

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 07**

February 17 & 18, 2026



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD

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## COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.07 was held on February 17(Tue.)/18(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 5.7 MKGS was on offer, which shows a slight decrease when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.4 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.7 MKGS.

There was good demand at today's Ex-Estate sale. Best Western BOP's/BOPF's sold well at firm to Rs.50/- dearer levels. In the below best category both BOP's and BOPF's sold on last levels whilst at the lower end, prices were firm to Rs.20/- dearer. Nuwara Eliya's teas sold well on account of seasonal character. The majority of the Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were sold around last levels. CTC Teas - PF1's from all elevations were firm to Rs.20/- dearer. The limited availability of BP1's on offer tended irregular. The brighter seasonal teas were sought after by shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa along with Russia & CIS which accounted for the balance teas. The tea bag sector too were active.

At next week's Sale No.08 a wider range of seasonal teas will be on offer and envisage higher prices will prevail.

Demand at Low grown sale across all catalogues witnessed improved demand with prices moving up accordingly. There was good demand from most traditional markets.

This week's auction comprised of **11,975** lots with a total quantity of **5,723,014** Kgs.

### In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

### Two Doors

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,293	829,242	A man was invited to a wedding. When he reached the hotel, he found two doors written on them... 1. Bride relatives 2. Groom relatives
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,621	643,358	
Low Grown Tippy	2,091	942,118	He entered the groom door and found two doors again. 1. Ladies 2. Men
High & Medium	1,589	646,567	
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,470	1,264,462	He entered men door and found two doors again. 1. People with gifts 2. People without gifts
Dust	598	534,304	
Premium Flowery	454	63,340	He entered the second door (people without gifts)... He found himself outside the hotel.
Ex-Estate	<u>859</u>	<u>799,623</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,975</u></b>	<b><u>5,723,014</u></b>	

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select and best invoices maintained at last levels, balance were firm to dearer. Teas at the lower end sold around last levels.
- OP1** : Teas in the select best category were irregular to lower, whilst the balance were maintained. Poorer sorts appreciated by Rs.50/-.
- OP** : Best teas maintained, whilst the balance too met with a good demand.
- OPA** : A few selected invoices appreciated, whilst the balance too were maintained. Teas at the lower end were fully maintained.
- PEK/PEK1** : Select PEK's were irregularly dearer, whilst the balance too appreciated by Rs.50/-. Teas at the lower end maintained. Best PEK1's too were fully firm, whilst the balance were maintained.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1900-3000</b>	<b>1950-3600</b>	<b>1300-1800</b>	<b>1400-1800</b>	<b>1800-2650</b>
	Last Week	1850-2950	1900-3700	1350-1700	1450-1700	1800-2500
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1450-1850</b>	<b>1450-1900</b>	<b>1200-1250</b>	<b>1250-1350</b>	<b>1450-1750</b>
	Last Week	1400-1800	1450-1850	1200-1300	1250-1400	1400-1750
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>1200-1400</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>	<b>1100-1200</b>	<b>1200-1400</b>
	Last Week	1250-1350	1200-1400	1000-1150	1050-1200	1200-1350
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1000-1250</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>	<b>850-1000</b>	<b>900-1050</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>
	Last Week	1000-1200	1000-1150	850-950	850-1000	1000-1150
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>800-900</b>	<b>500-1000</b>	<b>500-800</b>	<b>500-850</b>	<b>800-1000</b>
	Last Week	800-950	500-950	450-800	500-800	800-950

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : In general were firm.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : A range of select best teas sold around last levels, whilst the others were generally firm.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best, Best FBOP's were firm, whilst others too followed a similar trend. FBOP1's dearer.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Select best FBOPF1's were firm whilst the other's irregular. FBOPF's in general were firm.

