

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 12

March 24 & 25, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.12 was held on March 24(Tue.)/25(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 5.5MKGS was on offer, which shows a slight increase when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.4MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.4MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8MKGS.

This week's Ex-Estate sale, met with fair general demand with buyers following quality very carefully. A few select best Western BOP's/BOPF's barely maintained last week's high prices with the greater majority of teas declining Rs.50-100/- per Kg and more. In the below best category, here too prices tended irregularly lower following quality whilst at the lower end prices declined by Rs.20-40/- Nuwara Eliya BOP's sold around last levels whilst their BOPF's were mostly unsold. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's declined Rs.20-40/-with some select invoices advancing upto Rs.100/- whilst their BOPF's declined upto Rs.50/-. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's sold around last levels whilst lower end teas were irregular and witnessed many withdrawals. Low grown select PF1's were firm whilst others declined Rs.20/- and more for poorer sorts. There were hardly any BP1's from all elevations. The limited selection of the better liquoring teas were sought after by shippers to Japan and the Continent whilst the rest were accounted for by shippers to Russia & CIS with some selective buying for the tea bag sector.

At Low Grown sale, whole leaf grades together with the semi leaf teas continued to meet with good demand and were quoted fully firm to dearer based on the last auction. The sustenance of prices was a good sign despite the conflict in the Middle East. However, Tippy teas of all categories did not maintain last levels and witnessed many withdrawals due to lack of suitable bids as the majority of the teas are destined to the Iran market. We are optimistic that once hostilities end, this particular market is expected to improve. Next week's Sale No.13 will be held on Monday 30th and Tuesday, 31st March 2026.

This week's auction comprised of **11,516** lots with a total quantity of **5,586,150** Kgs. *In Lighter Vein*

WHO IS THE GENIUS NOW?

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,126	750,635	A proud and confident genius makes a bet with an idiot. The genius says, "Hey idiot, every question I ask you that you don't know the answer, you have to give me \$5. And if you ask me a question and I can't answer yours, I will give you \$5,000."
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,636	651,672	
Low Grown Tippy	2,200	1,003,483	The idiot replies, "Okay." The genius then asks, "How many continents are there in the world?"
High & Medium	1,179	481,625	The idiot doesn't know and hands over the \$5. The idiot says, "Now my turn, what animal stands with two legs but sleeps with three?"
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,571	1,293,650	
Dust	605	517,498	The genius tries and searches very hard for the answer but gives up and hands over the \$5000.
Premium Flowery	334	43,168	The genius says, "Dang it, I lost. By the way, what was the answer to your question?"
Ex-Estate	<u>865</u>	<u>844,419</u>	The idiot hands over \$5.
Total	<u>11,516</u>	<u>5,586,150</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS**LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY**

BOP1 : Select best and best invoices appreciated, whilst the balance tended irregular.

OP1 : Teas in the select best category were firm, whilst the balance were dearer.

OP : Select best teas were irregular, whilst the balance were dearer.

OPA : Select best invoices held firm, whilst balance were dearer. However, the poorer sorts declined.

PEK/PEK1 : A few select best Pek's held firm, whilst the balance tended irregular. High priced Pek1's declined, whilst the balance were generally dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3100	2100-3650	1500-1750	1550-2000	1650-2300
	Last Week	1900-3300	2000-3500	1500-1800	1550-1950	1700-2500
BEST	This Week	1500-1950	1700-2050	1350-1450	1350-1500	1400-1600
	Last Week	1450-1850	1600-1950	1300-1450	1350-1500	1400-1650
BELOW BEST	This Week	1250-1450	1350-1650	1200-1300	1150-1300	1200-1350
	Last Week	1250-1400	1300-1550	1100-1250	1100-1300	1200-1350
SECONDARIES	This Week	1000-1200	1100-1300	900-1150	900-1100	1050-1150
	Last Week	1000-1200	1100-1250	900-1050	900-1050	1050-1150
POOR	This Week	800-950	650-1050	600-850	600-850	850-1000
	Last Week	800-950	650-1050	600-850	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 firm, 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. Others were irregular. FBOPF's in general were irregular.

