

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 10**

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## COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.10 was held on March 10(Tue.)/11(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 5.1 MKGS was on offer, which shows a decrease when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.1 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.5 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.7 MKGS.

This week's Ex-Estate sale was an Outcry version, which was held at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce auditorium with a large buyer participation and visitors both Local and Foreign.

There was good demand witnessed at the sale despite the conflict in the Middle East.

Best Western BOP's/BOPF's where quality was maintained were fully maintained whilst the others tended irregularly easier. In the below best category BOP's were up to Rs.50-100/- per kg easier whilst their corresponding BOPF's were firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer on last week's closing levels. Lower end teas were fully firm. Nuwara Eliya teas sold well following quality. Uva/Udapussellawa better BOP's were firm to dearer whilst others were barely steady. Their corresponding BOPF's were firm to Rs.50/- per kg easier. CTC Teas - High & Medium PF1's were fully firm on last levels whilst Low Grown PF1's gained Rs.20-40/- per kg at the commencement but eased by a similar margin towards the close. There were hardly any BP1's on offer this week. The limited selection of the quality teas were sought after by Shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa which the balance were accounted for by Shippers to Russia and CIS.

Low Grown Leafy teas met with good demand despite the conflict in the Middle Eastern countries, with prices being fully firm to dearer. However, the Tippy Teas in general declined substantially and remained unsellable due to lack of suitable offers. Most markets though operative were caution in their purchases.

This week's auction comprised of **10,647** lots with a *In Lighter Vein* total quantity of **5,153,656** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

### **Coming Back From Ladies Night**

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,953	694,315
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,483	577,101
Low Grown Tippy	1,843	818,514
High & Medium	1,267	519,138
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,465	1,279,284
Dust	554	480,312
Premium Flowery	285	36,644
Ex-Estate	<u>797</u>	<u>748,348</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>10,647</b></u>	<u><b>5,153,656</b></u>

The other night I was invited out for a night with "the girls." I told my husband that I would be home by midnight. "I promise!"

Well, the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easy. Around 3 a.m., a bit blitzed, I headed home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hall started up and cuckooed three times.

Quickly realizing my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another nine times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, even after drinking so much.

The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, and I told him midnight. He didn't seem disturbed at all.

Whew! I Got away with that one! Then he said, "We need a new cuckoo clock." When I asked him why, he said, "Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, **then said, "Oh, crap," cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another 3 times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the cat"**.

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

**BOP1** : Select best and best invoices were firm, whilst the balance were irregular.

**OP1** : Select best together with best teas declined, whilst the balance appreciated. Stalky invoices tended irregular.

**OP** : Well-made OP's were generally lower, whilst the balance maintained.

**OPA** : OPA's in general, were firm.

**PEK/PEK1** : Well-made PEK's were barely steady, whilst the balance tended irregular. Best PEK1's maintained, whilst the balance appreciated.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1900-2950</b>	<b>1800-3700</b>	<b>1450-1650</b>	<b>1500-1950</b>	<b>1700-2650</b>
	Last Week	1900-3000	1800-3500	1500-1700	1500-1950	1750-2500
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1500-1850</b>	<b>1550-1750</b>	<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>1350-1450</b>	<b>1400-1650</b>
	Last Week	1500-1850	1550-1750	1300-1450	1350-1450	1400-1700
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1300-1450</b>	<b>1300-1500</b>	<b>1100-1250</b>	<b>1100-1300</b>	<b>1200-1350</b>
	Last Week	1300-1450	1200-1500	1100-1250	1100-1300	1200-1350
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1000-1250</b>	<b>1100-1250</b>	<b>850-1050</b>	<b>900-1050</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>
	Last Week	1000-1250	1050-1150	850-1050	900-1050	1050-1150
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>800-950</b>	<b>600-1050</b>	<b>600-800</b>	<b>600-850</b>	<b>850-1000</b>
	Last Week	800-950	600-1000	550-800	500-850	800-1000