**FBOPFSP** : Overall, market was firm to dearer, except for the Select best category.

**FFEXSP/SP1** : Overall, market was dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1650-2100</b>	<b>1550-1950</b>	<b>2150-2550</b>	<b>1650-1900</b>	<b>3950-4300</b>
	Last Week	1600-2000	1550-1850	2100-2400	1600-1900	2850-3600
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1460-1600</b>	<b>1320-1460</b>	<b>1750-2100</b>	<b>1460-1550</b>	<b>3200-3700</b>
	Last Week	1440-1550	1300-1440	1700-2050	1440-1500	2400-2650
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1270-1420</b>	<b>1160-1230</b>	<b>1480-1700</b>	<b>1360-1440</b>	<b>1950-2700</b>
	Last Week	1250-1400	1120-1240	1460-1650	1360-1420	1900-2250
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1120-1240</b>	<b>920-1060</b>	<b>1260-1440</b>	<b>1140-1340</b>	<b>1460-1700</b>
	Last Week	1100-1220	900-1020	1220-1400	1140-1320	1400-1650
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>860-1050</b>	<b>740-900</b>	<b>900-1180</b>	<b>900-1120</b>	<b>1000-1360</b>
	Last Week	870-1000	720-860	880-1160	880-1100	1000-1300

## MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Except for a few select well made FBOP's, balance were firm towards the close. Below best were tended irregular. Teas at the bottom declined Rs.20-50/-.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made FBOPF1's were firm to last levels whilst the below best tended irregular, teas at the lower end were firm to easier.

**PEK/PEK1** : Except for a few selected shotty invoices, balance were lower towards the close.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1350 - 2000</b>	1250 - 2050	<b>900 - 1380</b>	910 - 1160	<b>770-900</b>	770-960
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1300 - 1600</b>	1250 - 1650	<b>950 - 1300</b>	940 - 1200	<b>750 -950</b>	730 -940
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1500 - 1850</b>	1420 - 1900	<b>1200 - 1500</b>	830 - 1220	<b>750-1200</b>	750-1000

## HIGH GROWNS TEAS

### MARKET : Good Demand

**BOP**: Best Western's continued to sell around last week's levels. In the Below Best category, select improved teas appreciated by Rs.50-100/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas at the lower end of the market were generally firm. Nuwara Eliya's sold well following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were generally firm. Uva's – Select invoices were substantially dearer, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

**BOPF** : Best Western's were firm and up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer for select invoices. In the Below Best category, a few select invoices were substantially dearer following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. Teas at the lower end of the market were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, particularly for the poorer sorts. Nuwara Eliya's sold following quality. Uda Pussellawa's gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more for the clean leaf types. Uva's were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>1480 - 1800</b>	1460 - 1700	<b>1400 - 1600</b>	1440 - 1600
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1320 - 1460</b>	1340 - 1440	<b>1300 - 1380</b>	1280 - 1400
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>1080 - 1260</b>	1040 - 1320	<b>1120 - 1280</b>	1020 - 1260
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	<b>1460 - 1550</b>	1480 - 1650	<b>1380</b>	1260 - 1340
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>1080</b>	1120 - 1140	<b>1200 - 1280</b>	1140 - 1180
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>1000 - 1040</b>	1000 - 1080	<b>1040 - 1160</b>	1020 - 1120
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>1220 - 1460</b>	1180 - 1220	<b>1240 - 1260</b>	1240 - 1280
<b>Other Uva's</b>	<b>1040</b>	1120	<b>1180 - 1220</b>	1180 - 1220

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP** : Leafy/Large Leaf types – Select invoices were substantially dearer following special inquiry, whilst the others mostly sold around last levels.

**BOPF** : Better sorts were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>1000 - 1750</b>	820 - 1750	<b>850-1260</b>	800-1260

## CTC TEAS

### HIGH GROWN:-

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - Teas in the higher price bracket were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

### MEDIUM GROWN:-

**BP1** - Irregular.

**PF1** - Teas in the higher price bracket were Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

### LOW GROWN:-

**BP1** - Barely steady.

**PF1** - Firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>High</b>	N/A	N/A	<b>1020 - 1120</b>	1000 - 1120
<b>Medium</b>	<b>880 -1080</b>	850 -1100	<b>740 - 1140</b>	840 - 1180
<b>Low</b>	<b>700 - 1360</b>	820 - 1400	<b>620 - 1360</b>	810 - 1340

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg. Best followed a similar trend. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's irregularly lower whilst others firm on last. Select best BM's held firm; others were irregular. Lower end teas firm to dearer Rs.20/- per kg.