FBOPFSP : In general lower market and remained unsold due to lack of suitable bids.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Overall a lower market with the exception for a few long leafier and tippy selected invoices.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1750-2250	1440-1900	2200-2600	1550-1700	2700-3300
	Last Week	1750-2300	1460-1900	2250-2950	1500-1650	2850-3300
BEST	This Week	1460-1650	1240-1400	1900-2150	1380-1500	2250-2550
	Last Week	1480-1650	1240-1400	1900-2150	1380-1460	2350-2650
BELOW BEST	This Week	1240-1420	1160-1340	1600-1800	1280-1360	1750-2000
	Last Week	1260-1440	1180-1360	1550-1800	1280-1360	1800-2000
SECONDARIES	This Week	1100-1200	900-1100	1280-1440	1120-1220	1380-1500
	Last Week	1120-1220	920-1100	1280-1440	1140-1260	1400-1550
POOR	This Week	860-1060	730-880	900-1180	860-1120	1000-1300
	Last Week	880-1080	740-900	890-1180	860-1120	1000-1340

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Well-made FBOP's maintained last levels, whilst the balance were irregular.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best FBOPF1's together with clean below best were firm, whilst the balance were irregular following quality.

PEK/PEK1 : A few select best PEK1's maintained, whilst the others were firm to irregularly 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- 2850	1300 -2350	1220 - 1850	1250 - 1720	720-850	750-900
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1200 - 1700	1200 - 1700	1100 - 1600	1150 - 1600	700 -850	700 -880
PEK/PEK1	1250 - 2100	1300 - 2100	1050 - 1320	1100 - 1350	720-1100	720-1140

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Fair general demand

BOP: Best Western's – A few select invoices barely maintained the previous week's price levels, whilst the others declined by Rs.50/- per kg and substantially more for last week's select high-priced teas. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were irregular following quality, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market declined by Rs.20/- per kg and more. Nuwara Eliya's sold around last week's levels. Uda Pussellawa's – Teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.20-40/-per kg, whilst the others gained by Rs.50-100/- per kg. Uva's – Select high-priced teas were substantially easier, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

BOPF : Best Western's- A few select invoices were dearer following special inquiry, whilst a greater majority declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market declined by a similar margin and more. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's – Teas in the higher price bracket declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others were firm and tended dearer. Uva's were up to Rs.50/- per kg easier all round.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1300 - 1600	1300 - 2250	1340 - 1750	1380 - 1550
Below Best Westerns	1120 - 1280	1140 - 1280	1260 - 1320	1300 - 1360
Plainer Westerns	1060 - 1100	1000 - 1120	1000 - 1240	1120 - 1280
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	1360 - 1380
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1140 - 1220	1180 - 1240	1160 - 1180	1200 - 1240
Other Uda Pussellawas	1040 - 1080	N/A	1040 - 1120	1020 - 1100
Best Uva's	1220 - 1280	1300 - 1380	1200 - 1240	1200 - 1260
Other Uva's	1120	1120 - 1200	890 - 920	1180

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Select Large Leaf teas continued to sell well at firm to dearer rates, whilst the others were barely steady.

BOPF : Well-made types declined by Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the other poorer sorts were irregular and barely steady.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	810 - 1800	800 - 1800	750-1240	780-1240

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Sold around last.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Better sorts were firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others at the lower end were irregular with heavy withdrawals.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - A few select invoices were firm, whilst the others declined by Rs.20/- per kg and more for the poorer sorts.

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	900 - 1200	920 - 1120
Medium	730 - 980	790 - 960	650 - 1120	640 - 1140
Low	800 - 1320	800 - 1340	710 - 1400	680 - 1340

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last. Best teas firm to lower Rs.10-20/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last, whilst others slightly lower. Select best BM's firm on last, others firm to dearer Rs.10/-per kg. Lower end teas firm on last.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best firm to easier by Rs.10-20/- per kg, 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)	880-1300	880-1250	660-740	660-740	660-740	660-750
Good Fannings (CTC)	650-670	650-670	620-660	620-660	620-660	570-830
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	620-670	620-670	600-650	600-650	600-650	580-660
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	710-820	710-820	700-830	700-830	700-830	920-980
Other BM's	550-660	550-650	520-680	520-680	500-690	500-680
Best BOP1As	740-800	740-800	790-860	790-860	850-1200	920-1100
Other BOP1As	630-660	630-660	630-690	630-690	650-710	630-710

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown select best types eased Rs.50-100/- and more at times, whilst their below best and secondary types maintained last levels. Mid grown showed a slight increase whilst the Low grown were firm on last levels.

