

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 13

March 30 & 31, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.13 was held on March 30(Mon.)/31(Tue), 2026. A total weight of 5.0MKGS 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 2.1MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.4MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.7MKGS.

Demand at the Ex Estate sale held today met with good demand but at irregular levels. A few select best Western BOP's were firm upto Rs.50/- dearer whilst their corresponding BOPF's declined by Rs.50/- and at times further. In the below best category, cleaner teas were firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer whilst others tended irregular. Plainer varieties were firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer. The majority of the Nuwara Eliya's on offer remained unsold. Uva/Udapussllawa cleaner BOP's were firm to Rs.50/- kg dearer whilst others were easier. Their corresponding neat leaf BOPF's gained Rs.20-40/- whilst others were irregular and lower by a similar margin. CTC Teas- High & Medium PF1's sold around last levels with the exception of lower end teas which were irregular and witnessed many withdrawals. There were hardly any High and Medium BP1's on offer whilst Low grows sold around last levels. There was marginal improved demand for the limited availability of the better liquoring teas from shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa whilst the balance were sought after by Shippers to Russia, CIS with some interest from the tea bag sector.

Leafy grades together with the semi leaf teas continued to meet with good demand and were a firm to a dearer market. Tippy teas met with improved demand this week despite the conflict which was a welcome sign. The majority of the exporters were active this week with shippers to the Middle East in particular showing renewed interest.

This week's auction comprised of **10,407** lots with a ***In Lighter Vein*** total quantity of **5,015,893** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
			<u>TAKE YOUR KID TO WORK DAY</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,930	683,549	
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,550	616,327	An 8 year old girl went to the office with her father on 'Take your kid to work Day'.
Low Grown Tippy	1,899	858,960	As they walked round the office she started crying and getting cranky.
High & Medium	1,155	468,805	Her father asked what was wrong.
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,239	1,115,515	As the staff gathered round she sobbed loudly, "Daddy, where are all the clowns you said you worked with?"
Dust	520	448,711	
Premium Flowery	285	35,401	
Ex-Estate	829	788,625	
Total	<u>10,407</u>	<u>5,015,893</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : A few select best invoices firm, whilst the balance tended irregular.

OP1 : Teas in the select best and best categories declined, whilst balance tended irregular.

OP : Select best invoices held firm, whilst the balance were generally lower.

OPA : A few selected OPA's appreciated, whilst balance tended irregular. Poorer sorts were declined.

PEK/PEK1 : Well made PEK's were generally lower, whilst the balance held firm. PEK1's too followed a similar trend.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3100	2100-3600	1450-1750	1500-2050	1600-2300
	Last Week	2000-3100	2100-3650	1500-1750	1550-2000	1650-2300
BEST	This Week	1500-1950	1650-2050	1300-1400	1300-1450	1400-1550
	Last Week	1500-1950	1700-2050	1350-1450	1350-1500	1400-1600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1250-1450	1300-1600	1150-1250	1150-1250	1200-1350
	Last Week	1250-1450	1350-1650	1200-1300	1150-1300	1200-1350
SECONDARIES	This Week	1000-1200	1100-1250	900-1100	900-1100	1000-1150
	Last Week	1000-1200	1100-1300	900-1150	900-1100	1050-1150
POOR	This Week	800-950	600-1050	600-650	600-850	850-950
	Last Week	800-950	650-1050	600-850	600-850	850-1000

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Select best teas were easier, whilst the others were firm.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : Select best and best teas were firm, whilst the balance remained the unchanged.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best FBOP's were easier by Rs.50/-, whilst best categories were firm on last. Cleaner below best and the teas at the lower end were firm. Bolder varieties were irregular. FBOP1's in general were firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Select best and best FBOPF1's were easier, whilst cleaner below best and poorer sorts were irregular.
- FBOPFSP** : Market showed a improved demand.
- FFEXSP/SP1** : Overall firm to dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1700-2100	1460-1950	2200-2550	1550-1850	3550-4300
	Last Week	1750-2250	1440-1900	2200-2600	1550-1700	2700-3300
BEST	This Week	1440-1600	1240-1420	1850-2100	1380-1460	2250-3000
	Last Week	1460-1650	1240-1400	1900-2150	1380-1500	2250-2550
BELOW BEST	This Week	1240-1420	1160-1340	1550-1800	1250-1340	1850-2300
	Last Week	1240-1420	1160-1340	1600-1800	1280-1360	1750-2000
SECONDARIES	This Week	1100-1200	880-1080	1260-1420	1080-1200	1400-1650
	Last Week	1100-1200	900-1100	1280-1440	1120-1220	1380-1500
POOR	This Week	850-1040	730-860	880-1160	880-1060	1000-1360
	Last Week	860-1060	730-880	900-1180	860-1120	1000-1300