**BOP1A** : Select best BOP1A's held firm. Best Teas lost Rs.20-50/- on last, whilst below best firm to lower Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer teas firm on last.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>880-1020</b>	890-1050	<b>780-800</b>	800-830	<b>750-800</b>	750-800
Good Fannings (CTC)	<b>775-800</b>	820-840	<b>700-720</b>	720-770	<b>650-820</b>	650-830
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>700-730</b>	720-750	<b>670-700</b>	760-800	<b>600-650</b>	600-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	<b>820-880</b>	820-880	<b>800-930</b>	800-930	<b>820-950</b>	820-950
Other BM's	<b>610-730</b>	600-730	<b>580-730</b>	560-740	<b>550-730</b>	530-730
Best BOP1As	<b>740-800</b>	740-800	<b>810-840</b>	810-840	<b>930-1200</b>	930-1200
Other BOP1As	<b>650-700</b>	650-700	<b>650-750</b>	640-750	<b>650-750</b>	650-750

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1:** High grown teas declined by Rs.30-60/- whilst their secondaries and below best types were Rs.40-60/- lower. Mid grown teas declined Rs.30-50/- whilst the most of Low grown teas were unsold.

**PD** : High grows declined Rs.30-60/- whilst the Mid grows teas firm on last levels. Low grows 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)	<b>820 - 1600</b>	850 - 1650	<b>780 - 1300</b>	820 - 1240	<b>650 - 1420</b>	700 - 1460
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>800 - 1120</b>	860 - 1100	<b>780 - 1100</b>	840 - 1100	<b>740 - 1480</b>	700 - 1460
Secondary Dust	<b>780 - 1140</b>	800 - 1200	<b>760 - 1060</b>	780 - 1060	<b>730 - 880</b>	700 - 890

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

Kenilworth	BOP	1700/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1600/-
*Vellai Oya	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1260/-</b>
*Vellai Oya	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1240/-</b>
*Vellai Oya	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1220/-</b>
Windsorforest	BOPFSP	1220/-
*Hatale	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>2000/-</b>
New Rothschild	FBOP	2000/-
Craighead	FBOP	1900/-
*Hatale	<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1800/-</b>
Imboolpittia	FBOP	1800/-
Cooroondoowatte	FBOP	1800/-
*Harangalla	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1500/-</b>
*Hatale	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1140/-</b>
*Elkaduwa	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1060/-</b>
*Ancoombra	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>920/-</b>
*Uplands	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>820/-</b>
Harangalla	FBOPF1	1600/-
Imboolpittia	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Ancoombra	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1550/-</b>
*Hatale	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1550/-</b>
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1550/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1550/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Hatale	<b>OP</b>	<b>1260/-</b>
*Hatale	<b>OP</b>	<b>1200/-</b>
Harangalla	OPA	1240/-
*Meezan	<b>OPA</b>	<b>1200/-</b>
*Hatale	<b>OPA</b>	<b>1200/-</b>
Dartry Valley	OPA	1200/-
Madulkelle	OPA	1200/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	OP1	1500/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEKOE	1500/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1850/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Somerset	BOP	1800/-
Dessford	BOPSP	1750/-
Somerset	BOPSP	1750/-
Robgill	BOPF	1600/-
Dessford	BOPF	1600/-
Torrington	BOP1	1800/-
Torrington	FBOP	1700/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1420/-
Glenloch	FBOPF1	1440/-
Venture	OP	1100/-
Venture	OPA	1100/-
Glenloch	OP1	1700/-
Inverness	OP1	1700/-
Dessford	PEKOE	1950/-
Bambrakelly	PEKOE1	1600/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Mahagastotte	BOP	1550/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF	1380/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	850/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF1	1440/-
Court Lodge	OP	880/-
Kenmare	OPA	890/-
Court Lodge	OP1	860/-
Mahagastotte	PEKOE	1460/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE1	1420/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

Tinioya	BOP	1360/-
Dickwella	BOPSP	1100/-
Gonakelle	BOPSP	1100/-
El Teb	BOPF	1240/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1480/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	2000/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1750/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP1	1260/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1600/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1260/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OPA	1160/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP1	1650/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE	1400/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1850/-

**UVA HIGH**

Nayabedde	BOP	1460/-
Aislaby	BOPSP	1460/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1260/-
Kelliebedde	BOPF	1260/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1900/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP	1650/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1650/-
Craig	FBOP	1650/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP	1650/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1100/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1440/-
Mount Uva	OP	1180/-
Craig	OPA	1180/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1460/-
Needwood Super	PEKOE	1400/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1800/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

