-
Kirklees	BOPF	1180/-
Delmar	FBOP	1500/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1400/-
Maha Uva	OP	1040/-
Delmar	OPA	820/-
Delmar	OP1	1200/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1180/-
Delmar	PEKOE1	1400/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3750/-
Miriswatta	OP	1600/-
Liyonta	OPA	1700/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2300/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2350/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*New Laksakanda	BOP	2000/-
*Rain Forest	BOP	1900/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	1900/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1850/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	1850/-
*New Nivithigala	BOP	1850/-
*Hidelana	BOP	1850/-
*Sithaka	BOP	1850/-
*New Laksakanda	BOPSP	2000/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2000/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1950/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1800/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	1800/-
Parakaduwa Super	BOPF	1650/-
*Hidellana	BOPF	1500/-
Ayagama	BOPFSP	1800/-
*Ganganee	BOPFSP	1750/-
Bulathsinghala Tea	BOPFSP	1750/-
*Greenwin Super	BOPFSP	1700/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2500/-
Kiruwana ganga	FBOP1	2300/-
Athukorala G.S	FBOP1	1900/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	1700/-
*Andaradeniya S	FBOP1	1700/-
*Wattahena	FBOP1	1700/-
Gunawardana	FBOPF	1850/-
Danawala	FBOPF	1550/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	1500/-
*Hidellana	FBOPF	1500/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF	1500/-
Galatara	FBOPF1	1650/-
New Vithanakande	FBOPF1	1650/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Elaine Super	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Wattahena	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Hadigalla	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Green House	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Hidellana	FBOPF1	1550/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Rasa	FBOPFSP	5000/-
New Batuwangala	FBOPFEXSP	5200/-
Kings Bru	FBOPFEXSP1	5000/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC PF1 1160/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC BP1 1100/-

Strathdon CTC PF1 1140/-

Aultmore CTC BPS 1000/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1 1360/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1380/-

OFF GRADES

*Kothmale Hills BP 1280/-

*Andaradeniya Hills BP 1200/-

Liyonta CTC PF 1020/-

Magedara BM 1200/-

*Wattahena FNGS 940/-

Wattegodde FNGS1 1340/-

Liyonta BO1A 1260/-

*Chandrika Estate BO1A 1200/-

BOPA

Galaxy BOPA 1950/-

*Selna BOPA 1900/-

*Green House BOPA 1900/-

Navinda BOPA 1900/-

*Ganganee BOPA 1850/-

*Wattahena BOPA 1850/-

*New Galagawa BOPA 1850/-

*Hedigalla BOPA 1850/-

*Green House BOPA 1850/-

Dust

Wattegodde DUST 1220/-

Mattakelle DUST1 1700/-

Ceciliyan CTC PD 1420/-

Hingalgoda CTC PD 1420/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ambuluwawa CTC DUST 850/-

*Kothmale Hills DUST 840/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.03 OF 21ST JANUARY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,015.51	1,045.09	1,033.60	1,040.42	1,046.42
Western High Grown	1,189.88	1,198.46	1,187.82	1,156.10	1,145.81
High Grown	1,135.52	1,148.45	1,135.85	1,118.14	1,111.08
Uva Medium	961.02	966.78	964.95	1,075.60	1,067.70
Western Medium	992.52	1,001.67	990.56	1,037.62	1,011.73
Medium Grown	982.22	990.68	982.10	1,052.34	1,032.69
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,259.91	1,256.63	1,256.63	1,296.81	1,287.07
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,239.12	1,232.05	1,235.21	1,285.54	1,272.34
Total	1,178.86	1,174.47	1,174.49	1,217.13	1,201.19

Private Sale Figures (14.01.2026 – 21.01.2026)

