

# **TEA MARKET REPORT**

**SALE NO: 20**

**May 25 & 26, 2026**



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## COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.20 was held on May 25(Mon.)/26(Tue.), 2026. A total weight of 6.1MKGS was on offer, which shows decrease when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.4MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.8MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 1.0MKGS.

At the Ex-Estate sale held today, select best Western BOP's/BOPF's where quality was maintained were firm to selectively dearer with buyers following quality closely. In the below best category, select teas where quality was maintained were firm to Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst others were by Rs.20/- per kg. Plainer BOP's were firm to Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst their corresponding BOPF's were Rs.20/- per kg easier. The majority of the Nuwara Eliya's remained unsold this week. The majority of Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's and BOPF's declined Rs.50-100/- per kg following quality, whilst a large volume remaining unsold yet again. CTC Teas – High & Medium a few select PF1's where quality was maintained held firm whilst others lost Rs.20-40/- per kg more. Select Low Grown PF1's were firm whilst others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. There was hardly any BP1's available in the High & Medium category but Low Grown sold well. Shippers to Japan, the Continent and South Africa continued to be very selective in their purchases whilst the balance were absorbed by Russia and the CIS with limited interest from Chinese buyers. The Tea bag sector too were selective.

Low Grown prices in most categories realized firmer levels with bright tippy teas attracting stronger demand. Most traditional markets were active.

This week's auction comprised of **11,626** lots with a total quantity of **6,145,416** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,224	877,561
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,577	652,588
Low Grown Tippy	1,861	878,638
High & Medium	1,763	810,617
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,240	1,201,737
Dust	633	610,601
Premium Flowery	309	41,704
Ex-Estate	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,071,970</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,626</u></b>	<b><u>6,145,416</u></b>

**In Lighter Vein****FATHER !?****Lady on phone:**

"Hi Sir, I want to meet & talk to you. You are the father of one of my kids."

Man is stunned and says, "Oh my God!

Are you Jessica?"

"No."

"Pamela?"

"No."

"Anna?"

"No."

"Christina?"

"No."

"Joella?"

"No."

"Elissa?"

"No."

Lady in confusion, "Sir, I am the Class Teacher of your son!"

**Moral of the story:**

First of all, listen, listen and again listen, avoiding jumping to your own conclusions....

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**Holiday Notice**

Our **Head Office** will be **closed** for business **on the 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2026** in lieu of additional holiday on behalf of Day following Vesak Poya Day falling on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2026.

Our Sample Room and Warehouses at No. 46, Aniyakanda Road, Ragama and #570/4, Weralathuduwa Road, Mabile, Wattala are open on **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2026** and **Monday, 01<sup>st</sup> June, 2026**.

## LOW GROWN TEAS

### LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

**BOP1** : Best teas held firm, whilst the balance were dearer.

**OP1** : In general were firm.

**OP** : Teas in the best category maintained, whilst balance tended irregular.

**OPA** : Select best teas were firm, whilst the balance were easier.

**PEK/PEK1** : Best PEK's sold around last week levels, whilst the balance were irregularly lower. Select best PEK1's were maintained, whilst the balance easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1850-3550</b>	<b>2000-3650</b>	<b>1600-1800</b>	<b>1600-1900</b>	<b>1650-2500</b>
	Last Week	1850-3400	2000-3400	1600-1800	1600-2100	1650-2700
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1650-1800</b>	<b>1600-1950</b>	<b>1400-1550</b>	<b>1400-1550</b>	<b>1450-1600</b>
	Last Week	1650-1800	1600-1950	1450-1550	1450-1550	1450-1600
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1450-1600</b>	<b>1400-1550</b>	<b>1200-1350</b>	<b>1250-1350</b>	<b>1200-1400</b>
	Last Week	1450-1600	1450-1550	1250-1400	1300-1400	1250-1400
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1250-1400</b>	<b>1200-1350</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>	<b>1100-1200</b>	<b>1050-1150</b>
	Last Week	1200-1400	1250-1400	1050-1200	1100-1250	1100-1200
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1000-1200</b>	<b>800-1150</b>	<b>750-1000</b>	<b>750-1050</b>	<b>800-1000</b>
	Last Week	1000-1150	800-1200	750-1000	750-1050	800-1050

**TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : In general were easier.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : A few selected teas were firm on last, whilst the others were irregular following quality.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best FBOP's met with fair demand, whilst Best and Below Best varieties moved up. Others were dearer. FBOP1's in general were firm.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Select best and Best FBOPF1's appreciated, whilst the others were firm on last.

**FBOPFSP** : Select Best and Best tippy teas were firm to dearer, whilst others were maintained on last levels.

**FFEXSP/SP1** : Overall firm to dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
<b>SELECT BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1600-1950</b>	<b>1500-1900</b>	<b>2250-2700</b>	<b>1500-1850</b>	<b>4800-6350</b>
	Last Week	1650-2050	1500-2050	2200-2500	1460-1800	4800-6350
<b>BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1440-1550</b>	<b>1340-1440</b>	<b>1800-2100</b>	<b>1420-1460</b>	<b>3460-4400</b>
	Last Week	1460-1600	1300-1460	1800-2050	1400-1440	3300-4300
<b>BELOW BEST</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1300-1400</b>	<b>1160-1300</b>	<b>1550-1750</b>	<b>1260-1360</b>	<b>2250-3200</b>
	Last Week	1320-1440	1180-1340	1550-1700	1240-1340	2150-3100
<b>SECONDARIES</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>1100-1200</b>	<b>900-1120</b>	<b>1380-1480</b>	<b>1140-1220</b>	<b>1850-2050</b>
	Last Week	1120-1220	920-1120	1350-1440	1120-1200	1800-2000
<b>POOR</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>870-1020</b>	<b>740-890</b>	<b>960-1240</b>	<b>900-1100</b>	<b>1280-1550</b>
	Last Week	900-1040	740-860	940-1220	900-1080	1200-1460

## MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

**FBOP** : Well-made FBOP's with neater leaf and liquors appreciated, whilst the balance too were dearer up to a lesser extent.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : FBOPF1's in general appreciated.

**PEK/PEK1** : Best PEK1's were firm whilst the below best together with mixed varieties 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>
<b>FBOP</b>	<b>1240 - 2450</b>	1200 - 2350	<b>1000 - 1550</b>	1000 - 1500	<b>800 - 950</b>	800 - 900
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	<b>1200 - 1700</b>	1200 - 1600	<b>950 - 1400</b>	900 - 1300	<b>750 - 1100</b>	700 - 1000
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	<b>1100 - 1900</b>	1100 - 1900	<b>880 - 1100</b>	900 - 1120	<b>700 - 880</b>	720 - 900

## HIGH GROWN TEAS

**MARKET : Better teas were generally firm, whilst the others were irregular**

**BOP:** Better Western's, where quality was maintained, were firm and selectively dearer by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were easier by a similar margin. In the Below Best category, select coloury invoices were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and easier by a similar margin. Plainer teas at the lower end of the market were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer selectively. Nuwara Eliya's - Majority of the teas were unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs.50-100/- per kg easier, Uva's declined by Rs.100/- per kg.

