

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 11

March 17 & 18, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.11 was held on March 17(Tue.)/18(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 5.1 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 2.1 MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.5 MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8 MKGS.

At this week's Ex-Estate sale, there was good general demand. In the best Western category, select BOP's/BOPF's invoices where quality was maintained were firm to Rs.50/- per kg dearer following special airmail inquiry. In the below best category, teas in the higher price category, declined up to Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst lower end teas were generally firm. Nuwara Eliya's were lower to last week by up to Rs.100/- per kg. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's were firm whilst others were mostly unsold. Their corresponding better BOPF's sold around last levels, whilst the others were substantially easier and mostly unsold. CTC Teas – High & Medium, PF1's sold around last levels whilst Low Grown PF1's were firm to Rs.20/- per kg easier. There were hardly any BP1's on offer this week. The limited collection of flavoring teas on offer were absorbed by Shippers to Japan and the Continent whilst the balance were accounted for by Shippers to Russia & CIS. There was hardly any buying for Middle Eastern Countries owing to the ongoing conflict.

Low Grown Leafy teas continued to meet with good demand despite the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, which has intensified, with prices being fully firm to dearer. However, the Tippy Teas in general declined substantially and were unsellable due to lack of suitable offers. Most markets though operative continued to be cautious in their purchases.

This week's auction comprised of **10,499** lots with a total quantity of **5,116,012** Kgs. *In Lighter Vein*

LEGAL AND NOT LOGICAL

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,970	676,996
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,500	583,436
Low Grown Tippy	1,823	819,356
High & Medium	1,118	471,755
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,295	1,184,994
Dust	580	504,795
Premium Flowery	338	42,770
Ex-Estate	875	831,910
Total	<u>10,499</u>	<u>5,116,012</u>

After having failed his exam in Logistics and Organization, a student goes and confronts his lecturer about it.

Student, "Sir, do you really understand anything about the subject?"

Professor, "Surely I must. Otherwise I would not be a professor!"

Student, "Great, well then I would like to ask you a question. If you can give me the correct answer, I will accept my mark as is and go. If you however do not know the answer, I want you give me an 'A' for the exam."

Professor, "Okay, it's a deal. So what is the question?"

Student: "What is legal, but not logical, logical, but not legal, and neither logical, nor legal?"

Even after some long and hard consideration, the professor cannot give the student an answer, and therefore changes his exam mark into an 'A', as agreed. Afterwards, the professor calls on his best student and asks him the same question.

He immediately answers, "Sir, you are 63 years old and married to a 35 year old woman, which is legal, but not logical. Your wife has a 25 year old lover, which is logical, but not legal. The fact that you have given your wife's lover an 'A', although he really should have failed, is neither legal, nor logical.

LOW GROWN TEAS**LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY**

BOP1 : Teas in the select best and best categories maintained, whilst the balance tended irregular.

OP1 : Select best invoices declined, whilst the balance appreciated.

OP : In general were dearer.

OPA : Select best OPA's were firm, whilst the balance were dearer.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best PEK's declined, whilst the balance were fully firm. High priced PEK1's were maintained, whilst the balance appreciated.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3300	2000-3500	1500-1800	1550-1950	1700-2500
	Last Week	1900-2950	1800-3700	1450-1650	1500-1950	1700-2650
BEST	This Week	1450-1850	1600-1950	1300-1450	1350-1500	1400-1650
	Last Week	1500-1850	1550-1750	1300-1400	1350-1450	1400-1650
BELOW BEST	This Week	1250-1400	1300-1550	1100-1250	1100-1300	1200-1350
	Last Week	1300-1450	1300-1500	1100-1250	1100-1300	1200-1350
SECONDARIES	This Week	1000-1200	1100-1250	900-1050	900-1050	1050-1150
	Last Week	1000-1250	1100-1250	850-1050	900-1050	1050-1150
POOR	This Week	800-950	650-1050	600-850	600-850	850-1000
	Last Week	800-950	600-1050	600-800	600-850	850-1000

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were firm.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Select best and best teas were firm, whilst the balance were easier.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and best FBOP's were dearer, whilst the cleaner below best and lower end varieties were firm. Others were irregular. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and best FBOPF1's together with cleaner below best were firm to dearer, whilst the others were irregular following quality. FBOPF's in general were firm.

