

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 17

May 05 & 06, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.17 was held on May 05(Tue.)/06(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 5.3MKGS was on offer, which is equivalent when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.0MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.7MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.8MKGS.

Demand at this week's Ex-Estate sale met with fair demand at easier levels. Best Western BOP's declined Rs.20-40/- and more for select high priced teas of last week. In the below best category teas in the higher price bracket declined Rs.50/- and more whilst the balance together with the lower end teas lost Rs.20-40/-. Best Western coloury/ Neat leaf BOPF's gained Rs.20-40/- and more for select invoices whilst the others were irregular following quality. In the below best category, teas in the higher price bracket where quality was maintained sold around last levels whilst other were irregular. At the lower end, a selection of coloury teas were firm whilst the balance declined Rs.20-40/-. Nuwara Eliya teas were mostly unsold this week. The majority of the Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's/BOPF's shed Rs.20-40/- and more for poor leaf sorts. CTC Teas- High and Medium PF1's declined Rs.20-40/- and more for poor leaf sorts whilst Low grown PF1's were firm to irregularly easier. The limited selection of the brighter teas were sought after by shippers to Japan and the Continent along with limited interest from South Africa whilst the balance was accounted for by Shippers to Russia, CIS, China and the Tea bag sector.

Low Growns met with good demand yet again this week. In the Leafy category, well made whole leaf grades such as BOP1/OP1/OP/OPA maintained a fully firm trend whilst Pekoes too in general appreciated. In the Small leaf category, good demand prevailed with the majority of the teas gaining in value whilst Bright Tippy teas too maintained last levels and at times appreciated. Traditional buyers were active.

This week's auction comprised of **11,064** lots with a total quantity of **5,413,959** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

Prescription Needed

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,979	704,295
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,363	532,200
Low Grown Tippy	1,737	788,991
High & Medium	1,789	776,601
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,375	1,163,525
Dust	630	539,847
Premium Flowery	283	36,559
Ex-Estate	908	871,941
Total	<u>11,064</u>	<u>5,413,959</u>

A woman walks into a pharmacy one day and says to the pharmacist, "I'd like a poison that'll kill my husband but make it look like he died of natural causes."

The pharmacist says, "Ma'am, not only can I not do that for you, I'm going to have to call the police and report you."

The woman removes something from her pocket and hands it to him. He looks at it and discovers that it's a picture of her husband making love to the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist says, "Oh, you should have told me you had a prescription."

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best invoices were firm, whilst the balance were generally dearer.

OP1 : Teas in the Select best category were lower, whilst the balance were maintained.

OP : Best OP's were maintained, whilst the balance appreciated.

OPA : Select best invoices were firm, whilst the below best and secondary varieties were dearer.

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

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3050	2000-3400	1550-1800	1500-1900	1650-2450
	Last Week	1900-3100	2100-3500	1500-1800	1450-1900	1650-2400
BEST	This Week	1600-1850	1650-1950	1350-1500	1350-1450	1500-1600
	Last Week	1550-1850	1700-2050	1300-1450	1300-1400	1500-1600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1350-1550	1400-1600	1150-1300	1200-1300	1350-1450
	Last Week	1350-1500	1400-1650	1100-1250	1150-1250	1350-1450
SECONDARIES	This Week	1150-1300	1200-1350	950-1100	1000-1150	1150-1300
	Last Week	1150-1300	1200-1350	950-1050	950-1100	1100-1300
POOR	This Week	900-1100	800-1150	700-900	700-950	900-1100
	Last Week	900-1100	750-1150	700-900	700-900	850-1050

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were firm.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Met with a firm market.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and best FBOP's were firm, whilst the bolder varieties met with a good demand. Others sold around last levels.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and best FBOPF1's firm, whilst others were irregularly lower. Cleaner FBOPF's together below best appreciated.

