

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 16

April 27 & 28, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.16 was held on April 27(Mon.)/28(Tue), 2026. A total weight of 5.3MKGS 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 2.2MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.7MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8MKGS.

At this week's Ex-Estate sale, there was good general demand at firm to easier levels. Select best BOP's/BOPF's were firm where quality was maintained and at times more for select high priced teas of last week. In the below best category, both BOP's & BOPF's declined Rs.20-40/- per kg and more towards the close. Plainer varieties sold around last levels. Nuwara Eliya select BOP's sold around last levels whilst their BOPF's were mostly unsold. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's/BOPF's were firm to Rs.20/- per kg easier. CTC Teas- High & Medium PF1's were firm to Rs.20/- per kg easier whilst Low Grown PF1's were fully firm on last levels. Poor sorts were irregularly easier. The limited availability of BP1's on offer from all elevations were irregular. Low grown PF1's were fully firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer. There were hardly any BP1's on offer. The limited availability of good liquoring teas on offer were competed for by shippers to Japan, the Continent with limited interest from South Africa whilst the balance were absorbed by Shippers to Russia, CIS and China along with the Tea Bag sector.

Low Grows continued to meet with good demand despite the prolonged 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, here to good demand prevailed with the majority of the teas gaining in value whilst Bright Tippy teas too maintained last levels. Traditional buyers continued to be operative.

This week's auction comprised of **10,958** lots with a total quantity of **5,356,198** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

Change Your Course

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,057	730,953	Through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light dead ahead on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course 10 degree east."
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,510	596,495	The light signals back: "Change yours, 10 degrees west."
Low Grown Tippy	1,885	857,856	Angry, the captain sends: "I'm a navy captain! Change your course, sir!"
High & Medium	1,704	748,072	"I'm a seaman, second class," comes the reply. "Change your course, sir."
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,096	1,058,198	Now the captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"
Dust	578	501,790	
Premium Flowery	264	34,955	There is one last reply. "I'm a lighthouse. Your call."
Ex-Estate	864	827,879	
Total	<u>10,958</u>	<u>5,356,198</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS**LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY**

BOP1 : Teas in the select best category were maintained, whilst the balance appreciated.

OP1 : Select best invoices held firm, however the best varieties declined following quality. Better OP1's together with secondary types were maintained.

OP : Best OP's were easier. Shottier varieties too declined, whilst the balance maintained.

OPA : Best OPA's were easier, whilst the balance maintained.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK's were maintained, whilst balance were dearer. PEK1's in general appreciated.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3100	2100-3500	1500-1800	1450-1900	1650-2400
	Last Week	1900-3050	2200-3500	1500-1750	1500-2150	1600-2450
BEST	This Week	1550-1850	1700-2050	1300-1450	1300-1400	1500-1600
	Last Week	1500-1850	1700-2150	1350-1450	1350-1500	1450-1550
BELOW BEST	This Week	1350-1500	1400-1650	1100-1250	1150-1250	1350-1450
	Last Week	1300-1450	1400-1650	1150-1300	1200-1300	1300-1400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1150-1300	1200-1350	950-1050	950-1100	1100-1300
	Last Week	1100-1250	1200-1350	950-1100	950-1150	1100-1250
POOR	This Week	900-1100	750-1150	700-900	700-900	8050-1050
	Last Week	900-1050	700-1150	700-900	700-900	800-1050

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general firm to dearer.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Met with a firm market.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Well-made FBOP's were firm whilst the below best categories were irregular. Others sold around last levels.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : FBOPF1's in general were easier. FBOPF's sold around last levels.