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best FBOP's declined Rs.100-150/- and more, whilst the others were irregularly lower.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best and below best FBOPF1's were firm to easier, whilst the poorer sorts eased by Rs.30-60/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best and best PEK/PEK1's were irregularly firm, whilst the poorer sorts declined.

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	1200- 1800	1300- 2850	1160 - 1650	1220 - 1850	700-800	750-900
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1150 - 1650	1200 - 1700	1000 - 1450	1100 - 1600	700 -860	700 -880
PEK/PEK1	1200 - 2000	1250 - 2100	950 - 1250	1050 - 1320	740-1100	720-1140

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

MARKET : Fair general demand

BOP: Best Western's – A few select invoices were firm and up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer, whilst the others declined by a similar margin often following quality. In the Below Best category, select invoices in the higher price bracket gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Plainer sorts gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more for the clean leaf teas. Uva's were firm to marginally easier.

BOPF : Best Western's- Declined by up to Rs.50/ per kg. In the Below Best category, select invoices were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and easier by a similar margin. At the lower end of the market, cleaner teas which commenced barely steady, gained by Rs.20/- per kg and more for select invoices. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's – Clean neat leaf invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular and lower by a similar margin and more. Uva's were 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>
Best Westerns	1340 - 1500	1300 - 1600	1340 - 1460	1340 - 1750
Below Best Westerns	1160 - 1320	1120 - 1280	1240 - 1320	1260 - 1320
Plainer Westerns	1080 - 1140	1060 - 1100	1120 - 1220	1000 - 1240
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1160 - 1180	1140 - 1220	1200 - 1220	1160 - 1180
Other Uda Pussellawas	1060 - 1120	1040 - 1080	1000 - 1180	1040 - 1120
Best Uva's	1220 - 1260	1220 - 1280	1220 - 1280	1200 - 1240
Other Uva's	1160 - 1180	1120	1140 - 1200	890 - 920

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

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

BOPF : Well-made types were firm and Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer, whilst the other poorer sorts were irregular and easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	780 - 1000	800 - 1800	750-1360	750-1240

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Sold around last levels.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Better teas were generally firm, whilst the others at the lower end were irregular with many withdrawals.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Sold at last levels.

PF1 - Declined by Rs.20/- per kg and more.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	N/A	900 - 1200	900 - 1200
Medium	700 - 710	730 - 980	640 - 1100	650 - 1120
Low	1320 - 1340	800 - 1320	610 - 1400	710 - 1400

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to lower by Rs.50-75/- Best teas firm to easier Rs.20-40/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm to easier Rs.20-40/-, whilst others slightly lower. Select best BM's advanced Rs.20-30/-, others firm to dearer Rs.20/-per kg. Lower end teas firm to lower Rs.10-30/-.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best firm on 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)	880-1200	880-1300	620-710	660-740	640-720	660-740
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-670	650-670	580-660	620-660	620-660	620-660
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	580-670	620-670	580-650	600-650	580-650	600-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	720-830	710-820	720-830	700-830	750-880	700-830
Other BM's	530-660	550-660	510-670	520-680	500-670	500-690
Best BOP1As	740-800	740-800	790-860	790-860	880-1200	850-1200
Other BOP1As	630-680	630-660	680-700	630-690	650-720	650-710

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's eased Rs.30-50/-, whilst the secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid grown teas showed a further declined when compared to previous sale. Except for a few select Low grows; all other declined Rs.50-70/-.

PD : High Grown teas maintained, whilst Mid grows shows a declined in previous. Low grown declined Rs.50-100/-.