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	1750-2150	1550-1950	2250-2650	1480-1750	4700-5500
	Last Week	1750-2100	1500-1900	2250-2550	1500-1900	4600-5700
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1300-1480	1850-2150	1400-1450	3050-3700
	Last Week	1480-1650	1280-1460	1850-2150	1400-1460	2950-3500
BELOW BEST	This Week	1320-1440	1200-1380	1550-1750	1280-1360	1950-2800
	Last Week	1300-1440	1180-1360	1550-1750	1280-1380	1900-2650
SECONDARIES	This Week	1180-1260	960-1160	1300-1440	1100-1240	1700-1850
	Last Week	1160-1240	940-1140	1300-1440	1120-1240	1650-1800
POOR	This Week	860-1100	750-900	900-1180	900-1080	1180-1380
	Last Week	870-1100	740-880	900-1180	880-1080	1180-1380

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Around dearer market.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Met with improved demand at dearer levels.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best and best PEK1's maintained last levels, whilst the balance together with bold/open varieties were irregularly easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	1220 - 2100	1180 - 2000	1150 - 1600	1100 - 1500	800-900	700-800
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1200 - 1750	1100 - 1850	1000 - 1400	950 - 1380	750 -1000	700 -800
PEK/PEK1	1150 - 2050	1150 - 2000	1000 - 1280	900 - 1200	720-1000	720-1000

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Fair demand mostly at easier rates

BOP: Best Western's declined by Rs.20-40/- 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 were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's - Clean leaf types were firm, whilst the others declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more. Uva's - Better teas generally sold around last, whilst the others declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more.

BOPF : Best Western's - Coloury/neat leaf teas gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more for select invoices, whilst the others were irregular following quality. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket where quality was maintained, sold around last, whilst the others were irregular. At the lower end, a selection of colourful teas were firm, whilst the others were irregular and easier by Rs.20/- per kg and more as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were sharply easier. Uva's - Better teas were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg and more towards the close. 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	1300 - 1440	1340 - 1440	1320 - 1460	1340 - 1440
Below Best Westerns	1140 - 1260	1180 - 1320	1240 - 1300	1180 - 1320
Plainer Westerns	940 - 1120	920 - 1160	1000 - 1220	920 - 1160
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	1300	N/A	1300
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1100 - 1180	1120 - 1140	1140 - 1240	1120 - 1140
Other Uda Pussellawas	1060 - 1080	1020 - 1100	1040 - 1120	1020 - 1100
Best Uva's	1260 - 1340	1260 - 1300	1240 - 1260	1260 - 1300
Other Uva's	1000 - 1080	1140	1200 - 1220	1140

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas were generally firm, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

BOPF : Well-made types declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the other poorer sorts eased further and were difficult of sale.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	880 - 1900	870 - 1900	770-1280	750-1300

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Best available declined by Rs.40/- per kg and more following quality, whilst the others were generally firm.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts – Select invoices were firm, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier, in general.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Better sorts were mostly firm, whilst the others were irregular and easier, and at times were difficult of sale.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	N/A	890 - 1120	890 - 1180
Medium	700	800 - 1000	720 - 1120	650 - 1200
Low	980	800 - 1420	630 - 1400	640 - 1400

OFF GRADES

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

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas tending irregular, whilst below best and lower end tea 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)	840-1260	850-1220	620-770	620-760	640-790	640-770
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-650	620-650	580-660	580-660	620-660	620-660
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	600-700	550-670	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	730-820	750-860	750-850	770-870	780-920	800-940
Other BM's	530-720	530-740	530-730	530-760	500-750	500-780
Best BOP1As	750-800	750-820	770-860	790-890	850-1400	880-1350
Other BOP1As	650-740	650-720	650-750	650-730	650-760	650-750

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's gained Rs.40-60/- whilst their below best and secondaries maintained on last levels. Mid Grown teas showed a marked declined in prices following less demand from local buyers. Low Growns were firm on last levels.

PD : All High grows together with Mid grows were commenced firm on last levels and declined as the sale progress.