FBOPFSP : Well-made very tippy teas met with a good demand, whilst best categories were firm. Others sold around last levels.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Long tippy teas met with good demand. Others sold on last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1750-2100	1500-1900	2250-2550	1500-1900	4600-5700
	Last Week	1700-2000	1480-1950	2250-2650	1550-1850	3900-5350
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1280-1460	1850-2150	1400-1460	2950-3500
	Last Week	1460-1600	1260-1440	1850-2150	1420-1500	2850-3350
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1440	1180-1360	1550-1750	1280-1380	1900-2650
	Last Week	1260-1420	1160-1340	1600-1800	1300-1400	1850-2550
SECONDARIES	This Week	1160-1240	940-1140	1300-1440	1120-1240	1650-1800
	Last Week	1140-1220	900-1100	1300-1460	1140-1280	1600-1800
POOR	This Week	870-1100	740-880	900-1180	880-1080	1180-1380
	Last Week	840-1080	720-860	920-1200	920-1100	1120-1380

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : A few select best FBOP's maintained whilst the others were irregular.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : In general were easier around.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best PEK1's maintained whilst the balance together with bold/open 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	1180 - 2000	1200- 1800	1100 - 1500	1100 - 1550	700-800	700-820
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1100 - 1850	1150 - 1750	950 - 1380	1000 - 1400	700 -800	700 -800
PEK/PEK1	1150 - 2000	1180 - 1900	900 - 1200	950 - 1220	720-1000	740-1050

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Good general demand at firm to easier rates.

BOP: Best Western's – A select range of teas were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg and more for select high-priced teas of last week. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's – Select invoices sold around last, whilst the others were irregular and easier. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more for the high-priced teas.

BOPF : Best Western's – Invoices, where quality was maintained, sold around last, whilst the others declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier following quality, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market declined by Rs.20/- per kg and more as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's sold around last. Uva's were Rs.20/- per kg easier. 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	1340 - 1440	1340 - 1550	1360 - 1500
Below Best Westerns	1180 - 1320	1200 - 1320	1260 - 1320	1280 - 1340
Plainer Westerns	920 - 1160	960 - 1180	1000 - 1240	1040 - 1260
Nuwara Eliyas	1300	1440 - 1480	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1120 - 1140	1160 - 1180	1240 - 1320	1220 - 1280
Other Uda Pussellawas	1020 - 1100	1060 - 1140	1000 - 1220	1120 - 1200
Best Uva's	1260 - 1300	1280 - 1300	1220 - 1300	1260 - 1300
Other Uva's	1140	1140 - 1240	980 - 1100	1180 - 1240

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas continued to sell well, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg lower.

BOPF : Well-made teas were Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the other poorer sorts were generally firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	870 - 1900	830 - 1950	750-1300	700-1320

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

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

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

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

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Firm and tended dearer.

PF1 - Better teas sold around last, whilst the other poorer sorts were irregular and easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	870	890 - 1180	900 - 1160
Medium	800 - 1000	770 - 980	650 - 1200	670 - 1200
Low	800 - 1420	860 - 1360	640 - 1400	650 - 1400

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm to dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg, whilst others firm on last. Select best BM's advanced Rs.20-40/-, others firm to dearer Rs.50-70/- per kg. Lower end teas firm on last levels.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas held firm, whilst below best and lower end teas little irregular.

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)	850-1220	850-1250	620-760	620-750	640-770	640-780
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-650	620-650	580-660	580-660	620-660	620-660
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	550-670	580-670	580-650	580-650	580-670	580-670
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	750-860	730-850	770-870	730-850	800-940	780-930
Other BM's	530-740	530-690	530-760	530-640	500-780	500-730
Best BOP1As	750-820	750-820	790-890	790-890	880-1350	880-1400
Other BOP1As	650-720	650-720	650-730	650-730	650-750	650-750

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's eased Rs.30-60/- per kg following quality, whilst their secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Grown teas maintained last levels, whilst the Low Growns too were firm on last levels.

