

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 19

May 19 & 20, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.19 was held on May 19(Tue.)/20(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 6.6MKGS was on offer, which shows a substantial increase when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.7MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.9MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 1.1MKGS.

At this week's Ex-Estate sale as forecasted, prices fell sharply mainly due to the high volume of teas available along with a large range of plainer/poor leaf teas on offer. In the Western category, a few select best BOP's appreciated up to Rs.100/- per kg following special inquiry whilst the others declined by a similar margin. Their corresponding BOPF's on the contrary declined Rs.50-100/- per kg whilst the balance in the higher price bracket of last week declined up to Rs.50/- per kg and more. Below best and plainer leaf BOP's too lost Rs.50/- per kg and more whilst their BOPF too eased by Rs.50-100/- per kg and more. Nuwara Eliya BOP's were irregular whilst BOPF's remained unsold yet again. The majority of the Uva/Udapussellawa teas were most affected due to very low bids being received and thus a large volume remained unsold. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's in the higher price bracket declined Rs.20/- per kg and more as the sale progressed whilst Low Grown varieties lost up to Rs.50/- per kg. There was hardly any BP1's on offer this week. Shippers to Japan and the Continent were very selective in their purchases whilst the balance were accounted for by Shippers to Russia, CIS and China. The Tea Bag sector too were very selective in their purchases.

Demand in the Low Grown catalogue was sustained with buyer participation across a wide range of exporters active.

Next week's Ex-Estate sale which has on offer over 1.0 M kilos and with the majority of teas being very plain and leaf standards deteriorating the overall market is expected to dip further. In this context, producers are cautioned to improve their product quality as poorly made teas will nodoubt be discounted.

Next week Sale No.20 will be held on Monday 25th May & Tuesday 26th May, 2026.

This week's auction comprised of **12,188** lots with a total quantity of **6,562,095** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

In Lighter Vein

The Nun and the Cabby

A nun gets into a cab and notices that the VERY handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring. He replies "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you." She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive." "Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me." She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2, you must be Catholic." The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!" "OK" the nun says. "Pull in to the next alley." The nun fulfills his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying. "My dear child," says the nun, "why are you crying?" "Forgive me but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish.

"The nun says, "That's OK My name is Kevin and I'm going to a fancy dress party."

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,269	900,860
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,695	720,555
Low Grown Tippy	2,095	1,017,982
High & Medium	1,849	919,897
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,278	1,206,502
Dust	673	645,768
Premium Flowery	278	39,530
Ex-Estate	<u>1,051</u>	<u>1,111,001</u>
Total	<u>12,188</u>	<u>6,562,095</u>

LOW GROWN TEAS**LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY**

BOP1 : Select best BOP1's were firm, whilst the balance were dearer.

OP1 : Teas in the select best category were irregular, whilst the balance were marginally lower.

OP : Best OP's maintained, shorter varieties were lower, whilst the balance were dearer.

OPA : High price teas were maintained, whilst the balance were dearer.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK/PEK1's were firm, whilst the balance were firm to irregularly lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1850-3400	2000-3400	1600-1800	1600-2100	1650-2700
	Last Week	1800-3000	2000-3400	1600-1800	1550-2050	1650-2500
BEST	This Week	1650-1800	1600-1950	1450-1550	1450-1550	1450-1600
	Last Week	1650-1750	1650-1950	1400-1550	1400-1500	1450-1600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1450-1600	1450-1550	1250-1400	1300-1400	1250-1400
	Last Week	1400-1600	1500-1600	1200-1350	1250-1350	1300-1400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1200-1400	1250-1400	1050-1200	1100-1250	1100-1200
	Last Week	1200-1350	1250-1450	1000-1150	1050-1200	1150-1250
POOR	This Week	1000-1150	800-1200	750-1000	750-1050	800-1050
	Last Week	1000-1150	800-1200	700-950	700-1000	800-1100

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general met with a firm market.