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)	760 - 1650	740 - 1600	700 - 1180	670 - 1180	670 - 1120	640 - 1400
Good Primary PD (CTC)	820 - 1140	800 - 1120	800 - 1060	780 - 1080	820 - 1340	800 - 1500
Secondary Dust	600 - 1080	600 - 1180	620 - 740	570 - 1040	580 - 960	500 - 940

WESTERN MEDIUM

Kenilworth	BOP	1650/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1550/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1460/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1420/-
*Ancoombra	BOPF	1360/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1260/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1320/-
*Uplands	BOPFSP	1300/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1800/-
New Rothschild	BOP1	1600/-
*Orange Field	BOP1	1550/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	1800/-
*Hatale	FBOP	1800/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1480/-
Greenwood	FBOPF	1000/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Galgewatta	OP	1360/-
*Hatale	OPA	1320/-
Harangalla	OPA	1320/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1320/-
*Ingurugala	OPA	1300/-
Randenigala Super	OPA	1300/-
*Hatale	OPA	1280/-
Uplands	OPA	1280/-
*Hatale	OP1	1800/-
Harangalla	OP1	1800/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1460/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE	1440/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE	1440/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE	1440/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	2000/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1850/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-
Doombagastalawa	PEKOE1	1850/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1800/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1800/-
*Ingurugala	PEKOE1	1800/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1800/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP	1500/-
Somerset	BOPSP	1500/-
Holyrood	BOPSP	1500/-
Bearwell	BOPF	1460/-
Frotoft Super	BOP1	1550/-
Frotoft Super	FBOP	1380/-
Inverness	FBOP1	850/-
Frotoft Super	FBOPF1	1420/-
Inveress	FBOPF1	1420/-
Venture	OP	1300/-
Venture	OPA	1240/-
Venture	OP1	1500/-
Ingestre	PEKOE	1550/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1650/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP	820/-
Kenmare	BOPF	920/-
Court Lodge	FBOP	740/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	920/-

UVA MEDIUM

Tinioya	BOP	1380/-
Pettiyagalla	BOP	1380/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1420/-
El Teb	BOPF	1220/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1460/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1850/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1700/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOP1	1280/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1200/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1550/-
Misty Uva	OP	1440/-
High Spring	OP	1440/-
High Spring	OPA	1320/-
Misty Uva	OPA	1320/-
Aruna Passara	OPA	1320/-
Pettiagalla	OPA	1320/-
Hindagala	OP1	1650/-
Telbedde	OP1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE	1650/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1850/-

UVA HIGH

Bandareliya	BOP	1260/-
Nayabedde	BOP	1260/-
Craig	BOPSP	1400/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1280/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1340/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1600/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1650/-
*Battawatte	FBOP1	1180/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1460/-
Aislaby	OP	1360/-
Uva Highlands	OPA	1260/-
Craig	OP1	1600/-
Uva Highlands	OP1	1600/-
Aislaby	PEKOE	1380/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1380/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1750/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Kirklees	BOP	1180/-
Luckyland	BOP	1180/-
*Mooloya	BOP	1160/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1180/-
*Mooloya	BOPSP	1160/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1220/-
Kirklees	BOPF	1220/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1200/-
Maha Uva	FBOP	1440/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF	800/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1420/-
Maha Uva	OP	1440/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1320/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1550/-
Delmar	OP1	1550/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1380/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3100/-
Susantha	OP1	3600/-
Lucky Dais	OP	1750/-
Miriswatta	OP	1750/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2050/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2300/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2200/-
Nawalakanda S	PEKOE1	2200/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2200/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2150/-
Aruna	PEKOE1	2150/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	PEKOE1	2150/-
Lanka	PEKOE1	2150/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2100/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	2050/-
*New Laksakanda	BOP	1950/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1950/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1850/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1950/-
Parakaduwa Super	BOPF	1850/-
*Karawita	BOPF	1650/-
H P P Tea	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2550/-
*Wattahena	FBOP1	2150/-
Dullie Ella	FBOP1	2150/-
Danawala	FBOPF	1550/-
Ceyenta	FBOPF	1500/-
*Derangala	FBOPF	1460/-
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	1850/-
Gunawardana	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1550/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Koppakanda	FBOPFSP	4300/-
Richiland	FBOPFSP	4000/-
*Andaradeniya S	FBOPFSP	3650/-
Rathmalgoda S	FBOPFEXSP	4200/-
*Ganganee	FBOPFEXSP1	3500/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC PF1 1200/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Donside CTC BP1 710/-