PD : High Growns together with Mid Growns were irregular and mostly lower. Low Growns were fully 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)	760 - 1700	780 - 1750	730 - 1180	750 - 1300	730 - 940	730 - 1420
Good Primary PD (CTC)	800 - 1140	820 - 1140	800 - 1120	820 - 1160	820 - 1360	830 - 1340
Secondary Dust	690 - 1160	680 - 1240	660 - 860	640 - 940	620 - 960	620 - 920

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1900/-
*Galgewatta	BOP	1650/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1650/-
Harangalla	BOP	1650/-
*Harangalla	BOP	1600/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1600/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1800/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	1600/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1550/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1300/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1280/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1380/-
Harangalla	BOP1	1950/-
Craighead	BOP1	1800/-
*Hatale	BOP1	1700/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	1900/-
*Hatale	FBOP	1800/-
Cooroodoowatte	FBOP1	1300/-
*Hatale	FBOP1	1260/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1260/-
*Uplands	FBOPF	800/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1700/-
Cooroondoowatte	FBOPF1	1700/-
Dehiwatte Super	OP	1600/-
*Hatale	OPA	1420/-
Cooroondoowatte	OPA	1380/-
*Ingurugala	OPA	1320/-
Nayapane	OP1	1800/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1650/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2000/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1950/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1900/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1900/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP	1440/-
Dessford	BOPSP	1480/-
Robgill	BOPF	1550/-
Inverness	BOP1	1800/-
Venture	FBOP	1750/-
Craig Hill	FBOP1	1060/-
Inveress	FBOPF1	1460/-
Venture	OP	1260/-
Venture	OPA	1360/-
Venture	OP1	1550/-
Ingestre	PEKOE	1550/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1750/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Mahagastotte	BOP	1300/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	980/-
Kenmare	FBOP	810/-
Kenmare	FBOP1	640/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	920/-
Mahagastotte	FBOPF1	1320/-
Kenmare	OP	980/-
Court Lodge	OPA	690/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	1040/-

UVA MEDIUM

Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1700/-
Demodera 'S'	BOPSP	1550/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1550/-
Dickwella	BOPSP	1550/-
Aruna Keppetipola	BOPSP	1440/-
*Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1420/-
El Teb	BOPF	1280/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1550/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1950/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1750/-
Hindagala	FBOP1	1400/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1380/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1280/-
Halpewatta Uva	FBOPF1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1420/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1300/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA	1300/-
High Spring	OPA	1300/-
Pettiagalla	OPA	1300/-
Telbedde	OP1	1950/-
Halpewatte Uva	PEKOE	1550/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Halpewatte Uva	PEKOE1	1850/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE1	1850/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1850/-
Pinnawela	PEKOE1	1850/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1440/-
*Ellathota Uva	BOP	1400/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1700/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1340/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1160/-
Spring Valley	BOP1	1650/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1600/-
Craig	BOP1	1600/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1600/-
*Ellathota Uva	BOP1	1550/-
Uvakellie	BOP1	1550/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1700/-
Spring Valley	FBOP1	1260/-
*Battawatte	FBOP1	1200/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF	980/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1550/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1480/-
*Ellathota Uva	FBOPF1	1460/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1460/-
Spring Valley	OP	1360/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP	1300/-
Craig	OP	1300/-
Ranaya	OPA	1300/-
*Ellathota Uva	OPA	1260/-
Craig	OP1	1650/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1550/-
Aislaby	OP1	1550/-
Uva Highlands	OP1	1550/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1500/-
Gonamotawa	OP1	1500/-
Aislaby	OP1	1500/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1750/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1650/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1550/-
Spring Valley	PEKOE	1550/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1900/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Maha Uva	BOP	1200/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	1200/-
Mooloya	BOPF	1280/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1320/-
Blairlomonnd	FBOP	1900/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF	960/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1420/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1420/-
Maha Uva	OP	1420/-
Blairlomonnd	OPA	1220/-
Delmar	OP1	1650/-
Blairlomonnd	PEKOE	1500/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-
Delmar	PEKOE1	1800/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Makandura	BOP1	3100/-
Makandura	OP1	3500/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Rumassala Hills	OP	1700/-
Nil Kandura	OP	1700/-
*Green House	OP	1650/-
*Green House	OPA	1900/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2350/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2400/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2300/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*New Laksakanda	BOP	2100/-
Aruna	BOP	2100/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	2050/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2250/-
H P P Tea	BOPSP	2100/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	2000/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	1800/-
Rajjuruwatte Super	BOPF	1800/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Elaine Super	BOPFSP	1700/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2550/-
Athukorala G.S	FBOP1	2050/-
Sithaka	FBOP1	2050/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOP1	1950/-
*Greenwin Super	FBOP1	1900/-
Wewelkandura S	FBOPF	1800/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	1600/-
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	1900/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF1	1600/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Kings Bru	FBOPFSP	5700/-
*Greenwin Super	FBOPFSP	5000/-
Nawagamuwahena	FBOPFEXSP	5650/-
Rumassala Hills	FBOPFEXSP1	5950/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC PF1 1180/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC BP1 1000/-