BOPF/BOPFSP : A selection of Select Best and Best varieties were firm on last, whilst the balance were irregular following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best FBOP's were firm to easier, whilst best FBOP's maintained on last. Bolder varieties gained by Rs.50-100/- per kg whilst the teas at the lower end met with a good demand. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and Best FBOPF1's were easier by Rs.40-60/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too were irregularly lower. FBOPF's met with a good demand with improved buyer participation, whilst mixed teas were lower.

FBOPFSP : Very Tippy teas met with strong demand.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Overall met was a dearer market.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1650-2050	1500-2050	2200-2500	1460-1800	4800-6350
	Last Week	1650-1950	1500-1900	2200-2650	1480-1800	4950-6500
BEST	This Week	1460-1600	1300-1460	1800-2050	1400-1440	3300-4300
	Last Week	1460-1550	1300-1460	1800-2100	1420-1460	3200-4150
BELOW BEST	This Week	1320-1440	1180-1340	1550-1700	1240-1340	2150-3100
	Last Week	1300-1420	1200-1360	1550-1700	1280-1370	2000-3050
SECONDARIES	This Week	1120-1220	920-1120	1350-1440	1120-1200	1800-2000
	Last Week	1160-1240	920-1120	1300-1420	1120-1260	1750-1900
POOR	This Week	900-1040	740-860	940-1220	900-1080	1200-1460
	Last Week	840-1050	750-900	900-1200	920-1100	1200-1420

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Well-made FBOP's cleaner varieties were firm, whilst the balance were on easier feature.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the balance were on easier feature.

PEK/PEK1 : PEK's met with irregular demand and declined as the sale progressed.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	1200 - 2350	1220 - 2350	1000 - 1500	1100 - 1550	800 - 900	800 - 900
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1200 - 1600	1200 - 1750	900 - 1300	1000 - 1400	700 - 1000	750 - 1050
PEK/PEK1	1100 - 1900	1150 - 1950	900 - 1120	950 - 1180	720 - 900	720 - 950

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Mostly lower to last

BOP: Best Western's – A few select invoices appreciated by up to Rs.100/- per kg following special inquiry, whilst the others declined by a similar margin. In the Below Best category too, select coloury invoices appreciated by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others were irregularly easier by a similar margin. At the lower end, plainer sorts declined by Rs.100/- per kg and more. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's – Select coloury invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular and easier by a similar margin. Uva's were mostly unsold with bids reflecting Rs.200/- per kg below last week's auction prices.

BOPF : Best Western's – A majority of the teas declined by Rs.50-100/- per kg. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg, whilst the others and teas in the Plainer category which declined by Rs.50-100/- per kg at the first half of the sale, showed some recovery and were lower to a lesser extent by the close. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were mostly unsold and where sold, were Rs.100-150/- per kg below last week's levels. Uva's declined by Rs.50/- per kg and substantially more following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1260 - 1440	1280 - 1650	1240 - 1400	1340 - 1480
Below Best Westerns	1080 - 1240	1100 - 1260	1080 - 1220	1220 - 1320
Plainer Westerns	890 - 1040	900 - 1040	880 - 1060	1100 - 1180
Nuwara Eliyas	1140 - 1200	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	N/A	1020 - 1080	1020 - 1080	1040 - 1120
Other Uda Pussellawas	850 - 960	920 - 1000	850 - 920	980 - 1000
Best Uva's	N/A	N/A	1180 - 1200	1140 - 1260
Other Uva's	N/A	960 - 1100	960 - 1100	850 - 1100

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

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

BOPF : Well-made types, which commenced Rs.20/- per kg easier, firmed up towards the close.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	850 - 1800	800 - 1650	710-1160	750-1260

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

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

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular and hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.20/- per kg, and more as the sale progressed, whilst the others were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Sold around last week's levels.