**BOPF :** Better Western's, where quality was maintained, were firm and selectively dearer by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Teas in the Below Best category, where quality was maintained, sold around last, whilst the others declined by Rs.20/- per kg. Plainer sorts were Rs.20 per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were up to Rs.100/- per kg easier. Uva's declined by Rs.50/- per kg, on average.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>Best Westerns</b>	<b>1280 - 1400</b>	1260 - 1440	<b>1280 - 1400</b>	1240 - 1400
<b>Below Best Westerns</b>	<b>1120 - 1260</b>	1080 - 1240	<b>1100 - 1260</b>	1080 - 1220
<b>Plainer Westerns</b>	<b>900 - 1080</b>	890 - 1040	<b>900 - 1080</b>	880 - 1060
<b>Nuwara Eliyas</b>	<b>N/A</b>	1140 - 1200	<b>N/A</b>	N/A
<b>Brighter UdaPussellawas</b>	<b>900 - 920</b>	N/A	<b>960 - 1060</b>	1020 - 1080
<b>Other Uda Pussellawas</b>	<b>810 - 830</b>	850 - 960	<b>800 - 900</b>	850 - 920
<b>Best Uva's</b>	<b>N/A</b>	N/A	<b>1160 - 1220</b>	1180 - 1200
<b>Other Uva's</b>	<b>940</b>	N/A	<b>960 - 1080</b>	960 - 1100

## MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

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

**BOPF** : Well-made types were firm, whilst the others were neglected and mostly unsold.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	800 - 1750	850 - 1800	690-1220	710-1160

## CTC TEAS

### HIGH GROWN:-

**BP1** - Hardly any offerings.

**PF1** - A few select invoices, where quality was maintained, declined by Rs.20/- per kg, whilst the others declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more.

### MEDIUM GROWN:-

**BP1** - Irregular with many withdrawals.

**PF1** - Teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.50/- per kg, and substantially more following quality, whilst the others were irregularly easier.

### LOW GROWN:-

**BP1** - Continued to sell well.

**PF1** - Select invoices were firm, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	820	840	800 - 1040	800 - 1040
Medium	600 - 850	690 - 870	620 - 1060	620 - 1080
Low	600 - 1420	820 - 1600	620 - 1460	640 - 1420

## OFF GRADES

**FGS/FGS1** : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to easier Rs.75/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last sale, whilst others too firm on last. Select best BM's firm to lower Rs.20-40/- per kg, others firm on last. Lower end teas firm on last levels.

**BOP1A** : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas lost Rs.50-70/- per kg, whilst below best and lower end teas declined Rs.50-60/- per kg.

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)	<b>750-1100</b>	800-1100	<b>630-770</b>	640-780	<b>630-850</b>	640-880
Good Fannings (CTC)	<b>620-650</b>	620-650	<b>580-660</b>	580-660	<b>620-660</b>	620-660
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	<b>620-720</b>	620-720	<b>600-670</b>	600-670	<b>600-680</b>	600-680
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	<b>730-800</b>	730-820	<b>750-800</b>	750-830	<b>750-880</b>	750-920
Other BM's	<b>570-720</b>	550-720	<b>580-750</b>	550-740	<b>600-760</b>	580-760
Best BOP1As	<b>720-760</b>	750-800	<b>730-810</b>	770-860	<b>800-1300</b>	850-1300
Other BOP1As	<b>630-740</b>	650-770	<b>640-750</b>	670-770	<b>640-750</b>	680-780

## DUST

**DUST/DUST1:** High Grown liquoring teas maintained last levels whilst the others were Rs.50-100/- per kg lower. Mid grown teas were irregular and mostly lower. Low Growns were Rs.50-60/- per kg lower.

**PD** : High grows together with Mid Grown Teas met with irregular market and declined Rs.50/- per kg.

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)	<b>650 - 1650</b>	850 - 1700	<b>650 - 1140</b>	740 - 1120	<b>600 - 1220</b>	650 - 1300
Good Primary PD (CTC)	<b>670 - 1120</b>	760 - 1260	<b>640 - 980</b>	740 - 1080	<b>630 - 1280</b>	730 - 1420
Secondary Dust	<b>620 - 1020</b>	650 - 1300	<b>640 - 670</b>	640 - 720	<b>550 - 1260</b>	550 - 960