*Carolina CTC BP1 920/-

Strathdon CTC PF1 1200/-

*New Peacock CTC PF1 1180/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1 1420/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1400/-

OFF GRADES

Suviska BP 1420/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF 1240/-

Gunawardana BM 1140/-

*Wattahena FNGS 960/-

Wattegodde FNGS1 1220/-

Bogawantalawa FNGS1 1220/-

Liyonta BOP1A 1380/-

*Chandrika Est. BOP1A 1340/-

Magedara BOP1A 1340/-

*Green House BOP1A 1280/-

*Chandrika Est. BOP1A 1280/-

BOPA

Makandura BOPA 2050/-

Kings Bru BOPA 2050/-

*Green House BOPA 2000/-

Sisiramba Super BOPA 2000/-

*Hedigalla BOPA 1950/-

*Selna BOPA 1950/-

*Maleesha Group BOPA 1950/-

Dust

Wattegodde DUST 1160/-

Bearwell DUST 1160/-

Mattakelle DUST1 1700/-

*Kalubowitiyana CTC PD 1360/-

LOW GROWN

*Wattahena DUST 960/-

*Kalubiwitiyana CTC PD 1360/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.15 OF 22ND APRIL, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,110.92	1,109.79	1,032.15	1,082.41	1,060.11
Western High Grown	1,227.18	1,226.77	1,204.13	1,126.51	1,152.34
High Grown	1,190.12	1,190.50	1,155.49	1,109.95	1,125.47
Uva Medium	1,112.24	1,100.87	1,000.70	1,113.45	1,092.77
Western Medium	989.21	976.49	976.42	1,042.49	1,034.60
Medium Grown	1,029.45	1,013.28	983.52	1,067.14	1,052.41
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,278.44	1,263.42	1,232.89	1,274.06	1,268.54
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,258.33	1,230.40	1,215.69	1,263.38	1,255.47
Total	1,203.89	1,185.01	1,167.43	1,193.47	1,196.22

Private Sale Figures (09.04.2026 – 22.04.2026)

358,459.05

Cumulative

3,344,310.07

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 17

SALE NO: 18

Sale of 05th/06th May. '26

Sale of 12th/13th May. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,057	730,953	1,949	757,156
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,510	596,495	1,415	599,882
Low Grown Tippy	1,885	596,495	1,770	866,380
High & Medium	1,704	748,072	1,696	810,003
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,096	1,058,198	1,993	1,014,586
Dust	578	501,790	656	617,350
Premium Flowery	264	34,955	244	34,092
Ex-Estate	864	827,879	1,054	1,089,727
Total	<u>10,958</u>	<u>5,356,198</u>	<u>10,777</u>	<u>5,789,176</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.21 of 02nd (Tue.)/03rd (Wed.) June, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 14th May, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.17