Strathdon CTC PF1 1100/-

Delta CTC PF1 1100/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliya CTC BP1 1340/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1400/-

OFF GRADES

Adams View BP 1260/-

Kothmale Hiils BP 1200/-**Hidellana BP 1160/-**

Liyonta CTC PF 1060/-

Chandrika Est. PF 1000/-**Chandrika Est. PF 870/-*****Avisawella BM 1100/-**

Suduwelipothahena BM 1100/-

Falcon Lanka FNGS 980/-

Labookellie FNGS1 1200/-

Adisham FNGS1 1200/-

Craigie Lea FNGS1 1200/-

Holyrood FNGS1 1200/-

Magedara BOP1A 1300/-

BOPA

Kings Bru BOPA 2050/-

Selna BOPA 1950/-*Dust**

Clydesdale DUST 1080/-

Kaipoogalla DUST 1080/-

Mattakelle DUST1 1650/-

Ceciliya CTC PD 1340/-

WESTERN MEDIUM***Rothschild CTC PD 1060/-****LOW GROWN*****Wattahena PD 960/-**

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.12 OF 25th MARCH, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	997.85	1,028.73	1,018.68	1,128.43	1,049.96
Western High Grown	1,183.29	1,217.42	1,202.68	1,133.99	1,155.56
High Grown	1,137.12	1,170.38	1,150.40	1,132.50	1,126.15
Uva Medium	975.38	993.16	977.35	1,170.68	1,083.19
Western Medium	976.77	970.97	975.41	1,054.84	1,034.41
Medium Grown	976.44	976.17	975.98	1,087.14	1,048.85
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,227.83	1,202.01	1,227.51	1,275.55	1,272.73
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,214.71	1,183.20	1,211.15	1,258.93	1,259.77
Total	1,167.11	1,148.43	1,162.48	1,204.66	1,199.82

Private Sale Figures (19.03.2026 – 25.03.2026)

233,367.50

Cumulative

2,985,851.02

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 14

SALE NO: 15

Sale of 07th /08th Apr. '26

Sale of 21st /22nd Apr. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,039	723,056	2,012	713,585
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,628	647,305	1,523	593,648
Low Grown Tippy	1,924	879,257	1,961	887,081
High & Medium	1,374	555,954	1,561	660,767
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,271	1,118,695	2,299	1,145,083
Dust	633	552,057	664	577,517
Premium Flowery	185	23,346	213	2,700
Ex-Estate	<u>795</u>	<u>745,039</u>	848	787,903
Total	<u>10,849</u>	<u>5,244,709</u>	<u>11,081</u>	<u>5,392,585</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.18 of 12th (Tue.)/13th (Wed.) May, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 23 April, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO. 14

AUCTION OF 07TH /08TH APRIL, 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. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	1. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	1. Eastern Brokers PLC
2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
4. Eastern Brokers PLC	4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. John Keells PLC	5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
7. John Keells PLC	7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	7. John Keells PLC
8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 24th – 30th March, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

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

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported sunny weather throughout the week. Misty conditions are expected during the early morning hours and dry weather throughout the day in the Uva Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region experienced bright weather during the week. Dry weather conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology

Crop Intake

All regions maintained the crop intake.

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

OTHER MARKETS

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.12 of 23RD 24TH & 25TH MARCH, 2026

There was fair general demand for the 160,738 packages (10,763,986.00 kilos) available in the market with 28.14% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS:

Orthodox Grades	- 3,420 packages (125,892.00 kilos) - 82.75% unsold.
Leaf Grades	- 81,080 packages (5,395,799.00 kilos) - 32.17.% unsold.
Dust Grades	- 57,420 packages (4,294,111.00 kilos) - 24.17% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 18,818 packages (948,184.00 kilos) - 12.97% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Were up to USC12 below last rates but some teas held steady to USC5 dearer.

Brighter: Met irregular interest ranging between firm to USC10 above previous levels to easier by up to USC14.

Mediums: KTDA mediums saw irregular support ranging between steady to USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC10 with plantation mediums discounted by up to USC15.