244,652.00

Cumulative

607,658.90

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 05

SALE NO: 06

Sale of 02nd /03rd Feb. '26

Sale of 10th /11th Feb. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,505	962,061	2,551	959,969
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,839	798,981	1,723	696,649
Low Grown Tippy	2,104	1,013,558	2,290	1,058,442
High & Medium	1,629	654,744	1,394	556,400
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,593	1,309,972	2,761	1,449,665
Dust	564	503,510	532	464,532
Premium Flowery	458	62,362	253	34,822
Ex-Estate	801	784,524	748	729,368
Total	<u>12,493</u>	<u>6,089,722</u>	<u>12,252</u>	<u>5,949,847</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.09 of 03rd (Tue.)/04th (Wed.) March, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 12th February, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO. 05

AUCTION OF 02ND /03RD FEBRUARY, 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. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	1. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. John Keells PLC
3. Eastern Brokers PLC	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	5. John Keells PLC	5. Eastern Brokers PLC
6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
8. John Keells PLC	8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 20th to 27th January, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions experienced bright weather conditions throughout the week. Frost was reported in parts of the Nuwara Eliya Region during the early morning hours. According to the Department of Meteorology, showers are expected in both the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions during the forthcoming week.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva Region experienced sunny weather conditions throughout the week. Rain is expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead, according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grown

Sunny weather conditions were recorded in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology anticipates misty weather conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

Crop intake levels in the Nuwara Eliya and Western regions remained stable during the reporting period. The Low Grown Region recorded a decline in the crop intake, while the Uva and Udu Pussellawa regions maintained consistent intake levels.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Difference</i> <i>+/-</i>	<i>To-date</i> <i>2024</i>	<i>To-date</i> <i>2025</i>	<i>Difference</i> <i>+/-</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	Dec.	21.81	21.38	-0.4	262.70	264.12	1.4

OTHER MARKETS

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 4 - 28TH JANUARY, 2026

There was fair interest for the 5980 packages on offer at generally firm rates where sold.

BP1 : tended firm.

PF1 : Bright well-made invoices held firm, lesser sorts sold 5-10 USC below valuation with some taken out.

PD : were not supported.

D1 : were up to 4 USC dearer on last.

PF1SC – one invoice sold 5USC below valuation, balance were taken out.

Secondaries were well supported at irregular rates.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 25TH JANUARY, 2026.

Scattered rainfall were recorded in the tea planting districts of Thyolo and Mulanje, average total rainfall up to 67mm and 108mm respectively.

Green leaf intakes were down on last.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 38 OF MONDAY, 26th JANUARY, 2026

CTC LEAF: 46,608 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Well-made good liquoring Brokens were a good market and mostly sold at around last levels. Mediums were a good market and were mostly firm in line with quality. Plain varieties met with a little less demand and witnessed more withdrawals. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand and were fully firm over last.

FANNINGS : Well-made good liquoring Fannings once again met with a strong market and were fully firm to slightly dearer. Medium types met with a good demand and sold at around last levels. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand and were fully firm over last.

DUST: 10,590 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Select few well made good liquoring teas met with good competition and fetched attractive price. Other good liquoring teas and Medium teas also sold well at around last levels. Plain/BLF Dusts were an easier market with fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Well-made good liquoring types continued to attract good competition and were well absorbed at firm to dearer rates. However, some end of season quality teas on offer met with a limited demand and witnessed heavy withdrawals. Blenders once again operated in good strength for all varieties. Loose tea buyers operated selectively.

Good liquoring Dusts were a strong feature of the sale.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	270-275	270-280	Best	270-280	270-280	PD	268-315	265-310
Good	255-260	255-260	Good	260-265	260-265	RD	245-340	245-324
Medium	248-252	248-252	Medium	248-253	249-254	D	245-340	245-312
Plain	245-247	245-247	Plain	247-248	245-248	CD	245-290	245-336
BLF	235-249	240-250	BLF	237-245	240-250	BLF	246-248	246-253

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.03 of 19th & 20th JANUARY, 2026