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

- BOP/BOPSP** : A Selection of select Best Teas were firm, whilst the others were easier.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : A Few select BOPF/BOPFSP teas were firm following special inquiry, whilst the others were easier.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Well-made FBOP's together with cleaner Below Best and clean better varieties were firm to easier. FBOPF's in general were firm whilst the balance were easier.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Few select FBOPF1's were firm, whilst others were easier. FBOPF's in general were easier.
- FBOPFSP** : Tippy Teas in general were lower and mostly unsellable.
- FFEXSP/SP1** : Overall a lower market.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1700-2250</b>	<b>1420-1950</b>	<b>2200-2800</b>	<b>1500-1650</b>	<b>2800-3200</b>
	Last Week	1650-1950	1500-1900	2100-2500	1500-1650	3700-4050
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1440-1600</b>	<b>1250-1400</b>	<b>1800-2100</b>	<b>1380-1460</b>	<b>2300-2600</b>
	Last Week	1440-1600	1240-1400	1750-2000	1400-1480	2900-3300
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1260-1420</b>	<b>1160-1340</b>	<b>1500-1750</b>	<b>1260-1340</b>	<b>1700-1900</b>
	Last Week	1280-1460	1170-1360	1500-1700	1280-1340	1950-2600
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1120-1200</b>	<b>900-1080</b>	<b>1260-1420</b>	<b>1120-1240</b>	<b>1380-1500</b>
	Last Week	1140-1200	900-1080	1270-1440	1160-1260	1440-1600
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>840-1020</b>	<b>720-880</b>	<b>870-1160</b>	<b>820-1100</b>	<b>1000-1300</b>
	Last Week	850-1040	730-890	890-1180	830-1120	1000-1340

## MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Well-made FBOP's with cleaner below best were barely steady, whilst the balance on offer were easier.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : FBOPF1's in general were easier all-round, whilst the lower end teas declined.

**PEK/PEK1** : Well-made PEK/PEK1's dearer. Teas at the lower end in general were firm to irregularly dearer.

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>1300 -2350</b>	1300 - 2000	<b>1250 - 1700</b>	1300 -1750	<b>750-850</b>	770-870
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1200 - 1700</b>	1220 - 1600	<b>1150 - 1550</b>	1200 - 1550	<b>700 -850</b>	700 -900
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1300 - 2100</b>	1400 - 2000	<b>1100 - 1380</b>	1150 - 1400	<b>700-1100</b>	700-1120

## HIGH GROWNS TEAS

### MARKET : Good demand

**BOP**: Best Westerns were firm and Rs.50/- per kg dearer for select invoices, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, select improved teas were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular. Clean Leaf teas at the lower end of the market were up to Rs.50/- per kg easier, whilst the other poorer varieties sold around last. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well following quality. Uda Pussellawa's - Better teas were firm and tended dearer, whilst the others were barely steady. Uva's - Select high-priced teas declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others were generally firm.

**BOPF** : Best Western's, where quality was maintained, were mostly firm, whilst the others were irregular and tended easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket sold around last week's levels, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer on last week's closing levels. Nuwara Eliya's were generally firm. Uda Pussellawa's - Better teas were firm and dearer, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.50/-per kg. Uva's were firm and up to Rs.20 per kg dearer selectively

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>1360 - 1650</b>	1420 - 2250	<b>1380 - 1650</b>	1360 - 1600
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1180 - 1350</b>	1300 - 1400	<b>1280 - 1360</b>	1260 - 1340
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>1060 - 1140</b>	1100 - 1240	<b>1120 - 1260</b>	1140 - 1240
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	<b>1650 - 1700</b>	1700 - 1750	<b>1500</b>	1380
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>1160 - 1180</b>	1100 - 1120	<b>1160 - 1220</b>	1120 - 1220
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>1000 - 1040</b>	1020 - 1080	<b>1000 - 1040</b>	1000 - 1100
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>1280 - 1300</b>	1340 - 1380	<b>1240 - 1280</b>	1200 - 1260
<b>Other Uva's</b>	<b>1120 - 1260</b>	1040 - 1140	<b>1140 -1220</b>	1100 - 1160