Lower Medium: Were easier by up to USC9.

Plainer: Shed by up to USC9.

PF1:

Best : Steady to USC12 dearer to irregularly easier by up to USC7.

Brighter : Irregularly shed by up to USC9.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were up to USC12 below previous rates but some teas held steady to USC4 dearer. Plantation mediums were firm to easier by up to USC10.

Lower Medium : Irregular ranging between steady to USC7 above last levels to easier by up to USC11.

Plainer : Better sorts saw improved enquiry gaining by up to USC12 with others irregular varying between USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC9.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	260 - 372	290 - 342
Good	245 - 320	275 - 312
Good Medium	225 - 296	260 - 299
Medium (KTDA)	170 - 209	245 - 276
Medium (Plantations)	160 - 170	195 - 224
Lower Medium	148 - 165	144 - 217
Plainer	090 - 168	086 - 156

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

- Best:** Some teas advanced by up to USC12 while others were irregular varying between USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC16.
- Brighter:** Shed by up to USC10.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums lost by up to USC11 with plantation mediums irregularly easier by up to USC8.
- Lower Medium:** Were steady to USC3 above last levels to USC4 below previous rates.
- Plainer:** Were firm to USC3 dearer to easier by USC6.

DUST1:

- Best:** Irregularly lost by up to USC12.
- Brighter:** Were easier by up to USC14.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw irregular enquiry ranging between USC9 above previous levels to easier by up to USC11 while plantation mediums generally shed by up to USC10.
- Lower Medium:** Firm to USC2 dearer.
- Plainer:** Mostly easier by up to USC10 but some lines held steady to USC2 above previous levels.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	270 - 336	279 - 352
Good	260 - 305	255 - 282
Good Medium	225 - 280	255 - 272
Medium (KTDA)	190 - 227	175 - 250
Medium (Plantations)	182 - 218	170 - 200
Lower Medium	148 - 192	150 - 160
Plainer	100 - 139	095 - 136

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were irregular but on balance dearer with **PFs** steady. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** appreciated while **similar DUSTs** held value. **Other Fannings** sold at last levels with **DUSTs** irregularly firm but a few invoices gained. **BMFs** were readily absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	223 - 321	-	150 - 206	130 - 287	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	140 - 190	128 - 189	-
Lower Medium	124 - 172	112 - 148	100 - 150	086 - 133	094 - 110
Plainer	092 - 162	090 - 138	082 - 120	089 - 112	074 - 092



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 28TH 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 also tended easier.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and good liquoring sorts sold easier by Rs.3 to 5. Medium and plainer sorts also shared an easier trend by Rs.2 to 3.

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

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good

Market : Generally an easier trend with prices dropping by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- on the major quantity that was traded on the Mediums. The price drop was more noticed on the Brighter liquoring teas which has witnessed fair withdrawals as well. The sale had further witnessed withdrawals on the browner, flaky and fibrous teas.

The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs. 108.91.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good enquiry was forthcoming from the Major blenders followed by the Regional packeteers. The Internal was seen lending equally good support whilst the Export being subdued.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good

Market : The easier trend was witnessed on the orthodox leaf sale as well, as teas across all grades and categories were dropping in prices by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/- and more sometimes following quality. The price drop was more noticed on the Whole leaf grades.

The overall sale percentage was 86% at an average of Rs. 154.33.

Buying Pattern: Good export operation was noticed with fairly good Internal participation.

CTC DUST

Demand : Fairly good.

Market : Market generally tended easier by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- and further more on the brighter liquoring teas which had witnessed fair withdrawals as well. The sale witnessed a little sluggish demand towards the end.

The overall sale percentage was 82% at an average of Rs.125.11

Buying Pattern: The sale had witnessed an equal absorption by all quarters of the buyers. M/s. Anjaneya enterprises (Devagiri Tea produce co) continued their support on the brighter liquoring teas.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good.

Market: The primary dust grades were tending easier by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- and more on the high-priced popular marks. The Secondaries were irregular and mostly at dearer levels. The Tertiaries also witnessed a similar trend.