FBOPFSP : Few select well-made teas met with fair demand. Others were lower.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Overall a lower market.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1750-2300	1460-1900	2250-2950	1500-1650	2850-3300
	Last Week	1700-2250	1420-1950	2200-2800	1500-1650	2800-3200
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1240-1400	1900-2150	1380-1460	2350-2650
	Last Week	1440-1600	1250-1400	1800-2100	1380-1460	2300-2600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1260-1440	1180-1360	1550-1800	1280-1360	1800-2000
	Last Week	1260-1420	1160-1340	1500-1750	1260-1340	1700-1900
SECONDARIES	This Week	1120-1220	920-1100	1280-1440	1140-1260	1400-1550
	Last Week	1120-1200	900-1080	1260-1420	1120-1240	1380-1500
POOR	This Week	880-1080	740-900	890-1180	860-1120	1000-1340
	Last Week	840-1020	720-880	870-1160	820-1100	1000-1300

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Well-made FBOP's were dearer following quality, whilst the others were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and best FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the balance were irregular.

PEK/PEK1 : In general appreciated.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	1450- 2300	1300 -2350	1250 - 1720	1250 - 1700	750-900	750-850
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1200 - 1700	1200 - 1700	1150 - 1600	1150 - 1550	700 -880	700 -850
PEK/PEK1	1400 - 2050	1300 - 2100	1100 - 1350	1100 - 1380	720-1140	700-1100

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Good general demand

BOP: Best Western's – Select invoices gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular and easier following quality. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others were generally firm. Teas at the lower end of the market mostly sold around last levels. Nuwara Eliya's were lower to last and sold following quality. Uda Pussellawa's – Better teas were firm and dearer, whilst the others were mostly unsold. Uva's – A few Select Best invoices were dearer, whilst the others were barely steady.

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 where quality was maintained sold firm and were up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market declined by a similar margin. Nuwara Eliya's declined by up to Rs.100/- per kg. Uda Pussellawa's – Better teas sold around last, whilst the others were substantially easier and were mostly unsold. Uva's were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1300 - 2250	1360 - 1650	1380 - 1550	1380 - 1650
Below Best Westerns	1140 - 1280	1180 - 1350	1300 - 1360	1280 - 1360
Plainer Westerns	1000 - 1120	1060 - 1140	1120 - 1280	1120 - 1260
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	1650 - 1700	1360 - 1380	1500
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1180 - 1240	1160 - 1180	1200 - 1240	1160 - 1220
Other Uda Pussellawas	N/A	1000 - 1040	1020 - 1100	1000 - 1040
Best Uva's	1300 - 1380	1280 - 1300	1200 - 1260	1240 - 1280
Other Uva's	1120 - 1200	1120 - 1260	1180	1140 -1220

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Select Large Leaf types teas continued to sell well, whilst the others were mostly firm.

BOPF : Well-made types were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the poorer sorts declined further.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	800 - 1800	800 - 1750	780-1240	770-1260

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Sold around last.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Well-made sorts were firm, whilst the others were irregular with teas at the lower end of the market discounted.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Up to Rs.50/- per kg easier.

