

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 15

April 21 & 22, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.15 was held on April 21(Tue.)/22(Wed), 2026. A total weight of 5.3MKGS was on offer, which shows an increase when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.2MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.7MKGS.

There was good demand prevalent at this weeks Ex- Estate sale after the New year vacation. Select best Western BOP's/BOPF's were firm to Rs.50/- dearer and more following quality. Below best BOP's in the high price bracket of last week declined by Rs.50/- whilst others together with the plainer sorts gained Rs.50/- . Their corresponding BOPF's in the below best and lower category were firm to Rs.20/-/-40/- dearer with some select invoices gaining further. Select Nuwara Eliya BOP's sold well following quality but all others together with their BOPF's were mostly neglected and remained unsold. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's were Rs.25-40/- dearer whilst their corresponding BOPF's appreciated by Rs.20-40/-. CTC Teas- High & Medium PF1's were fully firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer. Whilst Low grown PF1's were fully firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer. There were hardly any BP1's on offer. There was good demand from shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa for the better liquoring teas whilst the balance were sought after by shipper to Russia, CIS and China along with the Tea bag sector.

Low Grown teas met with good demand despite the uncertainty in the Middle East. In the Leafy category, well made whole leaf grades such as BOP1/OP1/OP/OPA maintained fully firm levels whilst Pekoes too in general appreciated. In the Small leaf category, hereto good demand prevailed with the majority of the teas gaining in value whilst Bright Tippy teas too maintained last levels. Traditional buyers were active for most of the grades.

This week's auction comprised of **11,081** lots with a total quantity of **5,392,585** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

Quick Thinking Smith

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,012	713,585
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,523	593,648
Low Grown Tippy	1,961	887,081
High & Medium	1,561	660,767
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,299	1,145,083
Dust	664	577,517
Premium Flowery	213	2 7,001
Ex-Estate	<u>848</u>	787,903
Total	<u>11,081</u>	<u>5,392,585</u>

Smith was always tired. After a while, he became known in the office for dozing off at his desk, sometimes even several times a day. Granted, he had a good reason. His wife had just had twins and he *didn't* get much sleep at home. But his boss was having none of it. He told Smith that if he was caught sleeping on the job one more time, he would be fired.

That same week, the boss decided to make a surprise visit at Smith's desk, to see if the situation had improved. You can imagine what happened next, he found Smith asleep.

But Smith was a quick thinker. He woke up just in time, remained in his position and calmly delivered the following line that saved his job: "... and I especially thank you for my excellent boss. Amen."

LOW GROWN TEAS**LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY**

- BOP1** : Select best invoices held firm, whilst the balance were dearer.
- OP1** : Teas in the select best category tended irregular, whilst balance together with the bolder varieties appreciated.
- OP** : Best OP's maintained, whilst the balance were dearer.
- OPA** : Select best teas were firm, whilst balance were dearer.
- PEK/PEK1** : Well made PEK/PEK1 were firm, whilst balance were appreciated. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3050	2200-3500	1500-1750	1500-2150	1600-2450
	Last Week	1900-3050	2100-3500	1450-1700	1500-1900	1550-2450
BEST	This Week	1500-1850	1700-2150	1350-1450	1350-1500	1450-1550
	Last Week	1450-1850	1650-2050	1300-1400	1300-1450	1400-1500
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1450	1400-1650	1150-1300	1200-1300	1300-1400
	Last Week	1250-1400	1350-1600	1100-1250	1150-1250	1200-1350
SECONDARIES	This Week	1100-1250	1200-1350	950-1100	950-1150	1100-1250
	Last Week	1000-1200	1150-1300	900-1050	900-1100	1000-1150
POOR	This Week	900-1050	700-1150	700-900	700-900	800-1050
	Last Week	800-950	600-1100	650-850	650-850	800-950