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)	800 - 1750	760 - 1700	760 - 1360	730 - 1180	700 - 900	730 - 940
Good Primary PD (CTC)	780 - 1080	800 - 1140	770 - 1160	800 - 1120	800 - 1340	820 - 1360
Secondary Dust	700 - 1120	690 - 1160	680 - 730	660 - 860	650 - 900	620 - 960

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1900/-
Dartry Valley	BOP	1700/-
*Harangalla	BOP	1650/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1500/-
Windsoforest	BOPSP	1460/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1420/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1280/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1260/-
*Harangalla	BOPFSP	1480/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1400/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1400/-
Harangalla	BOP1	2200/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	2100/-
Harangalla	FBOP	2100/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1480/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Galgewatta	OP	1400/-
Cooroondoowatte	OP	1400/-
Harangalla	OP	1380/-
*Ingurugala	OP	1360/-
Pupuessa	OPA	1360/-
*Hatale	OPA	1340/-
Harangalla	OP1	1800/-
Dehiwatte Super	PEKOE	1650/-
Dartry Vaalley	PEKOE	1600/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1550/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	2050/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	2000/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Uplands	PEKOE1	1950/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1950/-

WESTERN HIGH

Mattakelle	BOP	1440/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1500/-
Dessford	BOPF	1460/-
Inverness	BOP1	1700/-
Queensberry	FBOP	1440/-
Frotoft Super	FBOPF1	1420/-
Venture	OP	1280/-
Venture	OPA	1240/-
Venture	OP1	1480/-
Dessford	PEKOE	1480/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1800/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Lovers Leap	BOP1	1700/-
Kenmare	OP	1100/-
Lovers Leap	OP1	1280/-
Lovers Leap	PEKOE1	1280/-

UVA MEDIUM

Tinioya	BOP	1420/-
Aruna Keppetipola	BOPSP	1440/-
El Teb	BOPF	1240/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1550/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1800/-
*Roseland Uva	BOP1	1600/-
Cecilton	BOP1	1600/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1800/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOP	1800/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1550/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOPF1	1650/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1400/-
Wewesse	OP	1400/-
Glen Alpin	OP	1400/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA	1380/-
Wewesse	OPA	1380/-
Telbedde	OP1	1800/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE	1600/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1950/-
Dickwella	PEKOE1	1850/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1850/-
Maratenne	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Halpewatta Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-
Dickwella	PEKOE1	1800/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1340/-
Pitarathmalie	BOP	1340/-
Spring Valley	BOPSP	1550/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1300/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	1420/-
Spring Valley	BOP1	1750/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1750/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1600/-
*Ellathota Uva	FBOP	1550/-
Spring Valley	FBOP1	1320/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1240/-
*Battawatte	FBOP1	1200/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1460/-
Craig	FBOPF1	1460/-
Glenanore	FBOPF1	1440/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1440/-
Oodoowerre	FBOPF1	1440/-
*Ellathota Uva	FBOPF1	1420/-
Oodoowerre	FBOPF1	1420/-
Craig	OP	1440/-
Spring Valley	OPA	1340/-
Craig	OP1	1600/-
Spring Valley	OP1	1600/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1550/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1480/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1460/-
Spring Valley	PEKOE	1460/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1950/-
Craig	PEKOE1	1850/-
Oodoowerre	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Kirklees	BOP	1180/-
Delmar	BOPSP	1380/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1240/-
Blairlomonnd	FBOP	1800/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP1	1280/-
Blairlomonnd	FBOPF1	1440/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1440/-
Maha Uva	OP	1440/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1320/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1650/-
Delmar	OP1	1650/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1460/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1750/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3050/-
*Makandura	BOP1	3000/-
Susantha	OP1	3400/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Mulatiyana Hills	OP	1700/-
*Selna	OP	1650/-
Miriswatta	OPA	1900/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2450/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2300/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2350/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*New Laksakanda	BOP	2150/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	2100/-
*Wikiliya	BOP	1950/-
*New Nivithigala	BOP	1950/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	1950/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1950/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	1950/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOPSP	1900/-
New Rekadahena	BOPSP	1900/-
Kamarangapitiya	BOPSP	1900/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	1850/-
Rajjuruwatte Super	BOPF	1950/-
*Karawita	BOPF	1800/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1700/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	1950/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2650/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	2200/-
Fortune	FBOP1	2200/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	1750/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	1650/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1650/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

*Green House	FBOPFSP	5500/-
New Batuwangala	FBOPFEXSP	4900/-
Mahagastotte	FBOPFEXSP1	3750/-
Kamarangapitiya	FBOPFEXSP1	3400/-
*KDU Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2750/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Ulgedara CTC PF1	1120/-
Dunsinane CTC PF1	1120/-
*Dunsinane CTC PF1	1100/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Donside BP1	700/-
New Peacock CTC PF1	1120/-
Aultmore CTC BPS	870/-