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

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	N/A	920 - 1120	1000 - 1100
Medium	790 - 960	1000 - 1040	640 - 1140	1000 - 1160
Low	800 - 1340	1380 - 1400	680 - 1340	1200 - 1440

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last. Best teas firm to lower by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's advanced Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst others followed a similar trend. Select best BM's firm to dearer Rs.25-50/- per kg others firm to dearer Rs.10-20/-per kg. Lower end teas firm to dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's lost Rs.50-100/- per kg. Best firm to easier by Rs.20-40/- per kg on 6+last, whilst below best firm on last. 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)	880-1250	880-1180	660-740	660-730	660-750	660-750
Good Fannings (CTC)	650-670	650-670	620-660	620-660	570-830	570-830
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	620-670	620-650	600-650	600-630	580-660	580-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	710-820	710-810	700-830	690-800	920-980	680-950
Other BM's	550-650	550-630	520-680	520-670	500-680	500-660
Best BOP1As	740-800	740-800	790-860	790-860	920-1100	920-1250
Other BOP1As	630-660	630-660	630-690	630-670	630-710	630-700

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's maintained last levels whilst their secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Grown teas declined Rs.30-60/- per kg. Low Grows eased up to Rs.50/- per kg.

PD : High Grown teas lost Rs.30-40/- per kg, whilst the mid grows were Rs.50-60/- per kg lower. Low Grows continued to be neglected.

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)	730 - 1700	740 - 1600	660 - 1180	680 - 1240	600 - 1360	620 - 1000
Good Primary PD (CTC)	760 - 1160	800 - 1180	740 - 1060	760 - 1100	700 - 1460	730 - 1440
Secondary Dust	600 - 1240	600 - 1220	580 - 800	600 - 880	500 - 890	600 - 960

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1800/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1650/-
*Galgewatta	BOP	1500/-
Harangalla	BOP	1500/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1850/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1320/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1260/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1200/-
Craighead	BOPFSP	1200/-
Harangalla	BOP1	2050/-
*Galgewatta	BOP1	1900/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1550/-
New Rothschild	BOP1	1550/-
Harangalla	FBOP	2300/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1550/-
Inguruwatta Super	FBOPF	980/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1700/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1700/-
Harangalla	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1550/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1550/-
New Rothschild	OP	1340/-
Harangalla	OPA	1260/-
*Meezan	OPA	1240/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1240/-
Madulkelle	OPA	1240/-
*Meezan	OPA	1220/-
*Orange Field	OPA	1220/-
*Galgewatta	OPA	1220/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	OPA	1220/-
*Galgewatta	OP1	1850/-
Dehiwatta Super	PEKOE	1550/-
*Orange Field	PEKOE	1460/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2050/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	1900/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1900/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1800/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP	2250/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1550/-
Tillyrie	BOPSP	1550/-
Wattagodde	BOPSP	1550/-
Dessford	BOPF	1550/-
Wanarajah	BOPF	1550/-
Norwood	BOPF	1550/-
Robgill	BOPF	1550/-
Somerset	BOPF	1550/-
Inverness	BOP1	2000/-
Venture	FBOP	1400/-
Frotoft Super	FBOP	1400/-
Frotoft Super	FBOPF1	1400/-
Venture	OP	1220/-
Venture	OPA	1240/-
Venture	OP1	1500/-
Bearwell	PEKOE	1700/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1750/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOP	800/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	850/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF	1380/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF	1380/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1100/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	820/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF1	770/-
Court Lodge	OP	920/-
Kenmare	OP	920/-
Court Lodge	OPA	870/-
Kenmare	PEKOE	1020/-

UVA MEDIUM

Demodera 'S'	BOP	1480/-
Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1440/-
El Teb	BOPF	1200/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPFSP	1460/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1900/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1750/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP1	1650/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1200/-
Halpewatta Uva	FBOPF1	1600/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1400/-
High Spring	OPA	1280/-
Aruna Passara	OP1	1600/-
Haputale Super	PEKOE	1400/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE1	1700/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1700/-