Good general demand prevailed for the 139,237 packages (9,298,529.00 kilos) on offer with 16.44% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers, Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries and Bazaar were more active with strong support from **Afghanistan**. There was activity from **Kazakhstan and other CIS states** with more enquiry from **Egyptian Packers. UK** were active while **Russia** lent more participation. **South Sudan** showed some interest with **Local Packers** barely operating. **Somalia** were active 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:	More support at irregular rates advancing by up to USC52 dearer with some teas dearer
Best :	by up to USC78, USC88 and USC102; select lines however shed by up to USC24.
Brighter:	Mostly easier by up to USC18.
Mediums:	KTDA mediums saw irregular interest and varied between firm to USC11 dearer for some lines to easier by up to USC12. Plantation mediums irregularly gained by up to USC32.
Lower Medium:	Were irregular and ranged between steady to USC10 above last levels to easier by up to USC15.
Plainer:	Good enquiry at USC5 dearer with some teas up to USC4 below previous rates.
PF1:	
Best :	Saw irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC8 dearer to USC16 easier.
Brighter :	Were irregular varying between to USC5 dearer to easier by a similar margin.
Mediums :	KTDA mediums were irregular but mostly gained by up to USC18 with plantation mediums irregular, varying between USC5 above previous rates to easier by up to USC9.
Lower Medium :	Irregular ranging between USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC9.
Plainer :	Met irregular interest ranging between USC10 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
Best	264 – 488	302 – 356
Good	206 – 330	302 – 336
Good Medium	250 – 284	280 – 321
Medium (KTDA)	172 – 208	237 – 290
Medium (Plantations)	165 – 222	204 – 237
Lower Medium	142 – 187	146 – 217
Plainer	088 – 152	090 – 161

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

Best: Firm to dearer by up to USC21 with select teas irregularly easier by up to USC15.

Brighter: Gained by up to USC27.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were mostly dearer by up to USC22 while plantation mediums met irregular enquiry ranging between USC3 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC10.

Lower Medium: Were shed by up to USC12 but select lines gained by up to USC12.

Plainer: Mostly appreciated by up to USC20 for better types while select invoices eased by up to USC6.

DUST1:

Best: Met irregular enquiry and varied between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC18 to USC15 below last levels.

Brighter: Saw most teas advance by up to USC19 but a few lines shed by up to USC5.

Mediums: KTDA mediums saw more irregular support varying between USC14 above previous rates to easier by up to USC10 with plantation mediums easier by up to USC6.

Lower Medium: Where available, lost up to USC8.

Plainer: Saw irregular interest at steady to USC10 dearer to USC12 below previous levels.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST – USC	DUST1 – USC
Best	290 – 341	296 – 362
Good	286 – 340	274 – 314
Good Medium	250 – 326	245 – 304
Medium (KTDA)	180 – 252	170– 273
Medium (Plantati ons)	190 – 219	170 – 185
Lower Medium	140 – 192	141– 157
Plainer	094 – 142	092 – 131

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

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

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	230 – 330	204-237	154 – 232	135 – 273	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	120 – 170	120 – 191	-
Lower Medium	128 – 170	129 – 153	105 – 148	089– 129	104 – 116
Plainer	088 – 136	088 – 124	089 – 122	085 – 116	087 – 098



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 24th JANUARY, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: All grades were irregular around last levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and Cleaner blacker whole leaves sold at steady to occasionally dearer levels depending on quality, other whole leaves were irregular around last. Primary and Secondary brokens steady to dearer. Fannings were steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good general Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums traded at fully firm levels. Plainer sorts sold irregularly and lower by Rs.1 to 2.

Market : Major Packeteers and exporters were active, internal buyers lended useful support.

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Market had witnessed steady to firm levels on the Smaller Brokens and on the Fannings of the major quantity that was traded whilst the Larger Brokens were selling at easier levels or rather suffered fair withdrawals without bids.

The overall sale percentage was 86% at an average of Rs. 110.82.

Buying Pattern: Major Blender and Packeteers were active absorbing mostly the sustainable certified teas with the Export and Internal lending fair support.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : An irregular market and mostly firm to dearer levels on the Brokens and on the Fannings whilst the Whole leaf grades were irregularly lower.