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

**BOP** : Select Large Leaf types sold well at dearer rates, whilst the others were irregular and barely steady.

**BOPF** : Firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

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>800 - 1750</b>	860 - 1600	<b>770-1260</b>	820-1240

## 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** - Generally firm.

**PF1** - Gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more at the commencement and eased towards the close.

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>1000-1100</b>	960 - 1100
<b>Medium</b>	<b>1000 - 1040</b>	1020 - 1060	<b>1000 - 1160</b>	980 - 1160
<b>Low</b>	<b>1380 - 1400</b>	1320 - 1340	<b>1200 - 1440</b>	1020 - 1340

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's advanced Rs.20-50/- per kg. Best teas firm to lower by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's irregularly lower whilst others followed a similar trend. Select best BM's firm to last Rs.25-50/- per kg; others were irregularly lower by Rs.50-70/- per kg. Lower end teas lost Rs.25-50/- per kg.

**BOP1A** : Select best BOP1A's held firm. Best Teas advanced Rs.20-30/- on last, whilst below best firm to dearer Rs.20-40/- per kg. Lower end Teas held firm.

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>880-1180</b>	880-1080	<b>660-730</b>	730-770	<b>660-750</b>	720-800
Good Fannings (CTC)	<b>650-670</b>	720-770	<b>620-660</b>	670-700	<b>570-830</b>	620-850
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>620-650</b>	670-730	<b>600-530</b>	620-570	<b>580-650</b>	580-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	<b>710-810</b>	770-850	<b>690-800</b>	770-850	<b>680-950</b>	770-900
Other BM's	<b>550-630</b>	570-680	<b>520-670</b>	560-720	<b>500-660</b>	550-720
Best BOP1As	<b>740-800</b>	740-800	<b>790-860</b>	770-830	<b>920-1250</b>	920-1250
Other BOP1As	<b>630-660</b>	630	<b>630-670</b>	620-710	<b>630-700</b>	620-730

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1:** High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's gained Rs.30-40/- per kg whilst their secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Growns were firm on last levels. Low Growns were Rs.30-40/- per kg lower.

**PD** : High growns maintained last levels, whilst the mid growns were irregular and mostly lower. Low Growns were Rs.30-40/- per kg 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>740 - 1600</b>	780 - 1650	<b>680 - 1240</b>	800 - 1200	<b>620 - 1000</b>	650 - 1420
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>800 - 1180</b>	760 - 1000	<b>760 - 1100</b>	780 - 1100	<b>730 - 1440</b>	680 - 1480
Secondary Dust	<b>600 - 1220</b>	760 - 1180	<b>600 - 880</b>	730 - 800	<b>600 - 960</b>	650 - 940

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

<b>*Ancoombra</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1750/-</b>
Kenilworth	BOP	1750/-
<b>*Ancoombra</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
Windsoforest	BOPSP	1700/-
<b>*Vellai Oya</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1260/-</b>
Craighead	BOPFSP	1340/-
Harangalla	BOP1	1750/-
Harangalla	FBOP	2350/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1360/-
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1220/-</b>
<b>*Harangala</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1220/-</b>
BTS Super	FBOPF	1040/-
Cooroonduwatte	FBOPF	1040/-
Imboolpitiya	FBOPF1	1700/-
<b>*Ancoombra</b>	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1550/-</b>
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1550/-
New Rothschild	FBOPF1	1550/-
Harangalla	OP	1280/-
Dartry Valley	OP	1280/-
Cooroondoowatte	OP	1280/-
<b>*Uplands</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>1260/-</b>
Orange Field	OP	1260/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1280/-
Maussawa Valley	OP1	1650/-
Cooroondoowatte	OP1	1650/-
Rilagala	PEKOE	1550/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2100/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Bogawantalawa	BOP	1600/-
Norwood	BOPSP	1550/-
Somerset	BOPSP	1550/-
Somerset	BOPF	1600/-
Norwood	BOPF	1600/-
Robgill	BOPF	1600/-
Mattakelle	BOPF	1600/-
Inverness	BOP1	1500/-
Venture	FBOP	1420/-
Inverness	FBOP1	1200/-
Inverness	FBOPF1	1400/-
Frotoft Super	OP	1040/-
Glenloch	OP	1040/-
Craig Hill	OPA	1040/-
Venture	OPA	1040/-
Venture	OP1	1460/-
Somerset	PEKOE	1800/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1600/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Mahagastotte	BOP	1700/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF	1500/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1260/-
Court Lodge	OP	800/-
Court Lodge	OPA	870/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	700/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE1	1060/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