Mooloya	BOP	1080/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1080/-
*Mooloya	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1220/-</b>
Kirklees	BOPF	1220/-
Delmar	FBOP	1700/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1460/-
Maha Uva	OP	1120/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1200/-
Delmar	OP1	1480/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1480/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1320/-
Gonapitiya	PEKOE1	1480/-

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3600/-
New Kendedola	OP	1800/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Liyonta	OPA	1800/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2650/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2450/-
Galatara	PEKOE1	2450/-

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2100/-
Aruna	BOP	2050/-
*Andaradeniya S	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1950/-</b>
*Elaine Super	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>2050/-</b>
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1900/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	1800/-
*Sithaka	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1500/-</b>
H P P Tea	BOPFSP	1950/-
*Sithaka	<b>FBOP</b>	<b>2550/-</b>
Athukorala G S	FBOP1	2250/-
*New Nivithigala	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1950/-</b>
*Andaradeniya S	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1900/-</b>
Galla	FBOPF	1900/-
Danawala	FBOPF	1850/-
*Hedigalla	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1800/-</b>
Rajjuruwatta S	FBOPF1	1800/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

Willie Group S	FBOPFSP	4250/-
Kendalanda	FBOPFEXSP	4800/-
Berubeula	FBOPFEXSP1	4750/-

**CTC TEAS****HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1120/-
Mount Vernon	PF1	1120/-

**MEDIUM GROWN**

Aultmore CTC	BP1	1080/-
Delta CTC	PF1	1140/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1140/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	940/-

**LOW GROWN**

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1360/-
New Galbode Super	PF1	1360/-
Lantern Hill	BPS	860/-

**OFF GRADES**

Suviska	BP	1240/-
Mahagastotte	BP	1240/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF	1140/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1080/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	860/-
Bogoda	BM	1100/-
Morawakkorale	FNGS	960/-
Mattakelle	FNGS1	1260/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1320/-

**BOPA**

Kings Bru	BOPA	2000/-
Gunawardana	BOPA	2000/-
*Selna	BOPA	1950/-
*Ganganee	BOPA	1900/-
*Navinda	BOPA	1900/-

**Dust**

Ingestre	DUST	1140/-
Bogawantalawa	DUST	1140/-
Craigie lea	DUST	1140/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1600/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1480/-

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

*Vellai Oya	DUST	1060/-
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**LOW GROWN**

*Andaradeniya Hills	DUST	880/-
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## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.06 OF 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
<b>Uva High Grown</b>	990.54	1,033.39	1,023.81	1,010.60	1,040.88
<b>Western High Grown</b>	1,192.76	1,213.32	1,195.867	1,130.47	1,147.33
<b>High Grown</b>	1,137.85	1,163.00	1,143.01	1,095.64	1,112.20
<b>Uva Medium</b>	949.37	964.32	960.63	1,044.99	1,064.17
<b>Western Medium</b>	958.84	968.33	980.64	1,012.47	1,024.82
<b>Medium Grown</b>	956.11	967.24	974.38	1,022.27	1,038.52
<b>Low Grown (Orthodox)</b>	1,204.11	1,207.20	1,237.54	1,242.38	1,278.64
<b>Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)</b>	1,193.71	1,193.07	1,220.19	1,232.17	1,266.11
<b>Total</b>	1,147.75	1,151.45	1,166.25	1,175.61	1,199.95

Private Sale Figures (05.02.2026 – 11.02.2026)

336,885.10

Cumulative

1,456,717.90

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

#### SALE NO: 08

#### SALE NO: 09

#### Sale of 24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup> Feb. '26

#### Sale of 03<sup>rd</sup> /04<sup>th</sup> Mar. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
<b>Low Grown Leafy</b>	2,074	724,854	2,027	733,484
<b>Low Grown Semi Leafy</b>	1,671	646,703	1,440	557,215
<b>Low Grown Tippy</b>	1,984	884,025	1,812	811,342
<b>High &amp; Medium</b>	1,549	634,203	1,084	437,979
<b>Off Grade/BOP1A</b>	2,361	1,235,538	2,711	1,456,832
<b>Dust</b>	601	542,634	588	508,925
<b>Premium Flowery</b>	328	41,967	266	35,139
<b>Ex-Estate</b>	853	823,266	789	760,627
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,421</u></b>	<b><u>5,533,190</u></b>	<b><u>10,717</u></b>	<b><u>5,301,543</u></b>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