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Select best categories were easier, whilst the others sold around last levels.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : In general dearer market.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best, best type FBOP's were firm to dearer with the cleaner below best and bolder types were dearer. FBOP1's in general were firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Select best together cleaner below best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer whilst balance sold around last levels. FBOPF's in general lower.
- FBOPFSP** : Well made very tippy teas were firm whilst the best and below best categories were firm to easier.
- FFEXSP/SP1** : Well made long tippy teas met with good demand, whilst others sold around last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1700-2000	1480-1950	2250-2650	1550-1850	3900-5350
	Last Week	1750-2250	1460-1950	2250-2850	1550-1950	3800-5550
BEST	This Week	1460-1600	1260-1440	1850-2150	1420-1500	2850-3350
	Last Week	1480-1650	1240-1420	1850-2150	1400-1480	2900-3400
BELOW BEST	This Week	1260-1420	1160-1340	1600-1800	1300-1400	1850-2550
	Last Week	1260-1440	1160-1340	1580-1800	1280-1380	1950-2550
SECONDARIES	This Week	1140-1220	900-1100	1300-1460	1140-1280	1600-1800
	Last Week	1140-1220	880-1060	1280-1440	1120-1240	1550-1750
POOR	This Week	840-1080	720-860	920-1200	920-1100	1120-1380
	Last Week	880-1100	720-840	900-1180	900-1080	1000-1420

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Well made FBOP's declined following quality, below best and cleaner bolder types were firm to dearer.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best FBOPF1's together with cleaner teas were firm to dearer, whilst the balance sold at last levels.

PEK/PEK1 : A few high priced PEK1 maintained last levels whilst the best varieties were 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	1200- 1800	1200- 1900	1100 - 1550	1150 - 1600	700-820	720-820
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1150 - 1750	1150 - 1750	1000 - 1400	1000 - 1420	700 -800	700 -800
PEK/PEK1	1180 - 1900	1180 - 1900	950 - 1220	950 - 1240	740-1050	740-1080

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Good general demand

BOP: Best Western's declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more following quality. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer. Plainer sorts gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more for select invoices. Nuwara Eliya's - Select invoices sold well following quality, whilst the others were neglected. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

BOPF : Best Western's - A few select invoices were firm and up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket where quality was maintained sold around last. The others together with teas at the lower end of the market were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer with select invoices appreciating further. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more for select invoices. Uva's - Better teas gained by Rs.20/- per kg, whilst the others appreciated by up to Rs.50/- per kg.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1340 - 1440	1360 - 1550	1360 - 1500	1320 - 1600
Below Best Westerns	1200 - 1320	1200 - 1340	1280 - 1340	1260 - 1300
Plainer Westerns	960 - 1180	1060 - 1180	1040 - 1260	1100 - 1240
Nuwara Eliyas	1440 - 1480	1400 - 1500	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1160 - 1180	1140 - 1200	1220 - 1280	1220 - 1260
Other Uda Pussellawas	1060 - 1140	980 - 1060	1120 - 1200	1000 - 1160
Best Uva's	1280 - 1300	1240 - 1280	1260 - 1300	1220 - 1300
Other Uva's	1140 - 1240	1140 - 1180	1180 - 1240	1140 - 1200

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas continued to sell well, whilst the others were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

BOPF : Well-made teas gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more, whilst the poorer sorts were barely steady and at times, neglected.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	830 - 1950	720 - 1850	700-1320	730-1280

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Firm.

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	870	N/A	900 - 1160	890 - 1140
Medium	770 - 980	700 - 750	670 - 1200	650 - 1180
Low	860 - 1360	750 - 1300	650 - 1400	700 - 1350

OFF GRADES

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

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best advanced Rs.25-50/-, whilst below best and lower end teas advanced Rs.20-40/-.

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)	850-1250	850-1240	620-750	620-710	640-780	640-720
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-650	620-650	580-660	580-660	620-660	620-660
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	580-670	580-670	580-650	580-650	580-670	580-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	730-850	720-840	730-850	720-840	780-930	780-950
Other BM's	530-690	530-680	530-640	530-590	500-730	500-710
Best BOP1As	750-820	740-800	790-890	790-860	880-1400	880-1200
Other BOP1As	650-720	630-680	650-730	680-700	650-750	650-720

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's were firm to dearer, whilst their secondaries and poorer types were too firm on last levels. Mid grown teas maintained last levels whilst the low grows were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : High Grown teas declined Rs.30-60/- whilst Mid grown teas were firm on last levels. Low grows were too firm to dearer.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	780 - 1750	760 - 1600	750 - 1300	730 - 1180	730 - 1420	670 - 1120
Good Primary PD (CTC)	820 - 1140	800 - 1200	820 - 1160	800 - 1140	830 - 1340	820 - 1340
Secondary Dust	680 - 1240	650 - 1160	640 - 940	630 - 750	620 - 920	580 - 960