The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs.130.69.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export participation with fair Internal operation witnessed.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Fair general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were firm. Medium teas were lower by Rs.3/- 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 lower by Rs.6/- to Rs.10/-. Medium broken were lower by Rs.8/- to Rs.10/- sometimes more with few withdrawals. BOPF 's were steady.

Buying Pattern : All sections were active.

CTC DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Rs.4/- sometimes more. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/- sometimes more with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were steady.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Firm to dearer.

Buying Pattern : All were selective

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TEA NEWS

Kenya Tea Exports Hit by Middle East Conflict, Losses Reach Sh3.1 Billion

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Kenya's tea sector is facing mounting losses estimated at Ksh3.1 billion following disruptions in key export routes linked to the ongoing conflict between Iran and the United States.

Exporters say the crisis has significantly affected shipments to the Middle East one of Kenya's largest tea markets triggering supply chain bottlenecks and slowing trade flows.

According to the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) managing director George Omuga the country typically exports about two million kilograms of tea to the Middle East every week.

However, the current geopolitical tensions have disrupted shipping routes, particularly through the Port of Salalah, a key logistics hub for the region.

As a result, between six and eight million kilograms of tea are currently stranded at the Port of Mombasa and in warehouses, awaiting clearance and shipment.

“About 65 percent of tea exports have been affected due to disruption of shipping routes in the Middle East, leading to significant losses in the sector,” said Omuga.

Industry stakeholders estimate that the value of tea exports lost over the past three weeks stands at approximately \$24 million equivalent to Ksh3.1 billion.

The Middle East remains a critical destination for Kenyan tea, with Iran and Pakistan ranking among the leading buyers. Exporters warn that prolonged instability in the region could further erode earnings and destabilize the sector, which is a major foreign exchange earner for the country.

The MD spoke in Mombasa during a stakeholders’ meeting convened by the Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) where industry players called for urgent interventions to cushion exporters from escalating losses.

Analysts now caution that continued disruption could have ripple effects across the broader economy, particularly affecting smallholder farmers, logistics firms, and foreign exchange inflows tied to tea exports.

Mideast war leaves 6,000 tonnes of tea stuck at Kenya port

Nairobi (AFP) – Between 6,000 and 8,000 tonnes of tea, worth around \$24 million, is stuck at Kenya's port of Mombasa because of the war in the Middle East, trade officials said Friday.



Around 65 percent of the east African tea market has been affected by the war in the Middle East © Patrick Meinhardt / AFP/File

The East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) manages auctions at the port city, which serves as a global marketplace where hundreds of thousands of tonnes of tea from the region are sold every year.

Around 65 percent of the east African tea market has been affected by the war that began on February 28 when the United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran, EATTA director George Omuga said.

As a result, "six to eight million kilos" are stuck in Mombasa, he told AFP.

"So that's an average of \$24 million worth of tea at the port," he added.

The tea has been sold to customers but cannot be shipped, mainly to the Middle East, which accounts for about 20 percent of the market, he estimates.

Shipments to Pakistan, which makes up 40 percent of the market, have also been disrupted by a surge in transport costs because of changes in shipping routes and higher insurance premiums.

Tea sales, meanwhile, have fallen by nearly 20 percent in recent weeks because of the war, resulting in lost revenue of \$8 million per week.

Kenyan meat and horticulture are also feeling the impact of the conflict, suffering losses amounting to millions of dollars every week.

During the first three weeks of March, only five percent of the 150 to 200 tonnes of daily meat exports were delivered, most of which were destined for the Middle East, according to Nicholas Ngahu, CEO of the Kenya Meat and Livestock Exporters Industry Council (KEMLEIC).

The Middle East also accounts for between 10 and 15 percent of Kenya's flower exports, and serves as a major transit point, particularly for shipments to Europe.

The disruption is troublesome for Kenya, which is also dependent on fuel imports.

Pump prices remained unchanged in March, but traders are worried about the consequences of a possible surge.

Vivo Energy Kenya, which operates Shell service stations in the east African country, on Thursday reported "temporary stock-outs at some service stations", attributed to a rise in demand.

The firm said it is "working continuously to replenish affected sites as quickly as possible", without providing further details.

Thousands of independent service stations are facing supply shortfalls as "panic buying is driving demand", John Njogu, CEO of the Petroleum Outlets Association of Kenya, told AFP.