Tinioya	BOP	1380/-
Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1400/-
Halpewatta Uva	BOPF	1320/-
High Spring	BOPFSP	1360/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1800/-
Aruna Keppetipola	FBOP	1600/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP1	1160/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1160/-
Misty Uva	FBOPF	1020/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1550/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1300/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA	1260/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP1	1600/-
Telbedde	OP1	1600/-
<b>*Halpewatta Uva</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>1550/-</b>
Sarnia Plaaiderie	PEKOE	1500/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1750/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1750/-
Halpewatte Uva	PEKOE1	1750/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1750/-

**UVA HIGH**

Bandaraeliya	BOP	1300/-
Craig	BOPSP	1240/-
Uva Highlands	BOPF	1280/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1280/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	900/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1480/-
Ranaya	FBOP	1440/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP	1440/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1140/-
Ranaya	FBOPF1	1380/-
Uva Highlands	OP	1180/-
Ampitiyakanda	OPA	1200/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1460/-
Balagalaella	PEKOE	1280/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1700/-
Ampitiyakanda	PEKOE1	1700/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

<b>*Mooloya</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1180/-</b>
Luckyland	BOPSP	1180/-
<b>*Mooloya</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>1280/-</b>
Blairlomond	FBOP	1360/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1400/-
Maha Uva	OP	1200/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1140/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1480/-
Blairlomond	PEKOE	1220/-
Blairlomond	PEKOE1	1800/-

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>2950/-</b>
Pothotuwa	BOP1	2950/-
Lions	BOP1	2950/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3700/-
H P P Tea	OP	1650/-
Liyonta	OPA	1950/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2650/-
<b>*Andaradeniya S</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>2250/-</b>
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2250/-
Renukanda	PEKOE1	2250/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2250/-
<b>*Hidellana</b>	<b>PEKOE1</b>	<b>2200/-</b>

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

<b>*Andaradeniya S</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>2250/-</b>
<b>*New Laksakanda</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>2200/-</b>
Stream Line	BOPSP	2200/-
<b>*Andaradeniya S</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>1850/-</b>
New Rekadahena	BOPSP	1850/-
<b>*KDU Super</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>1800/-</b>
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1950/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	1950/-
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP</b>	<b>2800/-</b>
Athukorala G S	FBOP1	1850/-
Kings Bru	FBOP1	1850/-
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOP1</b>	<b>1800/-</b>
New Vithanakanda	FBOPF	1550/-
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1650/-</b>
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1650/-
<b>*Hedigalla</b>	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1600/-</b>
Adams View	FBOPF1	1600/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1600/-
<b>*Elaine Super</b>	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1550/-</b>
<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>FBOPF1</b>	<b>1550/-</b>

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

<b>*Maleesha Group</b>	<b>FBOPFSP</b>	<b>6950/-</b>
Kurunduwatta	FBOPFSP	2800/-
<b>*New Nivithigala</b>	<b>FBOPFSP</b>	<b>2700/-</b>
New Vithanakanda	FBOPFEXSP	3200/-
Tea Bank	FBOPFEXSP1	3500/-