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1950/-
*Hatale	BOP	1900/-
Windsoforest	BOPSP	1480/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1460/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1460/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1320/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1320/-
Craighead	BOPFSP	1400/-
*Harangalla	BOPFSP	1360/-
Harangalla	BOP1	2100/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	1800/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1440/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1420/-
*Harangalla	FBOP1	1400/-
Maussawa Valley	FBOPF	980/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Hatale	OP	1400/-
*Hatale	OPA	1380/-
Cooroondoowatte	OP1	1750/-
*Galgewatta	OP1	1650/-
Kenilworth	OP1	1650/-
*Ancoombra	OP1	1600/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	OP1	1600/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1650/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	PEKOE	1650/-
Mount Jean Super	PEKOE	1600/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1550/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1900/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-
Inguruwatte Sup.	PEKOE1	1850/-
Castlemilk	PEKOE1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1850/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP	1440/-
Norwood	BOP	1440/-
Wattogodde	BOP	1440/-
Holyrood	BOPSP	1500/-
Robgill	BOPF	1500/-
Inverness	BOP1	1850/-
Venture	FBOP	1850/-
Inveress	FBOPF1	1480/-
Venture	OP	1240/-
Venture	OPA	1320/-
Inverness	OP1	1500/-
Venture	OP1	1500/-
Somerset	PEKOE	1460/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1800/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Mahagastotte	BOP	1480/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	1200/-
Kenmare	BOP1	1460/-
Lovers Leap	FBOP	1100/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	940/-
Kenmare	OP	940/-

UVA MEDIUM

Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1700/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	1460/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1460/-
Aruna Passara	BOPF	1440/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1550/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	2250/-
Halpewatte Uva	FBOP	1650/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOP	1650/-
Haputale Super	FBOP1	1380/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1040/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1700/-
Telbedde	OP	1460/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA	1320/-
Cecilton	OPA	1320/-
Wewesse	OP1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE	1650/-
*Halpewatta Uva	PEKOE	1550/-
Wewesse	PEKOE	1550/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE	1550/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1900/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1360/-
Craig	BOPSP	1460/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1300/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1300/-
Kelliebedde	BOPF	1300/-
Pitarathmalie	BOPF	1300/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	960/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1700/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1550/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP	1550/-
Glenanore	FBOP	1550/-
Craig	FBOP1	1320/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP	1300/-
Mount Uva	OPA	1300/-
Ellathota Uva	OPA	1300/-
Craig	OP1	1600/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1600/-
Ranaya	OP1	1600/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1440/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1850/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Kirklees	BOP	1180/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1220/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1280/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1260/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1260/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1600/-
Maha Uva	FBOP	1480/-
Gonakelle	FBOP	1480/-
Delmar	FBOP	1480/-
Maha Uva	FBOP1	880/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF	920/-
Blairlmond	FBOPF	1460/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1460/-
Maha Uva	OP	1400/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1260/-
Blairlmond	OP1	1850/-
Blairlmond	PEKOE	1550/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Susantha	BOP1	3050/-
Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
*Makandura	BOP1	2850/-
Susantha	OP1	3500/-
Miriswatta	OP	1750/-
*Makandura	OP	1700/-
Liyonta	OPA	2150/-
Ceyenta	OPA	1800/-
*Green House	OPA	1750/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2450/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2300/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Galatara	BOP	2000/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1950/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	1900/-
Lellopitiya Super	BOPSP	1950/-
Kamarangapitiya	BOPSP	1900/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1900/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1850/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	1850/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	1950/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1800/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1700/-
Rathmalgoda Super	BOPFSP	1850/-
New Rekadahena	BOPFSP	1750/-
New Batuwangala	BOPFSP	1750/-
*Sithaka	BOPFSP	1550/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2650/-
Galatara	FBOP	2600/-
*Hidellana	FBOP	2500/-
Kiruwanganga	FBOP1	2450/-
*Wattahena	FBOP1	2200/-
Danawala	FBOPF	1600/-
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	1850/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Hedigalla	FBOPF1	1600/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Renukanda	FBOPFSP	5350/-
Magedara	FBOPFEXSP	4050/-
Kings Bru	FBOPFEXSP1	4700/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Frotoft CTC	BP1	870/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1160/-
*Frotoft CTC	PF1	1140/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Aultmore CTC	BP1	980/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1200/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	1080/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliya CTC	BP1	1360/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1400/-