LOW GROWN

Nelunwatta CTC BP1	980/-
Hingalgoda CTC PF1	1400/-

OFF GRADES

Adams View BP	1300/-
Arbour Valley BP	1300/-
Kiruwanaganga BP	1280/-
*Kothmale Hills BP	1220/-
Chandrika CTC PF	1120/-
*Chandrika CTC PF	820/-
*Chandrika CTC PF	800/-
Kongahawatta BM	1120/-
Renukanda FNGS	960/-
Wattegodde FNGS1	1260/-
Wanarajah FNGS1	1260/-
Liyonta BOP1A	1400/-
Chandrika Estate BOP1A	1400/-
*Andaradeniya S BOP1A	1380/-

BOPA

Kings Bru BOPA	2050/-
Susantha BOPA	2000/-
*Tea Lanka BOPA	1950/-
*Selna BOPA	1950/-
*Harangalla BOPA	1950/-

Dust

Kaipooagalla DUST	1120/-
*Labookellie DUST	1100/-
Annfield DUST	1100/-
Somerset DUST	1100/-
Holyrood DUST	1100/-
Mattakelle DUST1	1750/-
Ceciliyan CTC PD	1340/-
*Kalubowitiyana CTC PD	1300/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Rothschild CTC PD	1080/-
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WESTERN HIGH

Kaipooagalla DUST	1120/-
*Labookellie DUST	1100/-

LOW GROWN

*Wattahena DUST	900/-
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NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES – APRIL, 2026

Elevation	MONTH		TO-DATE	
	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS./KGS-	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS/KGS-
ORTHODOX				
UVA-HIGH	929,290	1,109.76	4,361,589	1,050.34
WESTERN-HIGH	1,890,432	1,244.54	10,002,950	1,234.36
UVA-MEDIUM	832,815	1,112.93	3,574,765	1,013.93
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,171,571	1,024.49	5,714,117	998.99
LOW	8,242,965	1,278.28	44,766,666	1,238.65
TOTAL	13,067,073	1,228.12	68,420,087	1,194.26
CTC				
UVA -HIGH	89,920	1,170.85	366,993	1,154.64
WESTERN- HIGH	219,570	1,076.55	1,425,896	1,098.95
WESTERN - MEDIUM	562,240	914.49	3,250,810	967.35
LOW	801,745	887.97	3,669,385	942.90
TOTAL	1,673,475	936.82	8,713,084	986.48
COMBINED (Orthodox / CTC)				
UVA-HIGH	1,019,210	1,115.15	4,728,582	1,058.43
WESTERN-HIGH	2,110,002	1,227.06	11,428,846	1,217.46
UVA-MEDIUM	832,815	1,112.93	3,574,765	1,013.93
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,733,811	988.82	8,964,927	987.51
LOW	9,044,710	1,243.68	48,436,051	1,216.25
TOTAL	14,740,548	1,195.05	77,133,171	1,170.79

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.16 OF 28TH APRIL, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,121.26	1,115.34	1,039.45	1,071.82	1,061.29
Western High Grown	1,217.32	1,228.29	1,204.94	1,081.14	1,146.92
High Grown	1,183.83	1,192.49	1,157.40	1,077.79	1,121.49
Uva Medium	1,138.61	1,114.57	1,013.49	1,118.55	1,095.21
Western Medium	1,012.72	986.30	978.88	1,037.51	1,034.84
Medium Grown	1,059.02	1,027.13	989.20	1,064.95	1,053.49
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,303.03	1,276.26	1,237.08	1,286.64	1,269.78
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,278.78	1,241.73	1,219.45	1,270.95	1,256.53
Total	1,217.98	1,193.53	1,170.65	1,188.33	1,195.63