PD : High Grown teas dropped Rs.30-50/-, whilst the mid grown were firm to little declined. Low Grown 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 Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	740 - 1600	730 - 1700	670 - 1180	660 - 1180	640 - 1400	600 - 1360
Good Primary PD (CTC)	800 - 1120	760 - 1160	780 - 1080	740 - 1060	800 - 1500	700 - 1460
Secondary Dust	600 - 1180	600 - 1240	570 - 1040	580 - 800	500 - 940	500 - 890

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1800/-
*Ancoombra	BOP	1700/-
Erin Super	BOPSP	1440/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1400/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1400/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1340/-
Harangalla	BOP1	1900/-
*Hatale	BOP1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	BOP1	1850/-
Craighead	FBOP	2850/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP1	960/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1700/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1700/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF1	1700/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Uplands	FBOPF1	1480/-
Cooroondoowatte	FBOPF1	1480/-
*Hatale	OP	1380/-
Harangalla	OPA	1340/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1340/-
Craighead	OP1	1850/-
Inguruwatte Super	PEKOE	2100/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2200/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somersset	BOP	1600/-
Somersset	BOPSP	1750/-
Somersset	BOPF	1750/-
Inverness	BOP1	1550/-
Venture	FBOP	1600/-
Inverness	FBOP1	1220/-
Frotoft Super	FBOPF1	1420/-
Glennloch	FBOPF1	1420/-
Glennloch	OP	1240/-
Inverness	OP	1240/-
Venture	OPA	1280/-
Inverness	OP1	1700/-
Bearwell	PEKOE	1550/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1880/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP	980/-
Kenmare	BOPF	1040/-
Lovers Leap	FBOPF1	1080/-
Court Lodge	OP	1000/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	900/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE1	1100/-

UVA MEDIUM

Demodera 'S'	BOP	1420/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1440/-
Pinnawela	BOPF	900/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPFSP	960/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1850/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1700/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOP1	1200/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF	890/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1650/-
Ambrosia Uva Tea	OP	1440/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA	1320/-
Misty Uva	OPA	1320/-
Tiniyoa	OPA	1320/-
Misty Uva	OP1	1650/-
Adawatte	PEKOE	1550/-
Pettiyagalla	PEKOE	1550/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1850/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1850/-
Misty Uva	PEKOE1	1850/-

UVA HIGH

Bandareliya	BOP	1280/-
Nayabedde	BOP	1280/-
Craig	BOPSP	1360/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1240/-
Ranaya	BOP1	1550/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP	1550/-
Uva Kellie	FBOP1	1040/-
Glenanore	FBOPF1	1400/-
Oodoowerre	FBOPF1	1400/-
Uva Highlands	FBOPF1	1400/-
Craig	FBOPF1	1400/-
Craig	OP	1380/-
Ampiittiyakande	OPA	1260/-
Craig	OP1	1550/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1550/-
Uva Highlands	OP1	1550/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1380/-
Oodoowerre	PEKOE1	1700/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Luckyland	BOP	1220/-
*Mooloya	BOP	1180/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	1220/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1180/-
Delmar	FBOP	1750/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1420/-
Delmar	OP	1180/-
Delmar	OPA	1200/-
Delmar	OP1	1600/-
Blairlmond	PEKOE1	1500/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Makandura	BOP1	3100/-
Pothotuwa	BOP1	3100/-
Kiruwanaaganga	OP1	3650/-
Berubeula	OP	1750/-
Miriiswatta	OPA	2000/-
*Green House	OPA	1700/-
Magedara	OPA	1700/-
Lions	OPA	1700/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2250/-
Lakvinka	PEKOE	2250/-
Liyonta	PEKOE1	2300/-
*Andaradennia S	PEKOE1	2250/-
Mulatiyana Hills	PEKOE1	2250/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*New Laksanada	BOP	2250/-
Thundola Ella	BOP	2000/-
*Anndaradeniya SBOP		1900/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2250/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	1850/-
Ayagama	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2600/-
Kiruwanaaganga	FBOP1	2200/-
New Deniyaya	FBOP1	2150/-
*Sithaka	FBOP1	2000/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	1600/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF1	1700/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1700/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Mulatiyana Hills	FBOPFSP	2700/-
New Sunils	FBOPFEXSP	3300/-
Belhawan	FBOPFEXSP1	3050/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC PF1 1200/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Aultmore CTC BP1 980/-