OFF GRADES

Kothmale Hills	BP	1300/-
Adams View	BP	1260/-
*Chandrika Est.	BP	1220/-
*Laksakanda	BP	1220/-
Mihimuttu	BP	1220/-
Aislaby	BP	1220/-
Suviska	BP	1220/-
Dampahala	BP	1220/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF	1240/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1080/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	1000/-
Bogoda	BM	1200/-
Adams View	BM	1180/-
*Kurunduwatta	BM	1140/-
*Wattahena	FNGS	960/-
Falcon Lanka	FNGS	960/-
Wanarajah	FNGS1	1280/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1550/-
Chandrika Est.	BOP1A	1420/-
*Chandrika Est.	BOP1A	1400/-

BOPA

Makandura	BOPA	2150/-
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Dust

Wattegodde	DUST	1240/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1500/-
Ceciliya CTC	PD	1340/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PD	1340/-
Dellawa CTC	PD	1340/-

LOW GROWN

*New Nivithigala	DUST	940/-
*Wattahena	DUST	920/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.14 OF 08TH APRIL, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,073.34	1,088.40	1,025.38	1,076.89	1,057.85
Western High Grown	1,205.72	1,211.10	1,202.48	1,138.89	1,154.07
High Grown	1,169.77	1,176.75	1,152.88	1,118.45	1,126.66
Uva Medium	1,079.26	1,081.20	990.12	1,102.32	1,090.44
Western Medium	967.75	961.49	975.40	1,015.22	1,033.88
Medium Grown	1,000.45	995.19	979.66	1,043.87	1,050.97
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,248.65	1,248.65	1,229.69	1,228.17	1,268.14
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,228.39	1,214.86	1,212.69	1,215.74	1,254.89
Total	1,180.86	1,172.02	1,164.76	1,163.87	1,196.43

Private Sale Figures (01.04.2026 – 08.04.2026) 218,458.00

Cumulative 3,204,309.02

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 16

SALE NO: 17

Sale of 27th/28th Apr. '26

Sale of 05th/06th May. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,057	730,953	1,979	704,295
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,510	596,495	1,363	532,200
Low Grown Tippy	1,885	596,495	1,737	788,991
High & Medium	1,704	748,072	1,789	776,601
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,096	1,058,198	2,375	1,163,525
Dust	578	501,790	630	539,847
Premium Flowery	264	34,955	283	36,559
Ex-Estate	864	827,879	908	871,941
Total	<u>10,958</u>	<u>5,356,198</u>	<u>11,064</u>	<u>5,413,959</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.18 of 12th (Tue.)/13th (Wed.) May, 2026

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

Sale No.19 of 19th (Tue.)/20th (Wed.) May, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 30th April, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.20 of 25th (Mon.)/26th (Tue.) May, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 07th May, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.16

AUCTION OF 27TH /28TH APRIL, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

<u>Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy/Premium Flowery/ BOP1A/</u>	<u>High & Medium/ Off Grades/ Dust</u>	<u>Ex-Estate</u>
1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
2. John Keells PLC	2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	3. John Keells PLC	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	4. Eastern Brokers PLC	4. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	5. John Keells PLC
6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	7. Eastern Brokers PLC
8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

Crop & Weather

For the period 05th to 20th April, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Bright mornings and evening showers were reported in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain 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. Misty conditions are expected during the early morning hours 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. According to the Department of Meteorology, sporadic showers are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

All regions reported an increase in the crop intake.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2025	2026	Difference +/-	To-date 2025	To-date 2026	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Feb.	15.60	17.90	2.3	37.30	38.70	1.4
NORTH INDIA	Jan.	0.30	0.60	0.3	0.30	0.60	0.3
SOUTH INDIA	Jan.	5.30	5.20	-0.1	5.30	5.20	-0.1
NORTH INDIA	Feb.	10.78	4.11	-6.7	10.85	6.26	-4.6
SOUTH INDIA	Feb.	14.62	12.54	-2.1	31.70	24.89	-6.8

Country	Month	2024	2025	Difference +/-	To-date 2024	To-date 2025	Difference +/-
KENYA	Nov.	47.41	48.87	1.5	542.64	499.68	-43.0

“Africa Tea Brokers Bulletin of Statistics”

- OTHER MARKETS -

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 16 HELD ON 22 APRIL, 2026

There was fair demand at generally firm to dearer rates following quality for the 6640 packages on offer.

BP1 were firm to 7USC dearer.

PF1/PD tended firm where sold.

D1 held firm.

PF1SC sold 10USC below valuation where sold.

Secondary fngs sold at irregular rates where sold, respective dusts were taken out.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 19 APRIL, 2026.

It was generally dry with no rainfall reported in the tea planting districts of Thyolo and Mulanje.