UVA HIGH

Bandaraliya	BOP	1380/-
Craig	BOPSP	1240/-
Bandaraliya	BOPF	1260/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	980/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1650/-
Ellathota Uva	FBOP	1700/-
Ellathota Uva	FBOP1	900/-
Glenanore	FBOPF1	1380/-
Ellathota Uva	FBOPF1	1380/-
Aislaby	OP	1220/-
Craig	OP	1220/-
Ellathota Uva	OPA	1180/-
Aislaby	OP1	1600/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1260/-
Uva Highlands	PEKOE	1260/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Luckyland	BOP	1240/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1220/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1240/-
Gonapitiya	BOP1	1220/-
Delmar	FBOP	1750/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1380/-
Delmar	OP	1200/-
Delmar	OPA	1140/-
Delmar	OP1	1650/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1160/-
Delmar	OP1	1650/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1280/-
Delmar	PEKOE1	1650/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3350/-
Susantha	BOP1	3000/-
New Panilkanda	BOP1	3000/-
*Makandura	BOP1	2950/-
Dampahala	OP1	3500/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Liyonta	OPA	1950/-
Miriswatta	OPA	1950/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2500/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2450/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2250/-
Cecilayan	PEKOE1	2250/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*New Laksakanda	BOP	2200/-
New Batuwangala	BOP	2100/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	2050/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2300/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2000/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1900/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1900/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	1900/-
Parakaduwa Super	BOPF	1650/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1550/-
H P P Tea	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2950/-
Galatara	FBOP	2750/-
*Green House	FBOP	2200/-
*Hidellana	FBOP	2200/-
Kings Bru	FBOP1	2250/-
Hidellana	FBOPF	1460/-
Ceyenta	FBOPF	1440/-
*Hidellana	FBOPF	1400/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	2150/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF1	1650/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

CO-OP Lanka	FBOPFSP	2850/-
Aruna	FBOPFSP	2550/-
*Green House	FBOPFSP	2250/-
Morawakkorale	FBOPFEXSP	3300/-
Ceyenta	FBOPFEXSP1	3650/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC PF1	1120/-
*Florence CTC PF1	1100/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Aultmore CTC BP1	960/-
*New Peacock CTC PF1	1140/-
*Kellebokka CTC PF1	1140/-
Strathdon CTC PF1	1140/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1	1340/-
*Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1	1340/-
Liyonta CTC PF1	1340/-
*Lantern Hill BPS	840/-

OFF GRADES

Suviska BP	1260/-
Berubeula BP	1260/-
*Kothmale Hills BP	1220/-
Dampahala BP	1220/-
*Hidellana BP	1200/-
*Dishan Valley Est. BP	1200/-
*Chandrika CTC PF	920/-
Ringwood CTC PF	720/-
*Ambuluwawa CTC PF	700/-
Park Side CTC PF	700/-
*Avisawella BM	1100/-
*Wattahena FNGS	960/-
Wangioya FNGS	960/-
Wattegodde FNGS1	1300/-
Mattakelle FNGS1	1300/-
Liyonta BOP1A	1220/-

BOPA

*Selna BOPA	2100/-
*Green House BOPA	2100/-
Danawala BOPA	2100/-
*Hedigalla BOPA	2050/-

Dust

Lethenty DUST	1240/-
Mattakelle DUST1	1700/-
Ceciliyan CTC PD	1460/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Kothmale Hills DUST	800/-
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COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.10 OF 11th MARCH, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,009.21	1,022.73	1,021.69	1,077.57	1,039.88
Western High Grown	1,203.44	1,225.97	1,203.55	1,197.07	1,155.89
High Grown	1,154.80	1,175.93	1,150.73	1,173.41	1,122.79
Uva Medium	994.39	990.03	975.53	1,143.05	1,070.47
Western Medium	960.49	970.78	977.52	1,048.03	1,031.20
Medium Grown	970.20	975.54	976.92	1,069.69	1,043.11
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,194.57	1,180.92	1,228.74	1,276.21	1,273.12
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,186.60	1,164.84	1,212.18	1,261.85	1,260.23
Total	1,145.50	1,137.28	1,162.87	1,213.81	1,199.13

Private Sale Figures (05.03.2026 – 11.03.2026)