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

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

**MEDIUM GROWN**

Delta CTC BP1	1040/-
New Peacock CTC PF1	1160/-
Aultmore CTC BPS	850/-

**LOW GROWN**

Ceciliyan CTC BP1	1400/-
New Galboda CTC Super PF1	1440/-
Lantern Hill BPS	840/-

**OFF GRADES**

*Kothmale Hills BP	1320/-
Hingalgoda CTC PF	1180/-
Hingalgoda CTC PF	1000/-
*Chandrika CTC PF	840/-
Bogoda BM	1180/-
Falcone Lanka FNGS	940/-
Ingestre FNGS1	1240/-
Chandrika Estate BOPIA	1300/-
*Chandrika Estate BOPIA	1300/-

**BOPA**

Kings Bru	BOPA	2200/-
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**Dust**

Wattegodde	DUST	1220/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1600/-
Great Western	DUST1	1600/-
Somerset	DUST1	1600/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1440/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PD	1440/-

## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.09 OF 04<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
<b>Uva High Grown</b>	998.07	1,002.47	1,022.81	1,054.02	1,037.40
<b>Western High Grown</b>	1,210.52	1,224.69	1,203.63	1,170.35	1,151.31
<b>High Grown</b>	1,160.71	1,172.14	1,150.34	1,146.47	1,117.83
<b>Uva Medium</b>	975.34	978.22	973.73	1,090.65	1,065.45
<b>Western Medium</b>	945.72	967.29	979.28	1,045.92	1,029.42
<b>Medium Grown</b>	953.18	969.76	977.60	1,055.03	1,040.61
<b>Low Grown (Orthodox)</b>	1,167.01	1,167.01	1,232.15	1,257.88	1,272.83
<b>Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)</b>	1,154.30	1,150.83	1,214.72	1,247.21	1,260.07
<b>Total</b>	1,127.37	1,128.00	1,164.63	1,197.20	1,197.73

Private Sale Figures (26.02.2026 – 04.03.2026)

196,032.27

Cumulative

2,297,136.02

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

#### SALE NO: 11

#### SALE NO: 12

Sale of 17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> Mar. '26

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

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
<b>Low Grown Leafy</b>	1,970	676,996	2,126	750,635
<b>Low Grown Semi Leafy</b>	1,500	583,436	1,636	651,672
<b>Low Grown Tippy</b>	1,823	819,356	2,200	1,003,483
<b>High &amp; Medium</b>	1,118	471,755	1,179	481,625
<b>Off Grade/BOP1A</b>	2,295	1,184,994	2,571	1,293,650
<b>Dust</b>	580	504,795	605	517,498
<b>Premium Flowery</b>	338	42,770	334	43,168
<b>Ex-Estate</b>	<u>875</u>	<u>831,910</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>844,419</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>10,499</u>	<u>5,116,012</u>	<u>11,516</u>	<u>5,586,150</u>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.13 of 30<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)/31<sup>st</sup> (Tue.) March, 2026**

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

### **Sale No.14 of 07<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/08<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) April, 2026**

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

### **Sale No.15 of 21<sup>st</sup> (Tue.)/22<sup>nd</sup> (Wed.) April, 2026**

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

## **SALE NO. 11**

### **AUCTION OF 17<sup>TH</sup> /18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 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. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	1. Eastern Brokers PLC	1. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
2. John Keells PLC	2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	3. John Keells PLC
4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	4. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
5. Eastern Brokers PLC	5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. Eastern Brokers PLC
6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. John Keells PLC	8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 04<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Nuwara Eliya and Western regions experienced bright weather during the week. Showers are expected in both regions during the latter part of the day according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Bright weather was reported in the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects misty conditions in the Uva Region during the early hours of the morning in the week ahead.

### Low Grown

Sunny weather was reported in the Low Grown Region during the week. Misty conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Crop Intake

The crop intake in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported a decrease, while the Uva and Low Grown regions reported an increase.

### WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2025	2026	Difference +/-	To-date 2025	To-date 2026	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Jan.	21.60	20.70	-0.9	21.60	20.70	-0.9
NORTH INDIA	Jan.	0.07	2.15	2.1	0.07	2.15	2.1
SOUTH INDIA	Jan.	17.08	12.35	-4.7	17.08	12.35	-4.7

Country	Month	2024	2025	Difference +/-	To-date 2024	To-date 2025	Difference +/-
BANGLADESH	Dec.	6.37	9.26	2.9	93.04	94.91	1.9
KENYA	Nov.	47.41	48.87	1.5	542.64	499.68	-43.0
MALAWI	Dec.	5.00	6.10	1.1	49.80	45.40	-4.4

*“Africa Tea Brokers Bulletin of Statistics”*

## OTHER MARKETS

### LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 10 - 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

There was less interest for the 5760 packages on offer at irregular rates where sold.

BP1 held firm.

PF1 were not supported this week.

PD were firm to 4USC dearer.

D1 were discounted up to 5USC.

PF1SC single invoice on offer was taken out.

Secondary FNGS sold at irregular rates where sold, respective Dusts were neglected.

### WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.

Some rainfall were reported in the tea growing districts of Thyolo and Mulanje, Thyolo received the highest on average than Mulanje up to 173mm compared to 69mm.

Green leaf intakes continue low.

## BANGLADESH AUCTION

### SALE NO. 44 OF MONDAY, 09<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026

**CTC LEAF:** 12,422 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand.

**BROKENS/ FANNINGS:** A few clean liquoring varieties met with a strong demand and sold at around last levels in line with quality. The remainder also sold well and were firm to slightly dearer. BLF teas again sold well at around last levels.

**DUST:** 2,990 packages of tea on offer met with a fair demand. Good liquoring teas met with fair demand and sold around last levels. Mediums were an easier market by Tk. 5/- to Tk.8/- than last levels. Plain and BLFs were in less demand and had some withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** A strong demand continued for select lines of well-made good liquoring varieties which were strongly competed for by mainly the Blenders. Loose tea buyers lent some support.

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

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	270 - 285	275-285	Best	270-285	275-285	PD	245-278	245-312
Good	260-265	260-265	Good	260-265	260-265	RD	245-270	245-318
Medium	250-255	252-258	Medium	253-258	255-260	D	245-279	245-337
Plain	245-248	245-250	Plain	245-248	245-250	CD	245-276	245-347
BLF	240-260	225-260	BLF	240-260	255-260	BLF	245-253	225-242

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## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

**Sale No.09 of 02<sup>ND</sup> & 03<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2026**

Good general demand prevailed for the 156,993 packages (10,545,247.00 kilos) on offer; 22.20% was unsold.

### MARKET:

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

### OFFERINGS:

Leaf Grades	- 86,060 packages (5,702,511.00 kilos) - 30.96% unsold
Dust Grades	- 51,520 packages (3,839,908.00 kilos) - 12.73% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 19,413 packages (1,002,828.00 kilos) - 8.54% unsold.

### LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

#### **BP1:**

**Best :** Saw selective activity varying between USC14 dearer to easier by up to USC17.

**Brighter:** Mostly eased by up to USC16 but some teas were up to USC8 above previous rates.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums shed by up to USC13 while plantation mediums were steady to USC6 below last rates.

**Lower Medium:** Were easier by up to USC12.

**Plainer:** Saw irregular interest with some teas up to USC16 dearer to USC7 below previous levels.

#### **PF1:**

**Best :** Were easier by up to USC7.

**Brighter :** Were discounted by up to USC8.

**Mediums :** KTDA mediums shed by up to USC13 with plantation mediums well competed for at firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

**Lower Medium :** Irregular ranging between steady to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

**Plainer :** Met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC9 dearer for some better types to USC7 below last rates.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	260 - 470	295 - 351
<b>Good</b>	245 - 296	272 - 321
<b>Good Medium</b>	225 - 298	272 - 299
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	173 - 211	245 - 284
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	168 - 192	200 - 254
<b>Lower Medium</b>	144 - 174	150 - 222
<b>Plainer</b>	096 - 153	100 - 155