**WESTERN MEDIUM**

*Ancoombra	BOP	1750/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1750/-
Harangalla	BOP	1600/-
Craighead	BOP	1600/-
*Harangalla	BOP	1550/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1460/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1440/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1340/-
*Uplands	BOPSP	1340/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1180/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1360/-
*Hatale	BOP1	2000/-
*Hatale	FBOP	2450/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	2400/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1420/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1700/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF1	1600/-
Harangalla	OP	1320/-
*Hatale	OP	1300/-
Dartry Valley	OP	1300/-
Craighead	OP	1300/-
N Baddegama S.	OP	1300/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1320/-
Harangalla	OPA	1320/-
Craighead	OP1	1700/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1500/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1900/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1900/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1800/-
*Ingurugala	PEKOE1	1800/-
*Orange Field	PEKOE1	1800/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	1800/-

**WESTERN HIGH**

Robgill	BOP	1400/-
Mattakelle	BOP	1400/-
Mattakelle	BOPSP	1340/-
Dessford	BOPF	1400/-
Torrington	BOP1	1600/-
Venture	FBOP	1500/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1420/-
Glenloch	FBOPF1	1440/-
Torrington	OP	1260/-
Venture	OPA	1280/-
Inverness	OP1	1480/-
Cymru	PEKOE	1340/-
Venture	PEKOE	1340/-
Torrington	PEKOE	1340/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1600/-
Bogahawatte	PEKOE1	1600/-

**NUWARA ELIYA**

Kenmare	BOP	920/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	980/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1550/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	1080/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF1	1380/-

**UVA MEDIUM**

*Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1460/-
Misty Uva	BOPSP	1440/-
El Teb	BOPF	960/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1380/-
Wewesse	BOP1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1800/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1500/-
Misty Uva	FBOPF	1100/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF1	1480/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1320/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OPA	1260/-
Aruna Passara	OPA	1260/-
Pettiagalla	OP1	1700/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE	1480/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1850/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1750/-
*Halpewatte Uva	PEKOE1	1700/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1700/-

**UVA HIGH**

Uva Highlands	BOP	980/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1300/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1160/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1160/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1220/-
Glenanore	BOP1	1650/-
Glenanore	FBOP	1550/-
Ranaya	FBOP	1550/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1060/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1440/-
Ranaya	OP	1360/-
Ranaya	OPA	1340/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1550/-
Walawa	OP1	1550/-
Mount Uva	PEKOE	1380/-
Spring Valley	PEKOE	1380/-
Glenanore	PEKOE	1380/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1750/-
Glenanore	PEKOE1	1650/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1600/-

**UDAPUSSELLAWA**

*Mooloya	BOP	960/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1060/-
Blairlmond	FBOP	1480/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1420/-
Maha Uva	OP	1340/-
Blairlmond	OPA	1240/-
Delmar	OP1	1550/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1360/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1360/-
Blairlmond	PEKOE1	1700/-

**LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES**

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3550/-
*Makandura	BOP1	3050/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3650/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
*Mahaliyadda	OP	1750/-
Dampahala	OP	1750/-
Peak View Super	OP	1750/-
Green Lanka	OP	1750/-
Liyonta	OPA	1900/-
Miriswatta	OPA	1900/-
*Green House	OPA	1850/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2500/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2300/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2350/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2250/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2250/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE1	2250/-
Magedara	PEKOE1	2250/-
Hedigalla	PEKOE1	2250/-

**LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES**

Nawagamuwahena	BOP	1900/-
New Vithanakande	BOP	1900/-
New Batuwangala	BOP	1900/-
Aruna	BOP	1900/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1850/-
*Wikilliya	BOP	1850/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	1850/-
*New Nivithigala	BOP	1850/-
*Rain Forest	BOP	1850/-
*Sithaka	BOP	1850/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1950/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	1900/-
N. Rekadahena	BOPSP	1900/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	1900/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOPSP	1800/-
*N. Laksakanda	BOPSP	1800/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1800/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1850/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Ganganee	BOPFSP	1800/-
Dampahala	FBOP	2700/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2600/-
Kiruwanganga	FBOP1	2400/-
Lumbini	FBOP1	2400/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	2350/-
*N. Laksakanda	FBOPF	1900/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1850/-