But unlike neighboring Ethiopia, long queues have not yet formed at Kenyan petrol stations.

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Twinnings Tea: A Legacy of Premium Blends in the Evolving Global Tea Market

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Twinnings Tea remains a cornerstone of premium tea offerings, with its classic black tea variety packs and chamomile blends appealing to North American consumers seeking quality and tradition amid rising demand for premiumization.

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Twinnings Tea stands as one of the most recognized names in premium tea, offering variety packs of classic black teas and pure chamomile blends that cater to discerning palates worldwide, including North American markets where consumer interest in high-quality, individually wrapped teas continues to grow steadily.

Current Context for Twinnings Tea Products

Twinnings Tea products, such as the Black Tea Variety Pack with assorted flavors in 20-bag boxes, highlight the brand's commitment to master blending traditions. These packs feature delicious classic black tea offerings, emphasizing possibility in every cup as per the brand's philosophy.

In North America, Twinnings appeals to consumers valuing freshness and variety, with individually wrapped bags ensuring quality preservation. Amid broader tea market trends, including premiumization, Twinnings maintains a strong position without recent disruptive developments reported.

Twinnings Tea Portfolio and Product Highlights

The Black Tea Variety Pack stands out, offering an assortment of flavors from Twinnings' master blenders. Each 20-bag box delivers classic black tea experiences designed for everyday enjoyment.

Pure Chamomile tea bags, available in 100 individually wrapped packs, cater to wellness-focused consumers seeking calming herbal options. These products underscore Twinnings' focus on freshness and convenience.

Twinnings positions its teas as more than beverages; they represent a tradition of quality blending passed down through generations. This approach resonates in competitive markets where brand heritage drives loyalty.

Market Dynamics in Premium Tea

The global tea sector sees growth in premium segments, with packaging innovations supporting e-commerce and premiumization trends entering 2026. While not directly tied to

Twinnings, these dynamics benefit established brands like it by expanding distribution channels.

North American consumers increasingly favor premium teas over commodity grades, driven by health awareness and taste preferences. Twinnings' variety packs fit this shift, offering accessible luxury.

Competition includes both legacy players and new entrants, but Twinnings' consistent quality helps it retain shelf space in major retailers across the U.S. and Canada.

Strategic Role Within Associated Brands

Twinnings operates under Associated British Foods plc (ISIN: GB0006731235), a diversified group with interests in food, ingredients, and retail. The tea division contributes to the company's portfolio of consumer-facing products.

This structure allows Twinnings to leverage group resources for global reach while maintaining brand independence. North American investors note the stability this brings to product consistency.

Strategic emphasis remains on innovation within tradition, such as enhanced packaging for freshness, aligning with market demands without overhauling core offerings.

Consumer Appeal and Regional Relevance

In North America, Twinnings Tea gains traction through its availability in grocery chains and online platforms. Variety packs appeal to households exploring flavors without large commitments.

Chamomile and black tea options support trends in relaxation and daily rituals. The brand's English heritage adds allure, differentiating it from local or Asian competitors.

Commercial relevance lies in steady demand for reliable premium products, providing resilience against economic fluctuations affecting discretionary spends.

Risks and Future Considerations

Tea markets face challenges from supply chain volatility and shifting consumer preferences toward alternatives like coffee or functional beverages. Twinnings mitigates this through diversification within its blends.

Sustainability concerns, including ethical sourcing, represent ongoing focus areas for premium brands. Investors monitor how well Twinnings addresses these to sustain long-term appeal.

Open questions include adaptation to e-commerce growth and packaging evolution, areas where industry-wide advancements could bolster positions.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Middle East crisis weighs on March exports

Journalist – N/A

Summary - The Middle East accounts for around 8 percent of Sri Lanka’s total exports and Sri Lanka exported goods worth 1.08 billion dollars to the region in 2025. Ceylon Tea accounted for more than half of shipments to the region highlighting the sector’s vulnerability to regional instability. Exporters faced

severe challenges from higher freight and insurance costs delays and raw material constraints although operations have resumed at a slower pace. Export growth is expected to decline in March as geopolitical tensions continue to disrupt trade flows and logistics. Efforts are underway to diversify export markets and products to reduce the impact on export performance.