Strathdon CTC PF1 1120/-

Aultmore CTC BPS 820/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliya CTC BP1 1320/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1400/-

OFF GRADES

Suviska BP 1220/-

***Chandrika Est. BP 1200/-**

Berubeula BP 1200/-

Liyonta CTC PF 1040/-

Adams View BM 1140/-

***Wattahena FNGS 1040/-**

Renukanda FNGS 1000/-

***Wattahena FNGS 980/-**

Wanarajah FNGS1 1300/-

Chandrika Est. BOPIA 1280/-*BOPA**

Mulatiyana Hills BOPA 2150/-

Makandura BOPA 2000/-

Arbour Valley BOPA 2000/-

Kings Bru BOPA 2000/-

Lenama Hills BOPA 1950/-*Dust**

Bearwell DUST 1180/-

Strathspey DUST1 1600/-

Ceciliya CTC PD 1500/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.11 OF 18th MARCH, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,001.67	1,030.712	1,020.23	1,098.38	1,043.94
Western High Grown	1,213.68	1,224.95	1,204.44	1,170.68	1,157.32
High Grown	1,160.41	1,175.50	1,151.54	1,154.94	1,125.65
Uva Medium	1005.14	996.97	977.48	1,159.52	1,076.03
Western Medium	952.19	969.43	975.29	1,046.84	1,032.58
Medium Grown	964.83	976.00	975.94	1,072.71	1,045.51
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,213.76	1,192.00	1,227.48	1,265.04	1,272.51
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,195.78	1,173.53	1,210.80	1,254.99	1,259.83
Total	1,153.13	1,142.65	1,162.06	1,202.97	1,199.43

Private Sale Figures (12.03.2026 – 18.03.2026)

236,059.50

Cumulative

2,752,483.52

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 13

SALE NO: 14

Sale of 30th /31st Mar. '26

Sale of 07th /08th Apr. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,930	683,549	2,039	723,056
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,550	616,327	1,628	647,305
Low Grown Tippy	1,899	858,960	1,924	879,257
High & Medium	1,155	468,805	1,374	555,954
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,239	1,115,515	2,271	1,118,695
Dust	520	448,711	633	552,057
Premium Flowery	285	35,401	185	23,346
Ex-Estate	<u>829</u>	<u>788,625</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>745,039</u>
Total	<u>10,407</u>	<u>5,015,893</u>	<u>10,849</u>	<u>5,244,709</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.) April, 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.17 of 05th (Tue.)/06th (Wed.) May, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 09 April, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO. 13

AUCTION OF 30TH /31ST 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. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	1. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	1. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	2. Eastern Brokers PLC
3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	3. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
5. Eastern Brokers PLC	5. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. John Keells PLC	6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
7. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	7. Eastern Brokers PLC	7. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
8. John Keells PLC	8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	8. John Keells PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 17th – 23rd March, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions experienced bright weather and occasional showers during the week. Showers are expected in the afternoon hours in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Bright weather conditions were reported in both regions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects misty conditions during the early morning hours in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Grown

Bright weather and showers were reported in the Low Grown Region during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, misty conditions are expected in the Low Grown Regions in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

A decrease in the crop intake was reported from the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions, 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 12 - 25 MARCH, 2026

There was improved interest but selective at irregular rates following quality or the 6360 packages on offer.

BP1 were firm to 1USC easier on last

PF1 – Bright liquoring invoices moved up by 4USC on last, lesser sorts were discounted by 3USC where sold.

PD fetched 10USC below valuation where sold.

D1 sold up to 7USC dearer on last.

PF1SC were neglected.

Secondary fngs tended firm to 3USC dearer on last, respective dusts were not supported.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 22ND MARCH, 2026.