**PREMIUM FLOWERY**

*Green House	FBOPFSP	6350/-
Dullie Ella	FBOPFEXSP	5700/-
Morawakkorale	FBOPFEXSP1	4750/-

**CTC TEAS****HIGH GROWN**

Mount Vernon CTC	BP1	820/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1040/-

**MEDIUM GROWN**

Delta CTC	BP1	850/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1060/-

**LOW GROWN**

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1420/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1460/-

**OFF GRADES**

Adams View	BP	1420/-
<b>*Ambuluwawa CTC</b>	<b>PF</b>	<b>650/-</b>
Donside CTC	PF	650/-
Gunawardana	BM	1200/-
N. Rekadahena	BM	1180/-
<b>*Kurunduwatta</b>	<b>BM</b>	<b>1160/-</b>
Wewelkandura	FNGS	920/-
Mattakelle	FNGS1	1100/-
Clydesdale	FNGS1	1100/-
Wattegodde	FNGS1	1100/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1300/-
<b>*Chandrika Est.</b>	<b>BOP1A</b>	<b>1240/-</b>
Magedara	BOP1A	1240/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1240/-

**BOPA**

Kings Bru	BOPA	1950/-
<b>*Navinda</b>	<b>BOPA</b>	<b>1900/-</b>
<b>*Tea Lanka</b>	<b>BOPA</b>	<b>1900/-</b>
<b>*Green House</b>	<b>BOPA</b>	<b>1900/-</b>

**Dust**

Lumbini	DUST	1260/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1650/-
Kalubiwitiyana CTC	PD	1280/-

## COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.19 OF 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,000.06	1,085.55	1,046.44	1,009.00	1,053.45
Western High Grown	1,119.13	1,173.93	1,197.81	1,015.01	1,126.90
High Grown	1,077.89	1,142.70	1,152.43	1,012.83	1,104.23
Uva Medium	1,033.78	1,087.17	1,031.49	1,060.48	1,091.91
Western Medium	972.42	995.81	982.31	1,008.87	1,031.48
Medium Grown	997.28	1,030.12	997.87	1,025.04	1,050.47
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,325.87	1,304.09	1,247.80	1,258.16	1,269.04
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,308.12	1,276.91	1,229.63	1,246.48	1,255.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,202.28</b>	<b>1,199.05</b>	<b>1,176.12</b>	<b>1,153.35</b>	<b>1,189.92</b>

Private Sale Figures (14.05.2026 – 20.05.2026)

226,634.00

Cumulative

4,792,811.45

### DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

#### SALE NO: 21

#### SALE NO: 22

Sale of 02<sup>nd</sup> /03<sup>rd</sup> June, '26

Sale of 09<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> June, '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,169	893,542	2,231	917,460
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,577	663,018	1,638	687,947
Low Grown Tippy	1,948	933,425	2,051	955,419
High & Medium	1,773	802,982	1,870	837,295
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,436	1,266,123	2,490	1,326,435
Dust	673	626,875	749	704,304
Premium Flowery	255	36,227	306	43,141
Ex-Estate	938	963,470	975	1,017,527
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,769</u></b>	<b><u>6,185,662</u></b>	<b><u>12,310</u></b>	<b><u>6,489,528</u></b>

## **FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE**

### **Sale No.23 of 16<sup>th</sup> (Tue.)/17<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) June, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.24 of 22<sup>nd</sup> (Mon.)/23<sup>rd</sup> (Tue.) June, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

### **Sale No.25 of 30<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) June/01<sup>st</sup> (Wed.) July, 2026**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

## **SALE NO.21**

### **AUCTION OF 02<sup>ND</sup> /03<sup>RD</sup> JUNE, 2026**

#### **BROKERS' SELLING ORDER**

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

## Crop & Weather

**For the period 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**

### Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions experienced heavy rain throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

### Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Bright weather and occasional evening showers were reported in both regions throughout the week. Rain is expected in the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

### Low Grown

Rain was 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

All regions reported a decrease in the crop intake.

## WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2025</i>	<i>To-date 2026</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>April.</b>	<b>26.46</b>	<b>24.22</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>88.62</b>	<b>83.94</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	Feb.	0.03	0.02	0.0	0.34	0.60	0.3
<b>MALAWI</b>	Feb.	6.70	5.60	-1.1	12.00	10.80	-1.2
<b>NORTH INDIA</b>	Mar.	52.08	49.05	-3.0	62.93	55.31	-7.6
<b>SOUTH INDIA</b>	Mar.	15.77	17.81	2.0	47.47	42.70	-4.8

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2024</i>	<i>To-date 2025</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
KENYA	Dec.	55.83	50.69	-5.1	598.47	550.37	-48.1

# OTHER MARKETS

## MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

### Sale No.20 of 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2026

Fair general demand for the 176,252 packages (11,846,527.00 kilos) available in the market; 25.60% remained unsold.

#### MARKET:

**Pakistan Packers** and **Egyptian Packers** maintained enquiry with Bazaar selective. Yemen, **other Middle Eastern countries** and **Afghanistan** were active at lower levels. **Kazakhstan** and **other CIS** states were selective but strong on quality types with **UK** lending more selective support. **Russia** and **South Sudan** maintained participation. Local Packers were quiet while **Somalia** continued active at the lower end of the market.

#### OFFERINGS:

Orthodox Grades - 3,100 packages ( 111,149.00 kilos) – 80.00% unsold.  
 Leaf Grades - 100,840 packages (6,733,299.00 kilos) – 31.59% unsold.  
 Dust Grades - 54,041 packages (4,061,805.00 kilos) – 14.99% unsold.  
 Secondary Grades - 18,271 packages ( 940,274.00 kilos) – 14.64% unsold.

#### LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

##### **BP1:**

**Best :** Improved enquiry advancing by up to USC57.

**Brighter:** Were easier by up to USC16.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were steady to USC11 above previous levels. Plantation mediums saw better absorption gaining by up to USC35.

**Lower Medium:** Were easier by up to USC10 but select lines held steady to USC8 above last levels.

**Plainer:** Some select lines were dearer by up to USC4 with others firm to mostly easier by up to USC7.

##### **PF1:**

**Best :** Some teas were about steady while others irregularly shed by up to USCS13 with the remainder up to USC12 above previous rates.

**Brighter :** Firm to USC6 below previous levels.

**Mediums :** KTDA mediums saw irregular interest with some teas steady while others were dearer by up to USC13; plantation mediums met irregular enquiry at USC4 above previous levels to easier by up to USC18.

**Lower Medium :** Were easier by up to USC7.

**Plainer :** Steady to mostly dearer by up to USC12 with a few select teas up to USC11 below previous levels.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
<b>Best</b>	250 - 400	285 - 340
<b>Good</b>	250 - 285	262 - 305
<b>Good Medium</b>	245 - 289	265 - 282
<b>Medium (KTDA)</b>	165 - 206	217 - 255
<b>Medium (Plantations)</b>	173 - 250	185 - 214
<b>Lower Medium</b>	156 - 182	148 - 219
<b>Plainer</b>	102 - 161	100 - 165

**DUST GRADES (M1)****PDUST:**

**Best:** Steady to easier by up to USC25 for premium categories.

**Brighter:** More irregular ranging between firm to USC7 dearer for select lines to mostly easier by up to USC13.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums met irregular enquiry varying between USC12 above last levels for a few invoices to mostly easier by up to USC16. Plantation mediums were steady to USC2 dearer to USC3 below previous levels.