Green leaf intakes were steady.

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.15 of 13TH & 14TH APRIL, 2026

Good general demand prevailed in the market for the 147,820 packages (10,056,979.00 kilos) on offer; 19.98% remained unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS :

Leaf Grades - 75,840 packages (5,034,614.00 kilos) – 24.95% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 56,720 packages (4,254,116.00 kilos) – 17.21% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 15,260 packages (768,249.00 kilos) – 5.64% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Irregular support varying between easier by up to USC44 with some teas firm to USC10 above previous levels

Brighter: Ranged between USC20 dearer for some teas while others were easier by up to USC10.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were steady to dearer by up to USC14 but few select invoices shed by up to USC5 while plantation mediums gained by up to USC10.

Lower Medium: Well sought after advancing by up to USC10 to easier by USC4 for some lines.

Plainer: Better categories were well competed for gaining up to USC9 with others were irregular varying between USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC15.

PF1:

Best : Steady to mostly easier by up to USC12.

Brighter : Irregularly shed by up to USC10

Mediums : KTDA mediums were firm to USC9 above previous rates to easier by up to USC4 with plantation mediums irregular varied between USC9 dearer to easier by up to USC3.

Lower Medium : Firm to USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC8.

Plainer : Irregular enquiry varying between USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC9.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	256 - 348	290 - 360
Good	250 - 308	272 - 325
Good Medium	244 - 290	265 - 294
Medium (KTDA)	175 - 210	250 - 286
Medium (Plantations)	180 - 195	204 - 246
Lower Medium	150 - 183	160 - 243
Plainer	098 - 157	090 - 159

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:****Best:** Mostly lost by up to USC7.**Brighter:** Were irregular and varied between steady to mostly easier by up to USC13.**Mediums:** Were irregular and varied between steady to mostly easier by up to USC13.**Lower Medium:** Steady to USC10 above previous levels to easier by up to USC8.**Plainer:** Irregular ranging between firm to dearer by up to USC7 to mostly easier by up to USC8.**DUST1:****Best:** More irregular ranging between USC13 above previous levels to easier by up to USC14.**Brighter:** Irregularly lost by up to USC15.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw irregular enquiry varying between firm to USC9 dearer to USC15 below previous levels with plantation mediums well competed for at USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC24.**Lower Medium:** Were dearer by up to USC4 to easier by USC5.**Plainer:** Appreciated by up to USC14.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	285 - 332	275 - 373
Good	260- 312	259 - 300
Good Medium	225 - 291	238- 282
Medium (KTDA)	205 - 263	192- 274
Medium (Plantati ons)	203 - 218	168 - 200
Lower Medium	160 - 201	156 - 184
Plainer	107 - 151	118 - 151

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were firm while **PFs** were dearer. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** tended easier while **similar DUSTs** were steady. **Other Fannings** held value with **DUSTs** firm but a few lines sold above previous rates. **BMFs** were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	257 - 328	225	178 - 212	154 - 294	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	150 - 202	145 - 196	-
Lower Medium	130 - 157	117 - 176	110 - 162	100 - 114	095 - 136
Plainer	088 - 134	089 - 139	082 - 117	082 - 100	096 - 109



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 11TH APRIL, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand: Limited quantity of brokens sold easier by Rs.2 to 3 with some withdrawals, Fannings were barely steady.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and blacker cleaner whole leaf grades and primary brokens sold at steady levels whilst the others were irregularly lower depending on quality. Secondary brokens tended easier and Fannings were barely steady

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Less Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and good liquoring sorts traded at an easier note by Rs.3 to 4 with fair amount of withdrawals. Medium and plainer sorts sold lower by Rs.2 to 3.

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

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CTC LEAF

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : Market was tending easier on the Bolder Brokens and steady to firm on the smaller brokens of the major quantity that was traded. The brighter liquoring teas have had better enquiry and went on to be sold at mostly firm levels whilst the better mediums have traded at irregularly lower levels. The sale had witnessed fair withdrawal on the browner, flakier and common teas along with the fair quantity of BOPF's.

The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs. 107.82.

Buying Pattern: Good overall participation of the buyers was noticed. The major blenders and regional packeteers were in the forefront whilst the Internal were lending fairly good support. Export was mainly operating on the BOPF's.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : The irregular trend continued this week too as the market witnessed mostly on an easier trend. The brokens and secondary brokens dropped in prices by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- and more sometimes following quality. The whole leaf grades were tending steady to occasionally easier whilst the Fannings were tending steady to firm and dearer at times.