219,288.50

Cumulative

2,516,424.52

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 12

SALE NO: 13

Sale of 24th /25th Mar. '26

Sale of 30th /31st Mar. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,126	750,635	1,930	683,549
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,636	651,672	1,550	616,327
Low Grown Tippy	2,200	1,003,483	1,899	858,960
High & Medium	1,179	481,625	1,155	468,805
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,571	1,293,650	2,239	1,115,515
Dust	605	517,498	520	448,711
Premium Flowery	334	43,168	285	35,401
Ex-Estate	<u>865</u>	<u>844,419</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>788,625</u>
Total	<u>11,516</u>	<u>5,586,150</u>	<u>10,407</u>	<u>5,015,893</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.14 of 07th (Tue.)/08th (Wed.) April, 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.15 of 21st (Tue.)/22nd (Wed.) April, 2026

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

Sale No.16 of 27th (Mon.)/28th (Tue.) May, 2026

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

SALE NO. 12

AUCTION OF 24TH /25TH 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. John Keells PLC	1. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	1. John Keells PLC
2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	3. Eastern Brokers PLC
4. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	6. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. John Keells PLC	7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	8. Eastern Brokers PLC	8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd

Crop & Weather

For the period 11th – 16th March, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Bright weather and sporadic showers were reported in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in both regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported sunny weather and occasional showers throughout the week. Showers/thundershowers are expected in the Uva Region during the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region reported bright mornings and occasional evening showers during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects misty conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions maintained the crop intake, while the Uva, Uda Pussellawa 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

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OTHER MARKETS

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 11 - 18TH MARCH, 2026

There was less and selective enquiry at firm to easier rates for the 5260 packages on offer.

BP1 - Were firm to 2USC easier.

PF1 – Bright liquoring invoices were 5USC below valuation where sold, lesser sorts were taken out.

PD – N/A

D1 – Few on offer sold 7USC easier on last.

PF1SC – Were 7-12USC below valuation.

Secondary FNGS were up to 4USC easier where sold, respective dusts were neglected.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15TH MARCH, 2026.

Heavy and widespread rainfall were reported in the tea growing districts of Thyolo and Mulanje, total average rainfall up to 153mm and 196mm respectively.

Green leaf intakes were up on last.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 45 OF MONDAY, 16th MARCH, 2026

CTC LEAF: 11,794 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand.

BROKENS/ FANNINGS: Once again, a small weight of clean liquoring types met with quite a strong demand and were firm. Others met with a fairly good demand but tended easier in line with quality. BLF teas sold well at firm to slightly dearer rates.

DUST: 2,774 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at around last levels. Others were fully firm to slightly dearer closely following quality with more withdrawals than last. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: A small weight of tea was on offer, which met with quite a good demand. Blenders were the mainstay of the market. However, it was evident that due to the upcoming weeklong Eid holidays, there was less participation from the loose tea buyers as a result of which withdrawal percentage was more this week.

Dusts sold well.

NEW SEASON 2026-2027:

Met with a selective demand at the following prices:

Balisera GBOP sold @ Tk.400/-, PF @ Tk. 300/- , RD/PD @ Tk. 315/-, D @ Tk. 364/- and CD @ Tk. 355/-

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	270 - 280	270 -285	Best	270-280	270-285	PD	238-302	245-278
Good	255-260	260-265	Good	255-260	260-265	RD	245-302	245-270
Medium	248-253	250-255	Medium	248-253	253-258	D	235-295	245-279
Plain	245-247	245-248	Plain	245-247	245-248	CD	235-314	245-276
BLF	245-255	240-260	BLF	245-255	240-260	BLF	235-255	245-253

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.10 of 09TH, 10TH & 11TH MARCH, 2026

There was fair general demand for the 168,295 packages (11,198,638.00 kilos) available in the market with 26.32% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS :

Orthodox Grades	- 2,800 packages (104,420.00 kilos)	- 72.86% unsold.
Leaf Grades	- 91,760 packages (6,063,127.00 kilos)	- 33.50% unsold.
Dust Grades	- 53,341 packages (3,989,903.00 kilos)	- 16.87% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 20,394 packages (1,041,188.00 kilos)	- 12.36% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : More irregular enquiry with some teas selectively advancing by up to USC18 while others were mostly discounted by up to USC33.