Useful rainfall continued throughout the week in Thyolo and Mulanje, total average rainfall were up to 114mm and 117mm respectively.

Green leaf intakes were steady, high.



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 21ST MARCH, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

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

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Selective high grown whole leaf grades and primary brokens sold at steady levels depending on quality and others tended to be easier by Rs.6 to 8 and at times more secondary brokens and fannings fetched steady levels over last.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and good liquoring sorts traded at an easier note by Rs.2 to 3. Medium and plainer sorts sold irregularly and lower by Rs.3 to 4 and sometimes more. However the plainer sort PD grades maintained last week levels

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair.

Market : Market was irregularly lower by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 3/-, however Fannings were ruling at firm to dearer levels.

The overall sale percentage was 77% at an average of Rs. 109.89.

Buying Pattern: Packeteers and Blenders were active with Internal lending fair support. Exporters were active on the bolder Brokens and Fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good

Market : Market was on an irregularly lower trend.

The overall sale percentage was 93% at an average of Rs. 156.68.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were active and Internal rendered fairly good support.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good.**Market :** High-priced teas have shown a sharp decline in prices ranging from Rs. 8/- to Rs. 15/-, sometimes more. Others were steady to easier by a Re.**The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs. 128.06.****Buying Pattern:** Exporters were active with fair support from the Internal buyers and Packeteers**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good.**Market:** Market was irregularly lower by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/-, sometimes more.**The overall sale percentage was 90% at an average of Rs. 139.26.****Buying Pattern:** Internal buyers were active, Exporters rendered fair support.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were barely steady to lower. Medium teas were irregular, however BOPF's were firm to dearer. Plainer teas were barely steady.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf were lower by Rs.5/- sometimes more. Well made brokens were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.7/-. BOPF 's were barely steady with few withdrawals**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 :** Fair demand..**Market :** Lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/-.**Buying Pattern :** Lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- .**March 25, 2026****-/ra.**

TEA NEWS

Publication – Daily Thamilan

Headline – Tea Exports Impacted by Middle East War

Journalist – N/A

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Summary - The ongoing conflict in the Middle East and Gulf region has severely affected Sri Lankan tea exports with a potential massive decline if the situation continues. Exporters are purchasing high quality tea at Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,100 per kilogram while other varieties are bought at Rs. 800 to Rs. 970. A shortage of raw tea leaves has reduced factory processing capacity by around 50% leading to the closure of nearly 200 tea factories. Annual tea exports of 250,000 metric tons have dropped by about 125,000 metric tons. The downturn is causing a monthly revenue loss of approximately 200 million US dollars. A prolonged drought has further impacted tea leaf production alongside the conflict.

Publication – Economy Next

Headline – Sri Lanka’s tourism, tea, textile shares suffer after Gulf escalation

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Gulf countries are the top buyers of Sri Lanka’s branded Ceylon Tea with Iraq leading the way with 23.3 percent as per 2025 data. In Sri Lanka’s weekly tea auction the price fell 4.3 percent and the volume declined 13.2 percent in the first week after the attack. The Tea Exporters Association estimates a weekly revenue loss of 10 to 15 million US dollars. Akbar Brothers stated that while they can still buy and process tea they are unable to ship it leading to warehouses being occupied with packed cargo. This particularly impacts the high value low grown tea favoured by Middle Eastern and Russian markets. In the agribusiness sector Sunshine Holdings PLC is benefiting from higher global palm oil prices which have risen 12 percent since the start of the war and this offsets some of the losses made in tea trade through Watawala Tea and Zesta.

Publication – Sunday Times

Headline – Why the Israel–Iran conflict matters to Sri Lanka’s trade

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Key export industries such as tea rubber products and coconut based exports depend on efficient maritime connectivity to reach international markets. If global shipping capacity tightens or freight rates surge exporters may face increased logistics costs and longer transit times. Disruptions to maritime transport could erode profit margins in competitive markets. Rising oil prices could increase transportation costs and electricity generation expenses creating broader economic pressure. The conflict could affect shipping routes forcing vessels onto longer routes increasing costs and delivery time. The situation reflects risks to trade flows and export sectors including tea and rubber due to global shipping and energy disruptions.