The overall sale percentage was 91% at an average of Rs. 144.56.

Buying Pattern: Strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with select Internal participation.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good.**Market :** Market was tending irregularly lower by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/- on the major quantity that was offered with some withdrawals. Withdrawals were mostly noticed on the browner, fibrous and faulty teas. However a fair quantity of the brighter liquoring high-priced teas have sold at fully firm to dearer levels.**The overall sale percentage was 82% at an average of Rs. 122.97.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good enquiry was forthcoming from the major Blenders and other packeteers. Internal and export were lending useful support. Yet again Anjaneya enterprises (Devagiri Tea & Produce) was seen operating on the brighter liquoring high-priced teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market:** A fully firm to dearer market with the Primary and secondary dust grades were trading at Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- and more upto Rs. 20/- sometimes. The Tertiaries were rather irregular but mostly on dearer levels.**The overall sale percentage was 79% at an average of Rs. 129.41.****Buying Pattern:** Fair Export operation was noticed with equally fair Internal participation witnessed. M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea Produce co) continued their support on the Primary grades of the popular marks.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium broken were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Medium and plainer teas were irregular by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and internal were active. Exporters selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Whole leaf steady. Well-made brokens were firm to dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more following quality. BOPF's were barely steady with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and Exporters were active..**CTC DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were fully firm to occasionally dearer. Medium teas were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** All sections were active.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were selective.**January 28, 2026****-/tp.**

TEA NEWS (LOCAL)

Publication – Lanka News Web

Headline – Export Growth Masks Structural Fragility in Sri Lanka’s Trade Engine

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka’s export sector posted a 5.6% year-on-year expansion in 2025, generating total earnings of \$17.25 billion, with merchandise exports led by apparel, tea, coconut-based products, electronics, and food and beverages. Coconut-based exports recorded growth of over 42%, driven by value-added products such as coconut oil, cream, and milk powder. Apparel surpassed \$4.9 billion, supported by demand from the US and the European Union, which accounted for nearly a quarter of merchandise exports. Rubber-based exports declined by over 5%, while spices and essential oils slipped due to a sharp fall in pepper exports. Tea showed significant monthly volatility, with a steep decline in December earnings. Export performance remained dependent on a narrow group of markets, with the US as the largest destination and India recording double-digit annual growth but monthly fluctuations.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Sri Lanka sets stage for landmark presence at Gulfood 2026

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka will make its largest-ever presence at Gulfood 2026, organized by the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, with a 510 square metre country pavilion at the Dubai Exhibition Centre. The participation includes 61 Sri Lankan exporters, with around 50% SME representation, showcasing food and beverage products such as tea, spices, processed foods, and value-added coconut products. Plantation and tea sector companies are among the participants, highlighting Sri Lanka’s agricultural export strengths. The Middle East, Africa, and South Asia region is identified as a high-potential market, with strong demand for imported food products. The initiative aims to strengthen export competitiveness, expand market access, and promote Sri Lanka as a source of premium food and beverage products.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Export earnings up 5.6% to \$ 17.2 b in 2025

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Tea export earnings recorded \$ 1,507.19 million in 2025, reflecting a 4.97% year-on-year increase, supported mainly by the performance of Tea Packets which increased by 10.18%. In December 2025, tea exports declined by 19.59% to \$ 105.82 million, largely due to lower earnings from Bulk Tea and Tea Packets. Coconut and coconut-based products export earnings increased by 42.66% to \$ 1,233.01 million in 2025, driven by strong growth in Coconut Cream, Coconut Oil, and Coconut Milk Powder. Export earnings from Rubber and Rubber finished products decreased by 5.56% to \$ 945.73 million in 2025, mainly due to lower exports of Pneumatic and Retreaded Rubber Tyres and Tubes. Pepper exports declined significantly, contributing to a 2.59% year-on-year decrease in export earnings from Spices and Essential Oils. Tea, coconut, and rubber remained key contributors within Sri Lanka's export sector during 2025.
