

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 09

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COMMENTS

This week's Auction, 5.3MKGS on offered experienced mixed market conditions.

In the Ex-Estate catalogues 0.76MKGS on offered met with an irregular market. Select best BOP's from Western High Grown met with improved demand, whilst the BOPF grades declined Rs.20-40/-. Improved Nuwara Eliya's realized attractive prices. CTC's continued to get neglected.

Low Grown sales shows an improved demand and gained Rs.30-60/- on average specially in the leafy category. Tippy small leaf maintained fair general demand. However, the exporters are conscious about the current situation in middle east and slowed down their purchases accordingly.

This week's auction comprised of **10,717** lots with a total quantity of **5,301,543** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

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	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,027	733,484	A soldier serving overseas far from home was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote to break off their engagement and ask for her photograph back.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,440	557,215	
Low Grown Tippy	1,812	811,342	
High & Medium	1,084	437,979	He went out and collected from his friends all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together, and sent them back with a note saying, "I regret that I cannot remember which one you are.
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,711	1,456,832	
Dust	588	508,925	Please keep your photo and return the others."
Premium Flowery	266	35,139	
Ex-Estate	<u>789</u>	<u>760,627</u>	
Total	<u>10,717</u>	<u>5,301,543</u>	"Why in the world would you cover your face?"

LOW GROWN TEAS**LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY**

BOP1 : BOP1's in general were firm.

OP1 : A few teas in the select best category held firm, whilst the best invoices declined. Below best varieties were appreciated. Stalky invoices were firm on last levels

OP : Select best together with best invoices were maintained. Shorter varieties were generally lower whilst the balance were maintained.

OPA : Select best invoices were firm, whilst the balance were dearer. Teas at the bottom were declined.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK's held firm, whilst the below best and mixed varieties were easier. Select best PEK1's were barely steady, whilst the balance were generally lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3000	1800-3500	1500-1700	1500-1950	1750-2500
	Last Week	1900-3000	1900-3550	1450-1650	1500-1800	1800-2650
BEST	This Week	1500-1850	1550-1750	1300-1450	1350-1450	1400-1700
	Last Week	1450-1850	1550-1850	1250-1400	1300-1450	1450-1750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1450	1200-1500	1100-1250	1100-1300	1200-1350
	Last Week	1300-1400	1200-1500	1050-1200	1100-1250	1200-1400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1000-1250	1050-1150	850-1050	900-1050	1050-1150
	Last Week	1000-1250	1050-1150	850-1000	900-1050	1050-1150
POOR	This Week	800-950	600-1000	550-800	500-850	800-1000
	Last Week	800-950	550-1000	550-800	550-850	800-1000

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : In general were firm.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : In general were lower.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select Best and Best FBOP's were firm, whilst the others were irregularly lower following quality. Bolder varieties were firm to easier. FBOP1's were easier.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made FBOPF1's met with fair demand whilst the others lower. FBOPF's in general were easier.
- FBOPFSP** : Tippy in general declined substantially at times and were unsellable due to lack of suitable bids.
- FFEXSP/SP1** : A few leafier varieties were firm on special inquiry.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1650-1950	1500-1900	2100-2500	1500-1650	3700-4050
	Last Week	1650-2000	1550-1950	2150-2550	1600-1750	4260-5000
BEST	This Week	1440-1600	1240-1400	1750-2000	1400-1480	2900-3300
	Last Week	1460-1600	1300-1460	1750-2100	1460-1550	3300-3800
BELOW BEST	This Week	1280-1460	1170-1360	1500-1700	1280-1340	1950-2600
	Last Week	1260-1420	1160-1240	1500-1700	1380-1450	2000-2900
SECONDARIES	This Week	1140-1200	900-1080	1270-1440	1160-1260	1440-1600
	Last Week	1260-1400	920-1080	1230-1480	1160-1360	1500-1700
POOR	This Week	850-1040	730-890	890-1180	830-1120	1000-1340
	Last Week	850-1040	720-900	900-1200	920-1140	1000-1380

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : A few select best FBOP's were firm, whilst the best cleaner, below best and better bold varieties sold at irregularly easier levels.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the balance were easier.