**Lower Medium:** Firm to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

**Plainer:** Met more enquiry advancing by up to USC8.

**DUST1:**

**Best:** Some teas were steady to USC13 above previous levels with others irregularly discounted by up to USC12.

**Brighter:** Saw irregular interest ranging between firm to USC10 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregularly shed by up to USC13 but some teas were firm to USC7 dearer. Plantation mediums were steady to USC9 dearer to easier by up to USC2.

**Lower Medium:** The minimum offers available generally held value.

**Plainer:** Appreciated by up to USC9.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	252 - 324	255 - 348
Good	245- 280	250 - 300
Good Medium	220 - 255	250- 288
Medium (KTDA)	170 - 230	180- 254
Medium (Plantati ons)	184 - 218	184 - 196
Lower Medium	160- 186	160 - 173
Plainer	114 - 162	118 - 162

**SECONDARY GRADES(S1)**

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** eased while **PFs** were firm. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** held value with **similar DUSTs** steady. **Other Fannings** sold above previous rates with **DUSTs** gaining. **BMFs** were readily absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	229 - 330	214-233	157 - 175	155 - 307	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	135 - 171	120 - 192	-
Lower Medium	135 - 194	122 - 163	100 - 158	114- 160	094 - 114
Plainer	098 - 118	092 - 136	080 - 120	099 - 120	086 - 103



## SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2026

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Fair Demand: Teas sold irregularly and lower around last with some outlist.

#### ORTHODOX LEAF

**Demand :** Good Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Cleaner and blacker whole leaves sold around last levels with few outlists, others were barely steady depending on quality. Primary broken sold easier by Rs. 2 to 3 and sometimes more on. Secondary broken and Fannings sold around last levels

**Market :** CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

#### DUST

**Demand :** Fair Demand.

**Buying Pattern :** Popular marks and better mediums fetched prices around last levels. Medium and plainer sorts sold irregularly and lower by Rs.2 to 3 with some withdrawals.

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

### COONOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand :** Strong.

**Market :** The market generally witnessed a steady to easier trend on the major quantity that was traded. However the Medium Broken have held their levels to last or dearer sometimes. Yet again the browner, flakier and fibrous teas witnessed outlist without any bids.

**The overall sale percentage was 91 at an average of Rs. 100.54.**

**Buying Pattern:** The major blenders and packeteers were the main stay yet again absorbing the major quantity of the sustainable certified teas whilst the Exporters were operating on the Bolders and on the Common plainer teas. Internal was rather selective.

#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand :** Fair.

**Market :** An irregular market mostly downtrend with the Whole leaf grades , secondary broken and the fannings trading at easier levels. The Medium category broken were rather steady to occasionally dearer alongwith select popular marks.

**The overall sale percentage was 76% at an average of Rs. 131.18.**

**Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export enquiry was forthcoming with fair internal participation.

**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 :** Good.

**Market:** Market witnessed a mixed trend. The brighter liquoring teas, fairly blacker and cleaner bolder dust grades alongwith red and finer dusts were trading firm to dearer levels. The sale also witnessed fair withdrawals on not so blacker, browner and fibrous teas or rather sold lower by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/-.

**The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs. 108.29.**

**Buying Pattern:** Very strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with the Internal and Packeteers lending selective support.

**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF**

**Demand :** Good general demand.

**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were firm to dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more. Medium teas were barely steady to lower with some withdrawals on BOPF. Plainer bolder grades were firm. Others lower by Rs.2/-.

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

**ORTH LEAF**

**Demand :** Good demand.

**Market :** Whole leaf were dearer by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/-. Medium brokens were steady to firm. BOPF were irregular.

**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

**CTC DUST**

**Demand :** Good general demand.

**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were steady. Medium teas were barely steady to lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals on bolder grades. Plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/.

**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active.

**ORTH DUST**

**Demand :** Good demand.

**Market :** Firm.

**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.

**May 26, 2026**

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# **TEA NEWS – INTERNATIONAL**

## Tea export volumes extend decline in first four months of 2026



Sri Lanka's tea exports slipped marginally in April 2026, extending the weak start to the year, as the lower shipments of value-added categories such as tea packets and tea bags offset the gains in the bulk tea exports.