Brighter: More irregular interest and ranged between firm to USC9 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

Mediums: KTDA mediums saw irregular support varying between steady to USC6 dearer for select teas to easier by up to USC10. Plantation mediums were well competed for at firm to USC5 below previous levels.

Lower Medium: Select teas gained by up to USC5 while others mostly lost up to USC9.

Plainer: Firm to dearer by up to USC6 to USC1 below previous rates for the better types.

PF1:

Best : Shed by up to USC12.

Brighter : Irregularly easier by up to USC7 but select lines held about steady.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were irregularly discounted by up to USC12 while plantation mediums saw reduced activity and irregularly shed by to USC28.

Lower Medium : Were irregularly easier by up to USC10.

Plainer : Irregularly lost by up to USC10.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	245 - 452	294 - 336
Good	245 - 312	270 - 317
Good Medium	225 - 301	272 - 300
Medium (KTDA)	172 - 210	230 - 277
Medium (Plantations)	160 - 190	211 - 235
Lower Medium	143 - 175	146 - 222
Plainer	098 - 153	098 - 153

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:****Best:** Irregularly shed by up to USC17.**Brighter:** Discounted by up to USC19.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by to USC14 with plantation mediums irregular ranging between steady to USC2 above previous levels to easier by up to USC6.**Lower Medium:** Irregularly ranging between firm to USC12 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC6.**Plainer:** Were irregularly discounted by up to USC8.**DUST1:****Best:** Irregular at mostly easier levels ranging between USC14 below previous rates with some teas about steady to USC3 dearer.**Brighter:** Irregularly lost by up to USC18.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums shed by up to USC17 while plantation mediums were steady to irregularly dearer by up to USC11.**Lower Medium:** Were dearer by up to USC12 to easier by up to USC16.**Plainer:** Eased by up to USC7.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	290 - 332	275 - 364
Good	278- 311	267 - 306
Good Medium	235 - 298	240 - 288
Medium (KTDA)	200 - 246	190 - 255
Medium (Plantati ons)	194 - 217	171- 192
Lower Medium	140 - 198	139 - 168
Plainer	101 - 136	100 - 135

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** advanced with **PFs** steady. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** tended dearer while **similar DUSTs** held value. **Other Fannings** were about firm with **DUSTs** selling at previous levels. **BMFs** were readily absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	260 - 340	242	162 - 241	125- 285	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	130- 175	120 - 198	-
Lower Medium	136 - 172	111 - 150	110 - 153	091 - 126	100 - 112
Plainer	093 - 138	086 - 134	088 - 125	084 - 111	086- 100



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 14TH MARCH, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand. All grades sold irregularly around last levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and well-made cleaner and blacker whole leaves were steady to dearer levels. Other whole leaves were irregularly lower around last. Primary brokenes were dearer depending on quality. Secondary brokenes and Fannings were barely steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold lower by Rs.2 to 3 and sometimes more. Medium and plainer sort bolder grades sold around last levels whilst the finer grades traded at an easier note by Rs.3 to 4 with some withdrawals.

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair.

Market : An irregular market and mostly an easier trend by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- on the major quantity that was traded. The Brighter liquoring teas however have traded firm to occasionally dearer along with the medium BP's, which also had a similar trend. As the sale progressed, there has been a sluggish demand, which has resulted in fair out lots.

The overall sale percentage was 74% at an average of Rs.111.79.

Buying Pattern: Fairly active operation was forthcoming from the Major Blenders and other Regional Packeteers whilst the Exporters were lending fair support as they were absorbing the BOPF's. Internal was very selective or rather subdued.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : The strong demand in the market did not reflected on the prices that were realized as it had witnessed generally an easier trend on the majorly traded quantity. However, a few lines of the premium and popular whole leaf grades have sold at fully firm to dearer levels.

The overall sale percentage was 93% at an average of Rs.153.91.