PEK/PEK1 : General were firm to 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	1300 - 2000	1350 - 1850	1300 - 1750	900 - 1350	770-870	770-880
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1220 - 1600	1280 - 1600	1200 - 1550	920 - 1280	700 -900	730 -930
PEK/PEK1	1400 - 2000	1450 - 2000	1150 - 1400	1180 - 1440	700-1120	720-1150

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Good general demand

BOP: Best Western's, where quality was maintained, continued to sell well around last week's levels, whilst the others were irregular and easier. In the Below Best category, a few select invoices appreciated substantially following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. Teas at the lower end of the market appreciated by Rs.20-40/- per kg, particularly for the poorer sorts. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were firm and dearer. Uva's - Select Best gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

BOPF : Best Western's, where quality was maintained, continued to sell well around last week's levels, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier. Teas at the lower end commenced Rs.20/- per kg easier and firmed up towards the close. Nuwara Eliya's sold well following quality. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were mostly firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1420 - 2250	1460 - 2050	1360 - 1600	1400 - 1650
Below Best Westerns	1300 - 1400	1280 - 1420	1260 - 1340	1280 - 1380
Plainer Westerns	1100 - 1240	1060 - 1240	1140 - 1240	1160 - 1260
Nuwara Eliyas	1700 - 1750	1500 - 1900	1380	1360 - 1420
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1100 - 1120	1080 - 1120	1120 - 1220	1120 - 1160
Other Uda Pussellawas	1020 - 1080	N/A	1000 - 1100	1020 - 1080
Best Uva's	1340 - 1380	N/A	1200 - 1260	1220 - 1280
Other Uva's	1040 - 1140	1120	1100 - 1160	1100 - 1180

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Select Leafy Large Leaf types continued to sell well, whilst the others were irregular and barely steady.

BOPF : Sold around last.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	860 - 1600	940 - 1950	820-1240	800-1240

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Mostly firm.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Sold around last week's levels.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Firm.

PF1 - Select invoices were barely steady, whilst the others declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg and more.

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	940 - 1100	1000 - 1160
Medium	1020 - 1060	800 - 1100	800 - 1160	710 - 1140
Low	770 - 1340	880 - 1080	680 - 1340	640 - 1360

OFF GRADES

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

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's held firm. Best Teas firm to lower Rs.20-30/- on last, whilst below best firm to lower Rs.20-40/- 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)	880-1080	880-1080	730-770	780-800	720-800	750-800
Good Fannings (CTC)	720-770	775-800	670-700	700-720	620-850	650-820
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	670-730	700-730	620-570	670-700	580-650	600-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	770-850	820-880	770-850	800-930	770-900	820-950
Other BM's	570-680	610-740	560-720	580-750	550-720	580-750
Best BOP1As	740-800	740-800	770-830	810-860	920-1250	950-1300
Other BOP1As	630	670-720	620-710	670-760	620-730	670-770

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's eased Rs.40-60/- whilst their secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower. Low frown select best types maintained last levels.

PD : High grows teas maintained last levels whilst mid grows were irregularly lower by Rs.30-50/-.
Low grows maintained last levels.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	780 - 1650	800 - 1600	800 - 1200	780 - 1200	700 - 1440	650 - 1420
Good Primary PD (CTC)	760 - 1000	780 - 1160	780 - 1100	770 - 1180	720 - 1500	680 - 1480
Secondary Dust	760 - 1180	750 - 1140	730 - 800	760 - 1020	680 - 1280	650 - 940

WESTERN MEDIUM

Craighead	BOP	1600/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1950/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1200/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1700/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	2000/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP1	1340/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1800/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1550/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Galgewatta	OP	1220/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1220/-
Harangalla	OP1	1600/-
*Meezan	OP1	1500/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE	1500/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	2000/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1700/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP	2250/-
Wattegodde	BOPSP	1650/-
Robgill	BOPF	1600/-
Torrington	BOP1	1550/-
Torrington	FBOP	1500/-
Bambarakelly	FBOP1	1100/-
Bambarakelly	FBOPF1	1320/-
Torrington	OP	1140/-
Cymru	OPA	1160/-
Venture	OP1	1460/-
Somerset	PEKOE	2150/-
St Andrews	PEKOE1	1300/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Lovers Leap	BOP	1750/-
Mahagastotte	BOP	1750/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	1100/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF	1380/-
Court Lodge	OP	810/-
Kenmare	OPA	850/-
Court Lodge	OP1	750/-
Kenmare	PEKOE	720/-