The tea exports for April stood at 17.97 million kilogrammes, down 0.23 million kilogrammes, from 18.20 million kilogrammes recorded in the same month last year, according to the industry data.

The decline was largely driven by the lower exports of tea packets, tea bags and green tea, although the bulk tea and instant tea segments recorded year-on-year (YoY) gains during the month.

Despite the weaker volumes, the export earnings remained broadly stable in rupee terms, supported by higher prices.

The average free-on-board (FOB) value for April edged up marginally to Rs.1,760.95 per kilogramme, from Rs.1,760.31 a year earlier.

However, in US dollar terms, the overall FOB values declined, reflecting continued pressure from global demand conditions and currency movements. Green tea was the only category to record an increase in dollar-denominated FOB value compared to April 2025.

For the first four months of 2026, the cumulative tea exports fell 3.07 million kilogrammes YoY to 78.34 million kilogrammes, from 81.41 million kilogrammes recorded in the corresponding period of 2025.

All export segments, except instant tea and green tea, posted negative volume variances during the January-April period, indicating continued softness in Sri Lanka's traditional value-added tea categories amid the challenging global market conditions.

Meanwhile, the cumulative FOB value for the January-April period rose to Rs.1,796.64 per kilogramme, from Rs.1,743.61 a year earlier, although the dollar-denominated FOB value declined to US \$ 5.73, from US \$ 5.87.

Among Sri Lanka's key export destinations, Iraq remained the largest buyer of Ceylon Tea, despite the imports falling 11 percent YoY to 10.26 million kilogrammes.

Turkey emerged as the standout growth market, with imports surging 128 percent YoY to 9.78 million kilogrammes, sharply up from 4.30 million kilogrammes a year earlier, cementing its position as the second-largest importer.

Russia retained the third position, with imports of 7.31 million kilogrammes, down 2.5 percent from the previous year.

Azerbaijan recorded a strong 54 percent increase in imports to 4.06 million kilogrammes, while Libya's purchases fell sharply by 56 percent to 3.34 million kilogrammes.

China imported 3.24 million kilogrammes during the period, up 3 percent YoY, while the United Arab Emirates dropped to the seventh place among the top importers, with 2.96 million kilogrammes.

Saudi Arabia, Chile and the United States also remained among the top 10 buyers of Ceylon Tea during the period.

# **TEA NEWS – LOCAL**

**Publication – Daily Mirror**

**Headline - Basilur Tea marks Int'l Tea Day with Roots of Ceylon launch**

**Journalist – N/A**

Summary - Basilur Tea launched the Roots of Ceylon initiative in celebration of International Tea Day and 202 years since tea plants arrived in Sri Lanka. Basilur Tea planted 202 new tea plants to honour Ceylon Tea history and culture. The initiative connected tea connoisseurs to Sri Lanka's tea heritage and was inspired by the theme 'Fostering Growth and Inclusion'. Basilur Tea estate workers and their children joined the planting ceremony at Bucsh Tea Estate in Baddegama. Basilur Tea continues to build upon the legacy of premium Ceylon Tea.

**Publication – The Island**

**Headline - Lumbini tea wins top global honours in uk**

**Journalist – N/A**

Summary - 'Singharaja Wiry Tips' produced by Lumbini Tea Valley Ceylon won its 43rd and 44<sup>th</sup> international awards at The Leafies International Tea Awards in the United Kingdom. The low grown tea was named Best Ceylon Black Tea and Best of All Black Teas. The tea is made with golden tipped wiry leaves and a unique flavour from the Singharaja Rainforest bordering the Lumbini Tea plantation. Lumbini Screw Buds was also highly commended at the awards. Lumbini Tea Valley thanked 1,800 tea farmers who supply quality green leaf by plucking "two leaves and a bud".

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