The overall sale percentage was 90% at an average of Rs.149.27.

Buying Pattern: Buoyant export enquiry was forthcoming with Shah Brothers being active whilst the Internal being very selective.

CTC DUST

- Demand :** Fairly strong.
- Market :** Market had witnessed a mixed trend with the Medium types witnessing a price drop by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- in general whilst the Better Mediums were rather irregular. However the Brighter and high-priced teas have had a better to strong enquiry and sold mostly at fully firm to dearer levels. The market had also witnessed fair withdrawals on the browner, discolored and fibrous teas.
The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs.123.53.
- Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export participation was noticed on the fairly blacker medium types whilst the Packeteers were lending good support on the Bright liquoring high-priced teas. Internal was also seen rendering fair support.

ORTH DUST

- Demand :** Good.
- Market:** Irregular yet again and mostly easier on the Primary dust grades which had witnessed withdrawals on some of the popular marks while some sold at dearer levels. The Secondaries were rather selling at barely steady levels whilst the Tertiaries were tending steady to easier.
The overall sale percentage was 84% at an average of Rs.123.87.
- Buying Pattern:** Strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with the Internal being selective.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

- Demand :** Fair general demand.
- Market :** Better medium and popular marks were barely steady to lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- . Medium and plainer teas were lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- sometimes more.
- Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH LEAF

- Demand :** Fair demand.
- Market :** Medium broken were firm to occasionally dearer with few withdrawals. BOPF lower.
- Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

CTC DUST

- Demand :** Fair demand.
- Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- and suffered heavy withdrawals. Medium teas were irregular and lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-.
- Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH DUST

- Demand :**
- Market :**
- Buying Pattern :**
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April 22, 2026

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INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS

Publication – Virakesari

Headline - Kenilworth Estate: Crafting premium Ceylon tea through innovation and heritage

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Summary - Kenilworth Tea Estate produces premium black tea and is located in the Nuwara Eliya District in the Central Province. The estate covers 603.11 hectares, of which 295.36 hectares are planted with tea, supporting production and long-term renewal. Annual production reaches approximately 560,000 kilograms of made tea, with factory output rising to around 800,000 kilograms including bought leaf. The estate contributes to export earnings and supports smallholders and communities supplying green leaf. Kenilworth benefits from altitude, climate and rainfall conditions that support medium-grown teas with strong demand at the Colombo Tea Auction. The estate aligns with international certifications and standards that support quality and market access. It provides employment and structured living for thousands linked to the plantation.

Publication – Virakesari

Headline - Tea Exports Severely Impacted by Gulf Conflict: UN Report

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Summary - Sri Lanka is facing a weekly tea export revenue loss of approximately \$1,015 million due to the conflict between the United States and Iran. The impact is linked to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and restrictions on Middle Eastern airspace. Sri Lanka is identified among countries facing the highest risk in tea exports. The report highlights that South Asian nations are bearing the brunt of the impact. The total economic loss for South Asia due to the Iran conflict could escalate to \$183 billion. The findings are based on a study conducted across 36 countries in the Asia and Pacific regions.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Tea output dips 14.5% in March amid dry weather

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka's tea production fell to 20.8 million kilograms in March due to prolonged dry and hot weather conditions. Output declined from 24.4 Mn/Kgs recorded in March last year, a drop of 14.5% year-on-year. All elevation categories reported declines, with High Grown and Mid Grown teas falling by 17% and 22% respectively. First-quarter production also weakened, with total output declining to 59.6 Mn/Kgs from 61.7 Mn/Kgs. Low Grown and Mid Grown segments contracted by 3% and 8% respectively. The data highlights the vulnerability of Sri Lanka's tea sector to adverse weather conditions.

Publication – Lankadeepa

Headline – The impact of the Middle East war on Sri Lanka's tea exports

Journalist – N/A

Summary - The impact of the Middle East war on Sri Lanka's tea exports is reflected in wholesale tea trading at the Colombo Tea Auction. The percentage of unsold tea stood at 16.19 percent, 13.07 percent and 12.13 percent before the outbreak of the war. Under normal circumstances, this figure typically ranges between 10 and 14 percent. In the first auction after the outbreak of the war, the percentage of unsold tea rose to 19.92 percent. The figure returned to more normal levels in subsequent auctions. It recorded 14.25 percent, 14.26 percent, 14.46 percent and 13.85 percent in Auctions Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 in March 2026.