AUCTION OF 05TH /06TH MAY, 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. John Keells PLC	1. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
4. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. John Keells PLC
5. Eastern Brokers PLC	5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Eastern Brokers PLC
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. John Keells PLC	7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 21st to 27th April, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions reported bright mornings and evening showers during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, fairly heavy showers are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Sunny weather and occasional evening showers were reported in the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Grown

Bright mornings and evening showers were reported in the Low Grown Region during the week. Showery conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Crop Intake

The Western, Nuwara Eliya, Uva, Uda Pussellawa regions reported an increase in the crop intake, whilst the Low Grown Region reported a decrease.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2025	2026	Difference +/-	To-date 2025	To-date 2026	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Mar.	24.80	21.00	-3.8	62.16	59.61	-2.6
BANGLADESH	Jan.	0.30	0.60	0.3	0.30	0.60	0.3
MALAWI	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

OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 01 OF MONDAY, 27th April, 2026

CTC LEAF: 26,857 packages of tea on offer met with a very strong demand.

BROKENS: Black, well made, good liquoring BOPs were a strong market and sold between Tk.280/- and Tk.310/- and more. GBOPs were the strongest feature of the market and these realized prices between Tk. 310/- and Tk. 350/- and more. Below best varieties also sold well and these could be quoted between Tk.275/- and Tk.290/-. BLF teas sold well and realized between Tk.230 and Tk.255/-.

FANNINGS: Black, well made, good liquoring Fannings were a strong feature of the sale and realized prices between Tk. 300/- and Tk.330/-. Below best also sold well and realized between Tk.275/- and Tk.285/-. BLF teas sold between Tk.230/- and Tk.255/-.

DUST: 5,3881 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand. Good liquoring Dusts met with a good competition and sold above Brokers' valuation. Others also sold well at dearer rates and these realised prices between Tk.280/- and Tk.310/-. BLF Dusts sold between Tk.240/- and Tk.261/-. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: This was the First Sale of the Season 2026-2027 where offerings were much higher than Sale 01 in the previous year. All varieties were strongly competed for resulting in advancement of prices particularly black, well made, good liquoring types. Blenders operated strongly with Loose tea buyers operating in greater strength.

Dusts met with good competition.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	300 - 350	-	Best	290-320	-	PD	288-300	-
Good	285-295	-	Good	280-290	-	RD	275-312	-
Medium	270-280	-	Medium	270-280	-	D	275-321	-
Plain	NQTA	-	Plain	NQTA	-	CD	290-350	-
BLF	220-265	-	BLF	230-270	-	BLF	230-261	-

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.16 of 20TH & 21ST APRIL, 2026

There was good general demand for the 153,758 packages (10,252,114.00 kilos) on offer with 23.20% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers, Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries were active but at lower levels while **Bazaar** maintained steady enquiry. There was more interest from **Kazakhstan** and **other CIS states** while **Afghanistan** showed less support. **Egyptian Packers** were active with **UK** maintaining participation. There was some activity from **Russia** with improved absorption from **South Sudan**. **Local Packers** were quiet while **Somalia** continued active at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS:

Orthodox Grades - 3,580 packages (127,280.00 kilos) - 85.20% unsold.
 Leaf Grades - 82,160 packages (5,456,406.00 kilos) - 25.73% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 50,100 packages (3,761,773.00 kilos) - 18.64% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 17,918 packages (906,655.00 kilos) - 11.93% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Were mostly easier by up to USC11 but some premiums gained by up to USC18 and USC29.

Brighter: Lost by up to USC18 with select lines steady to USC6 above previous levels.

Mediums: KTDA mediums saw irregular interest at steady to USC8 above last rates to easier by up to USC9. Plantation mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC13.

Lower Medium: Firm to dearer by up to USC12.

Plainer: Irregularly gained with cleaner sorts advancing further by up to USC28.

PF1:

Best : Irregular and shed by up to USC8 but select teas were up to USC5 above previous levels.