UVA MEDIUM

Tinioya	BOP	1220/-
Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1220/-
El Teb	BOPF	1160/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1280/-
Demodara 'S'	BOP1	1650/-
Blairlomond	FBOP	1500/-
Kinellan	FBOP1	1340/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1220/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1020/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1550/-
High Spring	OP	1160/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OPA	1200/-
Uva Samovar	OP1	1460/-
Misty Uva	OP1	1460/-
Pettiagalla	OP1	1460/-
Pettiagalla	PEKOE	1460/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1800/-

UVA HIGH

Bandaraeliya	BOP	1380/-
Aislaby	BOPSP	940/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1260/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	890/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1650/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1500/-
Glenanore	FBOP1	1100/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF	860/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1380/-
Spring Valley	OP	1120/-
Uva Highlands	OPA	1040/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1480/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1280/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1550/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

*Mooloya	BOP	1120/-
*Mooloya	BOPSP	1120/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1120/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1220/-
Delmar	BOP1	1500/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1300/-
Maha Uva	OP	870/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1080/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1460/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1300/-
Delmar	PEKOE1	1550/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3500/-
Miriswatta	OP	1700/-
Magedara	OPA	1950/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2500/-
*New Laksakanda	PEKOE1	2450/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	1950/-
Aruna	BOP	1900/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	1850/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2050/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1850/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	1600/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1850/-
H P P Tea	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Ganganee	BOPFSP	1500/-
*Maleesha Group	BOPFSP	1400/-
Galatara	FBOP	2500/-
Mulatiyana Hills	FBOP	2400/-
Nilgiri	FBOP	2400/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2250/-
Kiruwanaganga	FBOP1	1950/-
Halwitigala SH	FBOPF	1500/-
*Hedigalla	FBOPF1	1650/-
Makandura	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF1	1600/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

*Ancoombra	FBOPFSP	4050/-
Kendalanda	FBOPFEXSP	3950/-
*KDU Super	FBOPFEXSP1	4250/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC PF1	1100/-
Florence CTC PF1	1100/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC BP1	1060/-
Strathdon CTC PF1	1160/-
Aultmore CTC BPS	900/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1	1340/-
New Galboda CTC Super PF1	1340/-
Kalubowitiya CTC PF1	1340/-
Liyonta CTC PF1	1340/-
*Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1	1320/-
Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1	1320/-
Hingalgoda CTC PF1	1320/-

OFF GRADES

Adams View BP	1240/-
Bogoda BP	1220/-
*Kothmale Hills BP	1200/-
Liyonta CTC PF	1060/-
Hingalgoda CTC PF	1020/-
*Chandrika CTC PF	840/-
Avissawella BM	1080/-
*Avissawella BM	1000/-
Falcone Lanka FNGS	940/-
Wanarajah FNGS1	1260/-
Mattakelle FNGS1	1260/-
Bogoda BOP1A	1300/-
*Chandrika Estate BOP1A	1280/-

BOPA

Gunawardana BOPA	2050/-
Kings Bru BOPA	2000/-
New Spring View BOPA	2000/-
*Selna BOPA	1900/-

Dust

Pothotuwa DUST	1280/-
Mattakelle DUST1	1650/-
Ceciliyan CTC PD	1500/-
Hingalgoda CTC PD	1500/-

MEDIUM GROWN

*Kothmale Hills DUST	830/-
*Ambuluwawa CTC DUST	800/-
*Meezan CTC DUST	740/-

NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES – FEBRUARY, 2026

Elevation	MONTH		TO-DATE	
	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS./KGS-	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS./KGS-
ORTHODOX				
UVA-HIGH	1,115,795	1,029.77	2,314,589	1,033.75
WESTERN-HIGH	2,655,150	1,242.71	5,103,362	1,230.66
UVA-MEDIUM	885,413	990.08	1,920,444	973.48
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,445,758	991.43	2,931,155	993.72
LOW	11,736,641	1,226.34	23,240,763	1,240.29
TOTAL	17,838,757	1,185.72	35,510,313	1,190.66
CTC				
UVA -HIGH	90,537	1,145.02	200,272	1,152.73
WESTERN- HIGH	422,442	1,108.21	774,040	1,114.05
WESTERN - MEDIUM	887,168	979.10	1,734,043	995.72
LOW	863,300	960.29	1,813,235	960.05
TOTAL	2,263,447	1,002.66	4,521,590	1,008.63
COMBINED (Orthodox / CTC)				
UVA-HIGH	1,206,332	1,038.42	2,514,861	1,043.22
WESTERN-HIGH	3,077,592	1,224.25	5,877,402	1,215.30
UVA-MEDIUM	885,413	990.08	1,920,444	973.48
WESTERN-MEDIUM	2,332,926	986.74	4,665,198	994.46
LOW	12,599,941	1,208.11	25,053,998	1,220.01
TOTAL	20,102,204	1,165.10	40,031,903	1,170.10