Buying Pattern: A strong export enquiry was noticed with the Internal lending fairly good support.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good.**Market :** Market had witnessed barely steady to easier trend by a Re to Rs.2/- on the major quantity that was traded. However the brighter liquoring teas have held their levels or moved up in prices sometimes.**The overall sale percentage was 84% at an average of Rs.130.22.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export operation was witnessed with the Internal lending fair support. M/s. Anjaneya enterprises (M/s. Devagiri Tea & Produce co) continued their support on the bright liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market:** Market generally was tending fully firm to dearer on the primary dust grades and moved up considerably on some of the popular marks. The Secondaries tended easier by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- whilst the Tertiaries were trading at fully firm to dearer levels by a Re to Rs.2/-.**The overall sale percentage was 82% at an average of Rs.154.25.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with the Internal lending equally good support.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/-. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/-.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf were firm. Well-made brokens were irregular and dearer. BOPF were dearer by Rs.5/- sometimes more.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- with some withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were firm with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Less demand.**Market :** Lower by Rs.3/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**March 18, 2026****-/tp**

TEA NEWS

Publication – Sunday Thamilan

Headline – 100th anniversary of the Ceylon Planters' Provident Society (CPPS)

Journalist – N/A

Summary - The Ceylon Planters' Provident Society (CPPS) celebrates its centenary on 10 March 2026, having evolved from a voluntary retirement savings scheme with 331 members to a legally mandated provident fund with over 1,700 members. Established in 1926 in Kandy, CPPS was initiated by the Haputale District Planters' Association to provide a secure retirement for Sri Lankan planters.

Publication – Sunday Observer

Headline – From Tea to Trees Why Sri Lanka's plantation sector must embrace nature

Journalist – N/A

Summary - For more than a century Sri Lanka's plantation sector has shaped the country's landscapes economy and international identity from the mist covered tea estates of the central highlands to the rubber growing regions of the wet zone. Plantations have long been symbols of productivity and export success and generations of Sri Lankans have depended on these landscapes for livelihoods. Sri Lanka's plantations are also globally renowned for producing some of the world's finest tea. Many estates lie close to internationally recognised biodiversity hotspots including the rainforests of the south western hills. Rivers that sustain agriculture and downstream communities often originate in plantation landscapes. Forest patches riparian corridors and shade trees within estates provide refuge for wildlife and help maintain ecological balance.

Publication – Daily Mirror

Headline – Sri Lanka's economic vulnerability to Middle East Conflict

Journalist – N/A

Summary - The Middle East specifically Iraq Iran and the UAE accounts for nearly 50 percent of Ceylon Tea exports and industry experts estimate a loss of 10 to 15 million dollars per week as shipping routes through the Red Sea and Hormuz become uninsurable. The barter mechanism with Iran, which settled 95 percent of Sri Lanka's oil debt through tea, is now effectively frozen. The government's inability to forecast this trade disruption leaves tea smallholders the backbone of the rural economy facing a total loss of

income. The article highlights the risk to Sri Lanka's foreign exchange pillars including tea exports amid the Middle East conflict. Shipping disruptions and trade interruptions are presented as a major threat to the tea sector. The situation is linked to wider economic pressures facing Sri Lanka if the conflict persists.

Publication - **The Morning**
Headline - **Sri Lanka's tea export market holds steady**
Journalist - **N/A**

Summary - Sri Lanka's tea export market is holding steady compared to the rest of the world with improved performance at last week's tea auctions. The Sri Lanka Tea Board stated that the performance at the local tea auction represented a turnaround compared to the previous week. Unsold quantities returned to normal levels of around 10 to 12 percent after previously surging beyond normal levels. Prices remained constant compared to the previous week and averaged at acceptable levels. Exporters to the Middle East identified alternate routes to transport tea consignments to destinations such as Iraq Jordan and Turkey. Certain tea varieties popular in the Middle Eastern region saw a dip in prices of around 100 rupees though prices stabilised with improved buying interest.