Private Sale Figures (23.04.2026 – 28.04.2026) 316,492.50

Cumulative 3,302,343.52

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 18

SALE NO: 19

Sale of 12th/13th May. '26

Sale of 19th/20th May. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,949	757,156	2,269	900,860
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,415	599,882	1,695	720,555
Low Grown Tippy	1,770	866,380	2,095	1,017,982
High & Medium	1,696	810,003	1,849	919,897
Off Grade/BOP1A	1,993	1,014,586	2,278	1,206,502
Dust	656	617,350	673	645,768
Premium Flowery	244	34,092	278	39,530
Ex-Estate	1,054	1,089,727	1,051	1,111,001
Total	<u>10,777</u>	<u>5,789,176</u>	<u>12,188</u>	<u>6,562,095</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.22 of 09th (Tue.)/10th (Wed.) June, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 21st May, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.18

AUCTION OF 12TH /13TH 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. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	1. John Keells PLC
2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Eastern Brokers PLC
4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. John Keells PLC	5. Eastern Brokers PLC	5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. John Keells PLC	6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
7. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	7. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	8. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 28th April to 04th May 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Bright mornings and evening showers were reported in Western and Nuwara Eliya regions throughout the week. Showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported sunny weather and occasional evening showers during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, misty conditions are expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region reported bright mornings and evening showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

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

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

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 18 HELD ON 6 MAY, 2026

There was good demand at irregular rates for the 3880 packages on offer.

BP1 were generally firm on last.

PF1/PD held firm.

D1 were firm to dearer

PF1SC sold at irregular rates following quality.

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

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3 MAY, 2026.

It was warm to hot during the day with plenty of sunshine. No rainfall was received this week.

Green leaf intakes declining further.

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.17 of 27TH & 28TH APRIL, 2026

Fair general demand for the 159,191 packages (10,719,066.00 kilos) on offer with 26.96% unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers, Bazaar and Egyptian Packers maintained support at lower levels with **Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries** strong but at easier rates. **Kazakhstan and other CIS states** were less active with maintained participation from **Afghanistan; UK** were more selective. **Russia** showed less interest while **South Sudan** lent good support. There was less participation from **Local Packers** while **Somalia** were active at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :

Leaf Grades - 92,315 packages (6,151,294.00 kilos) - 35.27% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 49,356 packages (3,690,351.00 kilos) - 18.07% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 17,520 packages (877,421.00 kilos) - 8.17% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Firm to USC9 below previous levels but select lines were up to USC4 dearer.

Brighter: Were irregular varying between steady to USC14 dearer to easier by up to USC5.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were irregularly discounted by up to USC14 with plantation mediums well competed for irregularly advancing by up to USC28.

Lower Medium: Irregular interest and mostly shed by up to USC12.

Plainer: Mostly lost by up to USC10.

PF1:

Best : Were easier by up to USC6 with some teas steady to USC4 dearer

Brighter : Irregularly shed by up to USC9.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were irregularly discounted by up to USC15 with plantation mediums easier by up to USC15.

Lower Medium : Lost by up to USC15.

Plainer : Irregularly discounted by up to USC9.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	270 - 364	285 - 346
Good	250 - 294	270 - 320
Good Medium	230 - 292	270 - 290
Medium (KTDA)	170 - 226	403 - 275
Medium (Plantations)	174 - 238	195 - 232
Lower Medium	154 - 184	155 - 226
Plainer	108 - 158	090 - 158

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:****Best:** Easier by up to USC8.**Brighter:** Firm to USC8 above previous rates to USC5 easier.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC15 with plantation mediums discounted by up to USC11.**Lower Medium:** Met more irregular interest varying between steady to mostly easier by up to USC11 but a few lines were up to USC5 above last rates.**Plainer:** Saw irregular enquiry and ranged between firm to USC9 dearer to easier by up to USC11.**DUST1:****Best:** Irregular and ranged between steady to USC8 dearer to easier by up to a similar margin.**Brighter:** Gained by up to USC12.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums generally lost up to USC10 but select invoices advanced by up to USC7. Plantation mediums were steady to easier by up to USC9**Lower Medium:** Were up to USC5 above previous rates.**Plainer:** Appreciated by up to USC21.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	270 - 328	280 - 343
Good	258- 302	263 - 301
Good Medium	220 - 282	240- 290
Medium (KTDA)	199 - 242	186- 270
Medium (Plantati ons)	195 - 210	170 - 197
Lower Medium	155- 184	164 - 171
Plainer	109 - 142	109 - 156