**DUST GRADES (M1)****PDUST:****Best:** Shed by up to USC11.**Brighter:** Were steady to easier by up to USC15.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were firm to USC8 above previous levels to easier by up to USC5 while plantation mediums were steady to USC3 dearer to easier by USC2.**Lower Medium:** Firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC5.**Plainer:** Were mostly easier by up to USC5 with select teas steady to USC4 above previous levels.**DUST1:****Best:** Met irregular interest ranging between USC7 dearer for a few teas to mostly easier by up to USC8.**Brighter:** Saw irregular interest varying between USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC12.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw some lines up to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC1 with plantation mediums easier by up to USC16.**Lower Medium:** Firm to USC10 above previous rates.**Plainer:** Shed by up to USC8.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	303 - 342	292 - 368
Good	290- 322	275 - 311
Good Medium	245 - 305	250 - 300
Medium (KTDA)	204 - 248	180 - 260
Medium (Plantati ons)	194 - 218	170- 192
Lower Medium	140 - 186	143 - 164
Plainer	102 - 140	105 - 135

**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** steady. **Other Fannings** sold above previous rates while **DUSTs** were barely held value. **BMFs** were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	254 - 339	201 - 251	152 - 246	149- 285	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	130- 190	121 - 193	-
Lower Medium	136 - 170	100 - 156	110 - 157	085 - 128	106 - 116
Plainer	098 - 140	086 - 131	089 - 124	090 - 115	089- 093



## SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

**FOR THE WEEKENDING – 07<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

### **KOCHI**

#### **CTC LEAF**

**Demand :** Good Demand. Limited quantity of brokens and fannings sold irregularly around last levels.

#### **ORTHODOX LEAF**

**Demand :** Good Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** High grown and well-made cleaner blacker whole leaves sold irregularly around last levels. Other whole leaves and primary brokens were easier by Rs.4 to 6. Secondary brokens and fannings were barely steady.

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

#### **DUST**

**Demand :** Fair Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Popular marks and good liquoring sorts sold lower by Rs.4 to 5. Medium and plainer sorts shared an easier trend by Rs.4 to 5 with fair amount of withdrawals.

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

### **COONOOR**

#### **CTC LEAF**

**Demand :** Fair.

**Market :** Generally tended easier by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- on the major quantity that was traded and more on the larger brokens of the medium category. As the sale progressed the market had a slight sluggish demand as it witnessed fair withdrawals on the larger and medium brokens. The brighter liquoring teas were also tending easier with some withdrawals.

**The overall sale percentage was 67% at an average of Rs.114.52.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fair participation from the major blenders and other regional packeteers with some support from the Internal buyers. Export was very selective or rather subdued.

#### **ORTH LEAF**

**Demand :** Good.

**Market :** Mostly an easier trend with the Brokens and the Fannings dropping by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and sometimes more following quality, whilst the Secondary Brokens were selling irregularly and mostly at easier levels. However, the Whole leaf grades were trading rather steady to occasionally dearer levels.

**The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs.159.75.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with select Internal participation.

**CTC DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market :** An irregular market with the bolder dust grades of medium category were trading at Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- lower whilst the finer grades were trading at steady to firm levels. The brighter liquoring teas have also witnessed downtrend whilst the finer grades of the same category continued to rule higher.**The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs.131.03.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export enquiry was forthcoming with the Regional Packeteers lending fair support. Internal was rather selective with Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea & Produce Co.,) continued to absorb the major quantity of brighter liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market:** Generally an irregular trend with teas across all grades and categories dropping by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/- and more sometimes. However a few select popular primary grades were trading at fully firm to dearer levels.**The overall sale percentage was 83% at an average of Rs.140.00.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export operation was noticed with select internal participation.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were barely steady with few withdrawals. Medium and plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were selective. Internal were active.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf were lower by Rs.2/-. Well-made brokens / BOPF were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active. Others selective.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more with some withdrawals. Medium teas were irregular and lower by Rs.5- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-. As sale, progressed plainer teas were fully firm to occasionally dearer.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Irregular and lower by Rs.1/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**March 11, 2026****-/tp**