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.08 OF 25th FEBRUARY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,026.00	1,040.90	1,024.96	1,014.57	1,035.95
Western High Grown	1,210.16	1,224.74	1,202.71	1,153.13	1,148.48
High Grown	1,156.24	1,174.06	1,149.13	1,123.21	1,114.11
Uva Medium	1,016.20	991.19	973.61	1,086.63	1,063.75
Western Medium	987.93	982.40	982.59	1,033.24	1,027.35
Medium Grown	995.89	984.74	979.83	1,043.81	1,039.07
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,252.92	1,224.94	1,239.16	1,280.88	1,274.52
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,232.68	1,206.23	1,221.26	1,266.08	1,261.54
Total	1,177.54	1,163.22	1,168.57	1,205.51	1,197.79

Private Sale Figures (19.02.2026 – 25.02.2026)

374,534.50

Cumulative

2,101,103.75

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 10

SALE NO: 11

Sale of 10th /11th Mar. '26

Sale of 17th /18th Mar. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,953	694,315	1,970	676,996
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,483	577,101	1,500	583,436
Low Grown Tippy	1,843	818,514	1,823	819,356
High & Medium	1,267	519,138	1,118	471,755
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,465	1,279,284	2,295	1,184,994
Dust	554	480,312	580	504,795
Premium Flowery	285	36,644	338	42,770
Ex-Estate	<u>797</u>	<u>748,348</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>831,910</u>
Total	<u>10,647</u>	<u>5,153,656</u>	<u>10,499</u>	<u>5,116,012</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.12 of 24th (Tue.)/25th (Wed.) March, 2026

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

Sale No.13 of 30th (Mon.)/31st (Tue.) March, 2026

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

Sale No.14 of 07th (Tue.)/08th (Wed.) March, 2026

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

SALE NO. 10

AUCTION OF 10TH /11TH MARCH, 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. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. John Keells PLC	1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	2. Eastern Brokers PLC	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. John Keells PLC	3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
4. Eastern Brokers PLC	4. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	5. John Keells PLC
6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	8. Eastern Brokers PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 24th February - 03rd March, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Bright weather was reported in both regions throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, dry weather conditions are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Both regions reported sunny weather throughout the week. Misty conditions are expected in the Uva Region during the early hours of the morning in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region experienced bright mornings and occasional evening showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects dry weather conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

All regions reported a decrease in the crop intake during the week.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2024	2025	Difference +/-	To-date 2024	To-date 2025	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Jan.	21.60	20.70	-0.9	21.60	20.70	-0.9

Country	Month	2024	2025	Difference +/-	To-date 2024	To-date 2025	Difference +/-
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

OTHER MARKETS

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 9 - 4 MARCH, 2026

There was fair demand at generally firm to dearer rates following quality for the 5460 packages on offer.

BP1 tended firm.

PF1/PD were firm on last.

D1 sold firm to 2USC dearer.

PF1SC were not supported.

Secondaries were firm to dearer where sold.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 1st MARCH, 2026.

Some isolated rainfall were reported in Thyolo and Mulanje the last three days of the week, total average rainfall up to 24mm and 35mm respectively.

Green leaf intakes were slightly down on last.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 43 OF MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, 2026

CTC LEAF: 16,092 packages of tea on offer met with strong demand.

BROKENS: All Brokens met with a strong market particularly the clean liquoring types which appreciated following competition. However, a few plainer Brokens met with less interest and sold at around last levels. BLF teas sold at around last levels.

FANNINGS : Clean liquoring Fannings were a strong market and advanced in price following competition. Medium varieties also were a strong market and were firm to slightly dearer. Plain teas were well supported at about last levels. BLF teas sold at around last levels.