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

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.11 of 17<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/18<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) March, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.12 of 24<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/25<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) March, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **SALE NO. 08**

### **AUCTION OF 24<sup>TH</sup> /25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

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

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

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Rain was reported in the Nuwara Eliya Region, while bright weather was reported in the Western Region 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

Both regions reported bright weather and occasional showers throughout the week. Rain is expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Low Grown

The Low Grown Region experienced sunny weather conditions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects showers in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

### Crop Intake

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

## 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	Nov.	9.90	10.20	0.3	44.80	39.30	-5.5
KENYA	Nov.	47.41	48.87	1.5	542.64	499.68	-43.0
MALAWI	Nov.	3.20	0.90	-2.3	44.80	39.30	-5.5
NORTH INDIA	Dec.	12.20	61.40	49.2	1076.60	1136.20	59.6
SOUTH INDIA	Dec.	18.40	18.00	-0.4	227.00	233.80	6.8
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>21.81</b>	<b>21.38</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>262.70</b>	<b>264.12</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**We Congratulate !**  
**Bogawanthalawa Tea Estates PLC**  
**in obtaining**  
***“Tea Estates Builds A Climate Positive Business Model”***  
**Certification.**

**HOLIDAY NOTICE**

Please note that Finlays Warehouse will be closed for business on following day due to staff trip.

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

If you have any objections please inform us before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Finlays** 

## OTHER MARKETS

### LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 7 - 18 FEBRUARY, 2026.

There was improved demand at irregular rates following quality for the 5020 packages on offer.

BP1 tended firm.

PF1- Bright and well made invoices sold at irregular rates, lesser sorts fetched 10USC below valuation where sold.

PD were up to 2USC easier where sold.

D1 were well supported at firm to 4USC up on last.

PF1SC were not supported.

Secondary fngs held firm, respective dusts were neglected.

### WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026.

Wide spread rainfall were reported in the tea planting districts of Thyolo and Mulanje, total average rainfall up to 197mm and 130mm respectively.

Green leaf intakes were steady.

## BANGLADESH AUCTION

### SALE NO. 41 OF MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

**CTC LEAF:** 26,183 packages of tea on offer met with a better demand.

**BROKENS:** Once again a limited quantity of good liquoring Brokens were a strong market and were firm to slightly dearer following competition. Medium and plainer varieties met with more demand and sold at around last levels with fewer withdrawals. BLF teas met with a strong demand and were dearer.

**FANNINGS :** A small weight of good liquoring Fannings were a strong market and were firm to slightly dearer. Medium and plainer varieties met with more demand and sold at around last levels with fewer withdrawals. BLF teas met with a strong demand and were dearer.

**DUST:** 6,339 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Well made good liquoring teas met with a good demand and sold at around last levels with a few improved invoices appreciating on competition. Remainders were less sought after and there were fair withdrawals particularly end of season teas. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** There was a better demand this week particularly for the good liquoring varieties which were dearer following competition. Blenders operated strongly with fair support from the Loose tea buyers.

Good liquoring Dusts sold well.

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

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	275-285	270-280	Best	275-285	270-285	PD	247-311	245-290
Good	255-260	253-258	Good	255-260	255-260	RD	245-305	242-305
Medium	248-250	247-248	Medium	248-250	248-249	D	246-329	240-336
Plain	245-247	245-246	Plain	245-247	245-247	CD	245-289	245-290
BLF	230-260	239-252	BLF	240-257	239-250	BLF	240-248	240-254

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## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

**Sale No.06 of 09<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

There was good general demand for the 170,590 packages (11,335,737.00 kilos) available in the market with 17.83% remaining unsold.

### MARKET:

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

### OFFERINGS:

Orthodox Grades	- 3,950 packages ( 180,560.00 kilos) – 77.47% unsold.
Leaf Grades	- 94,020 packages (6,225,137.00 kilos) – 25.95% unsold.
Dust Grades	- 51,760 packages (3,872,779.00 kilos) – 8.89% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 20,860 packages (1,089,301.00 kilos) – 6.81% unsold.

### LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

#### **BP1:**

**Best :** Improved absorption advancing by up to USC46 but select lines shed by up to USC14.

**Brighter:** Irregularly sold above previous levels by up to USC33.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw irregular interest varying between firm to USC16 dearer to easier by up to USC18 while plantation mediums met improved support gaining by up to USC44.

**Lower Medium:** Steady to USC6 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

**Plainer:** Were dearer by up to USC9 with select lines USC5 easier.

#### **PF1:**

**Best :** Were irregular varying between steady to USC8 dearer for a few lines to mostly easier by up to USC21.

**Brighter :** Were easier by up to USC10.

**Mediums :** KTDA mediums saw more irregular interest ranging between USC3 above last rates for very few teas to mostly easier by up to USC10. Plantation mediums were about steady to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC4..

**Lower Medium :** Were firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

**Plainer :** Better types saw improved enquiry gaining by up to USC12 with others steady to USC6 below previous leve

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	250 - 483	298 - 371
<b>Good</b>	245 - 348	288 - 324
<b>Good Medium</b>	230 - 335	288 - 306
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	170 - 218	246 - 286
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	172 - 223	204 - 242
<b>Lower Medium</b>	144 - 182	148 - 230
<b>Plainer</b>	098 - 145	088 - 167

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

- Best:** Mostly appreciated by up to USC18 however some teas shed by up to USC5.
- Brighter:** Advanced by up to USC20 with some lines irregular, easing by up to USC8.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw improved absorption and were dearer by up to USC20 while plantation mediums advanced by up to USC14.
- Lower Medium:** Were firm to USC10 dearer.
- Plainer:** Irregular varying between steady to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC4.

**DUST1:**

- Best:** Saw irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC14 dearer to USC5 below previous rates.
- Brighter:** Met good but irregular interest varying between firm to USC6 above last levels to easier by a similar margin.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw better support gaining by up to USC17 with plantation mediums dearer by up to USC14.
- Lower Medium:** Were up to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC5.
- Plainer:** Were firm to USC8 dearer to USC1 below previous levels.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	302 - 366	290 - 363
Good	299- 330	270 - 302
Good Medium	250 - 322	240 - 300
Medium (KTDA)	170 - 237	170 - 255
Medium (Plantations)	186 - 210	176- 186
Lower Medium	139 - 180	135 - 169
Plainer	100 - 138	090 - 136

**SECONDARY GRADES(S1)**

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were about steady while **PFs** held value. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were irregular on balance dearer with **similar DUSTs** steady. **Other Fannings** sold at about previous rates while **DUSTs** tended easier. **BMFs** were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	253 - 340	235 - 253	145 - 256	145- 278	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	140- 185	125 - 187	-
Lower Medium	141 - 165	114 - 157	105 - 150	090 - 132	100 - 115
Plainer	088 - 147	086 - 132	084 - 126	090 - 120	086- 095



## SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Good Demand: All grades sold at steady to dearer by Rs.1/- to 2/-.

#### ORTHODOX LEAF

**Demand :** Good Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Selected high grown and cleaner, blacker whole leaves sold at dearer levels by Rs.10/- and more depending on quality, other whole leaves were irregular around last. Primary brokens were steady to dearer. Secondary brokens and Fannings were steady

**Market :** CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

#### DUST

**Demand :** Fair Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Popular marks and better mediums sold at barely steady levels. Plainer sort bolder grades sold around last levels, whilst the finer grades had moved up levels by Rs.1/- to 2/-.

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

### COONOOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Fairly strong.

**Market :** Major quantity of Brokens that was traded witnessed a barely steady to easier market by a Rs. to Rs.2/- whilst the larger brokens and fanning's were trading at firm to dearer levels. The brighter liquoring high-priced teas have had a better enquiry and went on to be sold at firm to dearer levels.

**The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs. 112.72.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export enquiry was forthcoming with the Packeteers lending fair support. Internal was lending equally good support with buyers operating from Karnataka and Maharastra regions

#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market :** Market was tending barely steady on the brokens and irregularly easier on the Whole leaf grades. However, the Fannings were trading at fully firm to dearer levels by Rs.5/- to Rs. 10/-.

**The overall sale percentage was 97% at an average of Rs. 147.69.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with Shah Brothers being active whilst Internal operation was seem to be selective.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand :** Fairly strong.