# **TEA NEWS**

**Publication – Daily FT**

**Headline – Ceylon tea losing up to \$ 15 m a week due to Mideast crisis**

**Journalist – N/A**

**Summary** - Sri Lanka's tea industry is facing severe disruptions as the ongoing military conflict in the Middle East has effectively halted shipments to one of its largest export markets, with exporters estimating revenue losses of between \$ 10 million and \$ 15 million per week. The Middle East accounts for around 52% of Sri Lanka's tea exports, with much of the supply originating from low-grown tea producing regions largely cultivated by smallholder farmers. According to 2025 export statistics, Sri Lanka shipped about 125 million kilograms of Ceylon tea to the Middle East, generating an estimated \$ 750 million in revenue. At this week's Colombo tea auction, overall prices declined by around Rs.50 per kilogram, while low-grown tea prices fell by approximately Rs.75 per kilogram. Industry stakeholders warn that if the situation continues for several more weeks, buyers may reduce purchases, which could directly impact the incomes of thousands of smallholder tea farmers. Industry stakeholders have also requested Government support to ease financial strain on exporters and to secure about \$ 50 million due for tea shipments already supplied to Iran under the barter mechanism.

**Publication – The Morning**

**Headline – SL PLANTATION SECTOR – A roadmap to net zero emissions**

**Journalist – N/A**

**Summary** - The Sri Lankan plantation industry is undergoing a transformation as a growing segment of the industry plots a course for net zero emissions. Regional Plantation Companies manage hundreds of estates and represent a substantial share of Sri Lanka's tea, rubber and oil palm crop output. Renewable energy has become a key pillar, with RPCs installing over 30 MW of renewable energy capacity across estates including solar, mini-hydro, biomass and biogas. Biomass boilers now meet 85–95% of factory heat requirements in some plantations, reducing dependence on furnace oil. RPCs are also measuring emissions and implementing energy efficiency measures across estate factories and operations. The plantation sector's pathway includes biodiversity conservation, tree planting, agro forestry and community initiatives across estate communities. The Planters' Association states that coordinated action is required for the plantation sector to advance toward net zero emissions.

**Publication – Daily News****Headline – Lanka tea industry jolted by conflict****Journalist – N/A**

**Summary** - Sri Lanka's tea industry is facing significant disruptions as the ongoing military conflict in the Middle East hampers exports, with exporters estimating revenue losses of \$10–15 million per week. The Middle East accounts for approximately 52% of Sri Lanka's tea exports, most of which originate from the country's low-grown tea-producing areas dominated by smallholder farmers. Export data for 2025 shows that about 125 million kilograms of tea were shipped to Middle Eastern markets, generating an estimated \$750 million in revenue. Tea shipments have nearly come to a standstill as major shipping lines suspended services to the region. The disruption has begun to impact the domestic tea market, with overall tea prices declining by about Rs.50 per kilogram and low-grown tea prices dropping by nearly Rs.75 per kilogram. Industry representatives warn that if the situation persists, it could directly affect the income of thousands of smallholder tea farmers

**Publication – Daily FT****Headline – Browns Plantations celebrates 13 accolades and counting****Journalist – N/A**

**Summary** - Browns Plantations secured 13 accolades across sustainability, operational excellence, and leadership in 2025 within the plantation sector. Hapugastenne Plantations, an estate under Browns Plantations, became the first plantation in the world to be issued the Control Union Deforestation-Free Standard certification. This certification acknowledges Browns Plantations as a deforestation-free supply chain in compliance with global regulations including the EU Deforestation Regulation. The recognition positions Browns Plantations as a benchmark for sustainable agriculture practices and access to international markets. Dr. Pradeep Uluwaduge said the company's sustainability-based business strategy drives its progress. He added that as the global leader in tea production, Browns Plantations recognizes the responsibility to lead by example across environmental, social and governance compliances.

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