DUST: 4,149 packages of tea on offer met with a fair demand. Good liquoring teas met with a good demand and sold at better prices than last. Mediums were again an easier market, Tk. 3/- to Tk.5/- less than last levels. Plain and BLFs were in less demand and had more withdrawals than last. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Highlight of the sale was the strong interest for the limited quantity of clean liquoring teas which appreciated. Blenders participation was more widespread than previous. Loose tea buyers lent some support for selective lines.

Dusts sold fairly well..

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	275-285	275-285	PD	245-312	247-311
Good	260-265	255-260	Good	260-265	255-260	RD	245-318	245-312
Medium	252-258	248-250	Medium	255-260	248-250	D	245-337	246-329
Plain	245-250	245-247	Plain	245-250	245-247	CD	245-347	245-289
BLF	225-260	230-260	BLF	255-260	240-257	BLF	225-242	240-248

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.08 of 23RD, 24TH & 25TH FEBRUARY, 2026

There was good general demand for the 170,710 packages (11,379,232.00 kilos) available in the market with 21.08% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers and **Bazaar** were active with more and strong support from **Yemen** and **other Middle Eastern countries**. **Afghanistan** lent some enquiry while **Kazakhstan**, **other CIS states** and **Egyptian Packers** were less active; **UK** maintained interest. **Russia** reduced participation with some selective activity from **South Sudan**. **Local Packers** were operating with **Somalia** active at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :

Orthodox Grades	- 4,330 packages (170,630.00 kilos) - 64.43% unsold.
Leaf Grades	- 89,760 packages (5,950,861.00 kilos) - 26.20% unsold.
Dust Grades	- 55,560 packages (4,157,503.00 kilos) - 15.48% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 21,060 packages (1,100,238.00 kilos) - 5.13% unsold.

ORTHODOX GRADES (M5)

Slightly improved absorption was noted.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Some teas were mostly neglected with others irregular ranging between USC16 above previous rates to easier by up to USC18.

Brighter: Steady to dearer by up to USC29.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were irregular varying between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC14 but some lines shed by up to USC4. Plantation mediums eased by up to USC13.

Lower Medium: Were irregular and varied between steady to USC7 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

Plainer: Gained by up to USC5 to easier by up to USC7.

PF1:

Best : Irregularly eased by up to USC11.

Brighter : Lost by up to USC14.

Mediums : KTDA mediums saw irregular interest ranging between firm to USC6 above previous rates for some invoices to USC5 below last levels. Plantation mediums were irregular varying between USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC8.

Lower Medium : Steady to USC8 above previous rates but select lines lost by up to USC4.

Plainer : Were easier by up to USC14 but some teas held steady to USC4 dearer.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	255 - 460	297 - 355
Good	245 - 324	279 - 326
Good Medium	245 - 298	280 - 302
Medium (KTDA)	180 - 219	246 - 285
Medium (Plantations)	168 - 182	207 - 244
Lower Medium	145 - 176	150 - 223
Plainer	102 - 150	098 - 154

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

- Best:** Were discounted by up to USC7 but few selected lines were up to USC10 above previous levels.
- Brighter:** Were irregular ranging between USC5 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC12.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to mostly dearer by up to USC20 to easier by a similar margin. Plantation mediums appreciated by up to USC10.
- Lower Medium:** Were steady to USC8 above last levels but some invoices lost by up to USC6.
- Plainer:** Firm to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

DUST1:

- Best:** Saw strong enquiry advancing by up to USC11.
- Brighter:** Appreciated by up to USC19.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw improved interest at USC25 above previous levels but some teas shed by up to USC7. Plantation mediums gained by up to USC15.
- Lower Medium:** Where available were generally steady.
- Plainer:** Met irregular support varying between firm to USC9 dearer to easier by up to USC8.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	302 - 348	292 - 361
Good	290- 332	265 - 315
Good Medium	245 - 320	264 - 304
Medium (KTDA)	180 - 242	174 - 254
Medium (Plantations)	190 - 231	180- 200
Lower Medium	140 - 181	145 - 154
Plainer	099 - 138	102 - 134

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were firm to dearer while **PFs** were irregular but on balance dearer. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** held value with **similar DUSTs** firm. **Other Fannings** sold above previous rates while **DUSTs** were barely steady. **BMFs** were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	255 - 345	227 - 255	140 - 238	145- 282	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	140- 188	120 - 185	-
Lower Medium	140 - 162	115 - 150	106 - 150	096 - 159	103 - 118
Plainer	088 - 135	084 - 130	085 - 117	094 - 116	085- 098



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 28TH FEBRUARY, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand. Both brokens and fannings sold irregularly around last levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and cleaner blacker whole leaves sold at steady levels, selective well made whole leaf like Pekoe, TFP and BPS grades fetched prices dearer up to Rs.8 and at times more. Other whole leaves were irregular around last. Secondary brokens and fannings were steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold initially around last levels. However as sale progressed teas were sold easier by Rs.4 to 5 and heavy withdrawals were noticed.