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** were steady while others were irregularly dearer; **PFs** appreciated. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were discounted while **similar DUSTs** held value. **Other Fannings** were firm with **DUSTs** selling above last rates. **BMFs** were well absorbed

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	250 - 322	250-258	160 - 191	130 - 293	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	152 - 186	124 - 191	-
Lower Medium	120 - 160	134 - 163	109 - 161	100 - 155	100 - 112
Plainer	090 - 140	086 - 130	082 - 119	101 - 130	082 - 100



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 02ND MAY 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: Broken and Fannings were irregular and lower except for some blacker and cleaner teas fetched steady levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Whole leaf sold at easier levels except for some cleaner and blacker varieties were holding over last levels. Primary broken were fully firm. Secondary broken and Fannings were steady

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold at firm levels. Medium and plainer sorts also shared the same market trend.

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair.

Market : Easier by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- across all grades and categories of the larger quantity that was traded. The sale had witnessed fair to substantial quantity of withdrawals with BOPF's being the major quantity that had suffered. The browner and flakier teas have impacted further.

The overall sale percentage was 73% at an average of Rs.103.24.

Buying Pattern: Major Blenders were the main stay operating mostly on the sustainable teas, whilst the Internal was operating cautiously on price levels. Export was rather operating on the Larger Broken and on the cleaner Fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair.

Market : Generally an easier trend with prices dropping by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- across all grades and categories. The sale had also witnessed fair amount of withdrawals without any bids.

The overall sale percentage was 73% at an average of Rs.138.58.

Buying Pattern: Mostly an export driven interest with very select Internal participation.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Less**Market :** Market witnessed a down trend with teas across all grades and categories dropping in price levels by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- on the Better and Medium types. The high-priced liquoring teas have dropped further upto Rs.10/- the sale had experienced fair to substantial withdrawals, mostly on the browner, flakier and fibrous teas.**The overall sale percentage was 65% at an average of Rs.114.55.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with fair support from the major Blenders. Internal was rather operating cautiously.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair.**Market:** The market met with a similar trend that of the leaf and encountered a price drop of Rs. 2/- to Rs.5/- across all grades and categories with some withdrawals mostly on the popular high-priced teas.**The overall sale percentage was 78% at an average of Rs.113.91.****Buying Pattern:** Predominantly an Export buying with very select Internal participation.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium and brokens were steady. Medium teas were irregular and lower with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf were barely steady. Medium brokens lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- with some withdrawals. BOPF not quotable.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals on bolder grades. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with heavy withdrawals. Plainer teas were barely steady.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Firm to dearer by Rs.5/-**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**May 06, 2026****-/ra.**

TEA NEWS

Japan's green tea exports surged in fiscal 2025 amid matcha boom



Japan's green tea exports are surging, driven by a strong matcha boom around the world.

According to customs-cleared trade statistics released by the Finance Ministry on Tuesday, exports of green tea in fiscal 2025, which ended in March, reached 13,125 tons, up 42% from the previous year.

By value, exports rose more than twofold to ¥84.7 billion due to soaring prices amid growing global demand.

Meanwhile, an influx of inexpensive foreign green tea into Japan has put domestically produced tea at a crossroads.

Powdered green tea, including matcha, accounted for about 70% of the total export volume, while shipments of other types of green tea, such as *sencha*, declined year on year.

The government views green tea as a key driver of exports of agricultural, forestry and fishery products and foods, on the back of the popularity of matcha-flavored desserts and drinks overseas.

Although domestic production of tea is on a moderate downtrend, that of *tencha*, the material of matcha, grew for four consecutive years through 2024.

Unit prices of *tencha* have also been rising, prompting some producers to shift from *sencha*, which had long been the industry's mainstay, to *tencha*.

In fiscal 2025, Japan imported 5,801 tons of green tea from China and other countries, an 82% increase from the previous year.

According to Japanese research firm Teikoku Databank, the number of domestic tea producers that closed temporarily or permanently in 2025 reached a record high of 13, up from eight in the previous year.

Because about 40% of tea plantations are located in hilly or mountainous areas and tea farmers are aging, switching to *tencha*, which requires a different manufacturing method from *sencha*, remains challenging.