Brighter : Were easier by up to USC5.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were easier by up to USC8 while plantation mediums were mostly firm to USC8 easier with select teas up to USC4 above last levels.

Lower Medium : Irregularly lost by up to USC15.

Plainer : Were firm to USC9 above previous levels to irregularly easier by up to USC3.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	250 - 414	295 - 352
Good	250 - 329	276 - 322
Good Medium	242 - 286	277 - 293
Medium (KTDA)	170 - 234	253 - 284
Medium (Plantations)	175 - 198	196 - 247
Lower Medium	145 - 187	163 - 229
Plainer	101 - 168	088 - 158

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

- Best:** Were irregular ranging between USC3 above last levels for a few lines to mostly easier by up to USC14.
- Brighter:** About steady to irregularly easier by up to USC7.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums saw more irregular enquiry and were mostly easier by up to USC7 but some lines were firm to USC13 above last rates. Plantation mediums were steady to USC9 dearer to easier by up to USC5.
- Lower Medium:** Irregular ranging between steady to USC8 dearer to USC9 below previous rates.
- Plainer:** Firm to USC6 above previous levels to mostly easier by a similar margin.

DUST1:

- Best:** Were discounted by up to USC10.
- Brighter:** About firm to easier by up to USC8.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums were steady to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC11 while plantation mediums were up to USC9 above previous levels to easier by up to USC5.
- Lower Medium:** Steady to USC2 dearer to easier by a similar margin.
- Plainer:** Were irregularly easier by up to USC4.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	270 - 340	277 - 373
Good	260- 307	257 - 300
Good Medium	230 - 274	250- 282
Medium (KTDA)	196 - 244	195- 263
Medium (Plantati ons)	199 - 226	155 - 197
Lower Medium	160 - 196	158 - 174
Plainer	100 - 149	107 - 150

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

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

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	255 - 325	220-251	152 - 249	145 - 296	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	146 - 199	130 - 195	-
Lower Medium	128 - 154	112 - 168	110 - 164	094 - 146	105 - 114
Plainer	090 - 128	090 - 128	082 - 120	092 - 120	083 - 101



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 25TH APRIL, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: Broken and Fannings sold so far at steady levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : High grown and blacker cleaner whole leaf grades sold at steady to occasionally dearer levels depending on quality. Primary Broken were irregular lower around last. Secondary Broken and Fannings were barely steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold irregularly around last levels. Medium and plainer sorts bolder grades traded at firm levels whilst the finer grades shared an easier trend by Rs.1 to 2.

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Market had opened on a steady to easier trend. As the sale progressed the major quantity that was traded on the Broken of the Medium category had better enquiry to be sold at firm levels. The latter part of the sale had witnessed a better enquiry for the brighter liquoring teas though the prices were slightly lower. However, the sale had also witnessed a fair amount of withdrawals on the Fannings.

The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs. 106.49.

Buying Pattern: The Major Blenders continued to absorb the major quantity that was on offer and mostly on the sustainable certified teas. The Internal was lending fair support whilst the Export opened on the common teas.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : An irregular trend to be opened and as the sale progressed it had witnessed an easier market across all grades and categories by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and more following quality. However, a few selected whole leaf grades have sold at fully firm to dearer levels.

The overall sale percentage was 93% at an average of Rs. 142.13.

Buying Pattern: Strong export enquiry was forthcoming with Shah Brothers being active whilst Internal were selective.

CTC DUST

Demand : Only fair.

Market : The comparatively less demand had reflected on the prices realized as the sale witnessed a price drop of Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- on the major quantity that was traded. The Brighter liquoring teas also witnessed a similar trend on the bolder dusts whilst the Red and Finer dusts have held their levels. The sale had witnessed fair withdrawal on the browner, flakier and fibrous teas.

The overall sale percentage was 68% at an average of Rs. 118.09.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export enquiry was forthcoming on the Mediums whilst the major blender was lending fair support and Internal was selective whilst Anjaneya Enterprises (Devgiri Tea & produce) was operating on the high-priced brighter liquoring teas.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Only fair.