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : Generally a steady to firm market on the major quantity that was traded whilst the premium quality of bright liquoring, high-priced teas have moved up in prices substantially. However the Better Mediums have witnessed lower trend with some outlist.
The overall sale percentage was 92% at an average of Rs.113.68.

Buying Pattern: An Export driven trend with the major quantity of Mediums teas was covered by them, whilst the Packeteers and Blenders were lending fairly good support. On the internal front Karnataka and Andhra were operating cautiously on price levels.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Generally a fully firm to dearer market across all grades and categories as the major quantity of Primary grades were trading at Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and upto Rs.20/- sometimes. The Secondary Brokens were trading at steady to occasionally dearer whilst the Fannings were dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/-.

The overall sale percentage was 95% at an average of Rs. 159.19.

Buying Pattern: A strong Export enquiry was witnessed (Consolidated Tea) was active whilst the internal was seen lending fair support.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good.**Market :** Yet again the market witnessed a fully firm to dearer levels across all grades and categories. The major quantity of Medium types have sold at Rs. 1/- to Rs. 3/- on the bolder dust and Rs.2/- to 4/- on the Red and finer dust grades. The Brighter liquoring high priced standards have rather sold at barely steady to easier sometimes.**The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs.130.86.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Export enquiry was forthcoming with the Packeteers and Blenders lending equal support. Internal was operating mostly on the Brighter liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fairly strong.**Market:** The primary popular grades were trading fully firm to dearer whilst the mediums and finer grades were trading at irregularly lower levels. Whilst the Tertiaires were rather trading at last levels.**The overall sale percentage was 92% at an average of Rs.131.85.****Buying Pattern:** Good Export operation was witnessed and was equally well supported by the Internal buying.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular brokens were steady with few withdrawals. Medium brokens were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. BOPF's were steady to firm. Plainer teas were irregular and lower with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and internal were selective. Exporters were active.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Whole leaf lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Well made brokens firm to dearer. Secondary brokens were barely steady to lower. BOPF's were barely steady with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active. Others selective.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair general demand**Market :** Better medium and popular marks were lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more with heavy withdrawals. Medium and plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and internal were active. Exporters were selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Irregular.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**March 4, 2026****-/ra.**

TEA NEWS

India's Jan tea production down 15% to 14.5 m kg on sharp dip in TN output

Frost and prolonged chilly weather drag production with output down 35% in Tamil Nadu



A sharp decline in Tamil Nadu's tea output during January this year due to the frost and prolonged chilly weather conditions has pulled down the all-India production of the beverage during the month. The All-India tea production was lower by around 15 per cent at 14.50 million kgs against 17.15 million kg (mkg) a year ago, as per the estimates released by the Tea Board on Monday.

During January, the Tamil Nadu's tea production fell by about 35 per cent due to severe frost conditions in the key producing regions of Nilgiris. Similarly, Munnar, the key producing region in Kerala also witnessed prolonged chilly conditions impacting the output.

Tea output in Tamil Nadu stood lower at 7.70 million kgs during January this year over the corresponding last month's 11.94 million kgs. In Kerala, the tea output was down at 4.37 million, a decline of 10 per cent over 4.87 mkg a year ago. Karnataka also witnessed a dip in production at 0.28 mkg against 0.37 mkg a year ago.

Dormancy in North

The South Indian output was down by 28 per cent at 12.35 mkg during January over 17.08 mkg a year ago.

In North Indian tea-producing regions comprising Assam, West Bengal and other regions, which witness a dormancy phase for tea bushes during the winter months, saw a production of 2.15 mkg during January 2026 over 0.07 mkg a year ago. Production in Assam was up at 0.53 mkg during January against 0.03 m kg a year ago. In West Bengal, the production stood at 1.47 m kg during January over 0.03 mkg.

Categorywise the production of CTC teas was 11.34 m kg, while the orthodox tea output was 2.79 m kg and green tea was 0.37 m kg.