**Market :** Market had opened at a steady to easier levels by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- and as the sale progressed gained momentum to be sold at fully firm to dearer levels. The Brighter liquoring teas across all grades had a better enquiry and sold at fully firm to dearer levels whilst its finer grades moved up further in prices.

**The overall sale percentage was 89% at an average of Rs. 128.25.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong Internal operation was noticed with Packeteers lending fair support. Exporters were rather selective. Anjaneya enterprises (Devigiri Tea Produce co) continued their support on the Brighter liquoring teas.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market:** Generally, a firm market with the Primary dust grades trading at Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- dearer. The Secondaries were trading at mostly easier levels whilst the Tertiaries were dearer by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/-.

**The overall sale percentage was 94% at an average of Rs. 129.43.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good internal enquiry was noticed whilst the export has been lending fair support.

**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF**

**Demand :** Good demand.

**Market :** Better medium teas were irregular and dearer. Medium and plainer teas were dearer by Rs.2/- sometimes more on BOPF's.

**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active.

**ORTH LEAF**

**Demand :** Fair demand.

**Market :** Whole leaf barely steady. Well made brokens were dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/-. BOPF's were barely steady with few withdrawals. Secondary brokens were lower..

**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand :** Good general demand.

**Market :** Better medium and popular marks were firm with few withdrawals more noticed on finer grades. Medium bolder grades were irregular and lower. Finer grades were dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were barely steady, however the finer grades were dearer.

**Buying Pattern :** All sections were active.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand :** Fair demand.

**Market :** Fully firm.

**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

**February 18, 2026**

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# TEA NEWS

Which country is known as the tea garden of the world?



Sri Lanka is famously called the tea garden of the world, thanks to its misty highlands and endless plantations. Producing over 300 million kilograms of tea annually, the island's Ceylon tea is cherished globally for its unique flavour and regional variety.

Sri Lanka has earned the nickname “the tea garden of the world” for good reason.

Mist-clad hills, endless terraces of emerald bushes and a long history of commercial tea growing have made Ceylon tea one of the island’s best-known exports.

Tea changed the country’s landscape, economy and identity; its plantations are as much a part of Sri Lanka’s image as its beaches and temples.

tea planting here began in the nineteenth century after coffee crops were wiped out by disease. Visionary planters introduced tea, and estates quickly spread across the central highlands.

Today, the nation sells tea under the famed “Ceylon” label and the Sri Lanka Tea Board works to protect quality, reputation and traceability for markets around the world.

## **WHY IS SRI LANKA CALLED THE TEA GARDEN OF THE WORLD?**

Sri Lanka's combination of altitude, rainfall and temperature is ideal for tea.

Steep slopes in the central highlands trap mist and cool the plants; soils and microclimates vary region by region, giving each district a distinctive flavour.

Large swathes of the hill country are planted with tea shrubs, producing a landscape that truly looks like a single, enormous garden — visible from trains and roads that wind through the hills.

## **HOW DID TEA START HERE AND GROW SO QUICKLY?**

Commercial tea in Sri Lanka began after a coffee blight in the 1860s. Pioneers such as James Taylor planted the first experimental gardens, and by the late 1800s plantations were well established.

Over time, the industry developed processing factories, auction systems and export networks centred in Colombo.

The country's Tea Research Institute and the Sri Lanka Tea Board have since supported research, quality control and branding under the Ceylon name.

## **WHAT MAKES CEYLON TEA SPECIAL?**

Teas are often named by region; Nuwara Eliya, Dimbulla, Uva and Kandy, and each area produces a different style.

High-grown teas (Nuwara Eliya) are light and floral; mid-elevation teas are full-bodied; Uva teas are aromatic and brisk.

Strict grading, auctions and the Lion Logo for genuine Ceylon tea help buyers identify origin and quality.

## **WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL IMPACT?**

Tea remains a major employer and a pillar of rural economies in the central hills. Estates support thousands of workers and many families depend on the crop for their livelihoods.

Tea also fuels tourism: tea trails, factory tours and colonial bungalows attract visitors who want to experience the tea country first-hand.

## **IS THE TEA LANDSCAPE PROTECTED?**

Sri Lanka has moved to conserve its tea cultural landscape and improve sustainability.

The island's tea regions are proposed for heritage recognition, and government and industry bodies promote good agricultural and environmental practices to ensure the industry remains viable.