Market: The easier trend continued on the Orthodox dust as well, as the teas across all grades and categories were easier by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/- and up to Rs. 10/- sometimes. The sale had witnessed fair amount of withdrawals for want of bids.

The overall sale percentage was 66% at an average of Rs. 116.59.

Buying Pattern: Fair participation from the Exporters whilst the Internal was lending some support.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were irregular. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- with heavy withdrawals.

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

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Well made brokens / BOPF barely steady. Others quotable.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

CTC DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- with heavy withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular with some withdrawals.

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

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Steady.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

April 28, 2026

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TEA NEWS - LOCAL

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Publication – The Morning

Headline – Tea prices rise despite loss of Iranian market

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Tea prices at local auctions have increased by approximately Rs. 30–40 compared to pre-crisis levels despite a decline in tea export volumes of around 20%. Tea exports to Iran have come to a complete standstill, affecting traditional export flows. Some tea varieties previously exported to Iran are being absorbed by alternative markets, while a small segment remains unsold. Unsold quantities at tea auctions are averaging around 10–12%, showing improvement from pre-crisis levels. The tea market remains volatile due to external conditions affecting exports.

Publication – Ada Derana

Headline – Sri Lanka Showcases Premium Ceylon Tea at the 20th Beijing International Tea and Tea Ceremony Exhibition 2026

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Tea production in March 2026 declined by 14.5 percent year-on-year to 20.90 million kilogrammes from 24.43 million kilogrammes, with high-grown, mid-grown, and low-grown tea all recording declines. Mid-grown tea showed the steepest drop of nearly 22 percent, followed by high-grown tea at over 18 percent, while low-grown tea declined by over 10 percent. Green tea remained relatively stable with only a marginal dip. For the January to March period, total tea production declined by 3.5 percent to 59.61 million kilogrammes, with decreases across all elevations except green tea. Despite the decline compared to 2025, cumulative output showed a slight improvement over 2024 levels. The data reflects pressure on tea production across elevations within the plantation sector.

Publication – Daily Mirror

Headline – Tea shipments weaken in March as demand softens across key segments

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Tea export volumes in March 2026 declined to 19.73 million kilogrammes, down 3.70 million kilogrammes year-on-year, with bulk tea, packeted tea, and tea bags all recording declines while instant and green tea remained stable. Bulk tea exports led the drop with a contraction of over three million kilogrammes. In the first quarter of 2026, tea exports totalled 60.36 million kilogrammes, down 2.84 million kilogrammes from the same period last year. Despite the decline in volumes, FOB values increased in rupee terms to Rs.1,813.84 per kilogramme in March and Rs.1,807.27 cumulatively. Iraq remained the largest importer of Ceylon Tea, while Turkey increased imports significantly and Russia recorded a decline. The UAE also showed a sharp contraction, reflecting changes in tea export demand across markets.

Publication – Daily Mirror

Headline – Sri Lanka’s tea turning point

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka’s tea industry faces a turning point with slowed productivity growth and rising global competition, despite producing 280–300 million kilograms annually across about 200,000 hectares and supporting more than one million livelihoods. A large share of tea is exported as bulk, with producers receiving USD 4–6 per kilogram while higher value is captured abroad, constraining reinvestment in plantations. The sector has seen weakened productivity over time due to rising costs and reduced reinvestment compared to earlier plantation management systems. A national vision aims to increase tea production to 400 million kilograms by 2035 while strengthening the full tea value chain. The proposed ‘500 Tea Cluster Villages Programme’ seeks to integrate plantation production, processing, and logistics into coordinated systems. Reforms including a national plantation policy, digital monitoring platform, and recognition of planters are identified as necessary for strengthening the plantation sector. The strategy focuses on improving productivity and increasing value addition in tea from plantation to global markets