"We want to promote the healthy growth of the Japanese tea industry," said an official at major Japanese green tea beverage maker Ito En, which focuses on domestic products. The official stressed the need for accelerated efforts to strengthen the industry's production foundations and brand power.

India's import rules eclipse Nepali tea market



by Prem Adhikari, Pashupatinagar, May 1: Nepali tea, a large portion of which is exported to neighbouring India, is likely to face a market crisis after India imposed stricter regulations on tea imports.

India has introduced new rules effective from May 1, 2026, making the import of Nepali tea more difficult. Under the new provision, every shipment of tea exported to India must undergo mandatory laboratory testing for each vehicle.

Previously, testing one vehicle allowed clearance for tea loaded in up to ten vehicles.

With the new rule requiring separate testing for each vehicle and each consignment, the export process will become more complicated and expensive.

Gopal Kattel, General Secretary of the Suryodaya Tea Producers Association and a tea entrepreneur, said that India has introduced a complicated procedure in which a fee of 11,500 Indian rupees is charged for each consignment and each vehicle sample test, and it takes more than 15 days for the test report to arrive.

According to him, during the testing period, Nepali tea must either be kept in the vehicles or stored in warehouses. Due to the additional cost of storage or vehicle holding during this period, Nepali traders will face difficulties in exporting tea.

Nepali tea entrepreneurs have described India's move as an 'unofficial blockade' on Nepali tea.

Kattel said that under the provisions of new procedures, Nepali traders are no longer in a position to export tea to India.

There is a mandatory rule that if the tea is tested once and sent for re-testing due to the amount of pesticide, an additional 11,500 Indian rupees must be paid, and if the pesticide is found a second time, the tea cannot be returned and is confiscated by the Indian government as unfit for consumption.

According to the National Tea and Coffee Development Board, Nepal exports approximately 15,600 tonnes of tea annually, of which 86 per cent goes to India.

Indra Adhikari, Regional Chief of the Board, said India has been creating obstacles for Nepali tea exports for years, and this latest decision could severely impact the market. He emphasised the need for diplomatic efforts by the federal government to resolve the issue.

In previous years, India often halted Nepali tea imports at the start of the tea harvest season citing quality concerns. This time, however, the stricter rules have been formally implemented, raising concerns among stakeholders about serious market disruption.

Tea is cultivated in 31 districts of Nepal, including Jhapa, Ilam, Panchthar, and Dhankuta. The organic and orthodox tea produced in these regions is internationally recognised for its quality. A large portion of Nepal's tea is exported to third countries via India.

Entrepreneurs have repeatedly submitted memorandums to the government in the past, urging solutions to ongoing export issues, but no effective action has been taken.

India has often accused Nepali tea of being low-quality and containing pesticide residues.

However, while restricting processed tea, India continues to purchase green tea leaves from Nepal, which are then sold in the global market under the "Darjeeling Tea" brand.

Deepak Khanal, spokesperson for the board, said that after receiving a letter from the Tea Board of India on February 10, the board had already informed the ministry and urged government-level intervention.

He added that although there have been discussions, further diplomatic action is now the responsibility of the ministry. He also stressed that India should recognise Nepal's food laboratory certification to ensure smooth exports.

If a timely diplomatic solution is not found, the Nepali tea industry could face long-term damage, putting the livelihoods of thousands of farmers and workers at risk.

Niskal Rai, a Member of Parliament from Ilam Constituency No. 1, said he had previously raised the issue in parliament and urged the Prime Minister to take up the matter with the Indian government.

Tea cultivation in Nepal began in 1863 when Colonel Gajaraj Singh Thapa established a tea estate in Ilam. Since then, the industry has faced ongoing challenges.

According to data from the National Tea and Coffee Development Board, for the fiscal year 2024/25, tea is cultivated on 20,602 hectares of land in Nepal. The country produces around 26.1 million kilograms of processed tea annually.

Nepal has 15,132 tea farmers, 170 tea estates, and about 120 small and medium processing units, providing employment to around 60,000 people.

According to the Department of Customs, Nepal exported 15.6 million kilograms of tea, earning Rs. 4.59 billion in the fiscal year 2024/25.