PF1 - Select invoices were firm, whilst the others declined by Rs.50/- per kg.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	840	N/A	800 - 1040	900 - 1080
Medium	690 - 870	650 - 840	620 - 1080	670 - 1060
Low	820 - 1600	1480	640 - 1420	620 - 1320

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to easier Rs.50-75/- 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 dearer Rs.10-30/- per kg, others firm to advance by 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 firm on last and lower end teas advanced Rs.10-40/- 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)	800-1100	830-1200	640-780	640-780	640-880	640-830
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-650	620-650	580-660	580-660	620-660	620-660
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	620-720	620-720	600-670	600-670	600-680	600-680
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	730-820	730-780	750-830	750-800	750-920	750-880
Other BM's	550-720	530-720	550-740	530-730	580-760	500-750
Best BOP1As	750-800	750-800	770-860	770-860	850-1300	850-1400
Other BOP1As	650-770	650-740	670-770	650-750	680-780	650-760

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High Grown liquoring Dust/Dust1's maintained last levels whilst their secondaries and below best types eased Rs.50-100/- per kg. Mid Grown teas lost Rs.40-60/- per kg, whilst the Low Grows were firm on last levels.

PD : High grows eased Rs.50-70/- per kg whilst Mid Grown teas were Rs60-100/- per kg lower. Low Grows sold firm on last levels.

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)	850 - 1700	900 - 2300	740 - 1120	800 - 1200	650 - 1300	740 - 1280
Good Primary PD (CTC)	760 - 1260	800 - 1200	740 - 1080	800 - 1180	730 - 1420	800 - 1360
Secondary Dust	650 - 1300	740 - 1160	640 - 720	720 - 750	550 - 960	700 - 1200

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Hatale	BOP	1800/-
*Ancoombra	BOP	1750/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1440/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1420/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1400/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1160/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1280/-
*Uplands	BOPFSP	1200/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1750/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	2350/-
Harangalla	FBOP1	1420/-
*Harangalla	FBOP1	1400/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1550/-
Harangalla	FBOPF1	1550/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1500/-
Uplands	OP	1380/-
*Hatale	OP	1360/-
*Harangalla	OP	1360/-
New Rothschild	OPA	1340/-
Doombagastalawa	OP1	1700/-
*Hatale	OP1	1600/-
Harangalla	OP1	1600/-
Cooroondoowatta	OP1	1600/-
*Ancoombra	OP1	1550/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEKOE	1600/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1500/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1500/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1500/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1480/-
*Ingurugala	PEKOE	1480/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	1900/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1900/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1850/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1850/-

WESTERN HIGH

Gouravilla	BOP	1440/-
Queensberry	BOPSP	1340/-
Mattakelle	BOPF	1400/-
Bearwell	BOPF	1400/-
Inverness	BOP1	1550/-
Venture	FBOP	1800/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1300/-
Glenloch	FBOPF1	1380/-
Cymru	FBOPF1	1380/-
Venture	OP	1320/-
Cymru	OPA	1300/-
Venture	OP1	1550/-
Inverness	OP1	1550/-
Cymru	PEKOE	1360/-
Venture	PEKOE	1360/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1700/-
Inverness	PEKOE1	1700/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOP	1200/-
Kenmare	BOPSP	1000/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1500/-
Kenmare	FBOPF	1120/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1650/-
Kenmare	OP	1140/-

UVA MEDIUM

Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1550/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1500/-
*Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1480/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1340/-
El Teb	BOPF	1000/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOPFSP	1460/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1550/-
Wewesse	BOP1	1550/-
Telbedde	BOP1	1500/-
*Halpewatte Uva	BOP1	1480/-
Wewesse	FBOP	1600/-
Dickwella	FBOP	1500/-
Aruna Keppetipola	FBOP	1500/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP	1480/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1400/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1360/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOP1	1280/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1100/-
Dickwella	FBOPF1	1400/-
Ambrosia Uva Tea	FBOPF1	1400/-
Tinioya	FBOPF1	1400/-
High Spring	OP	1420/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA	1260/-
Blossoms Uva Tea	OPA	1260/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1240/-
Telbedde	OP1	1700/-
Wewesse	PEKOE	1550/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1900/-

UVA HIGH

*Mooloya	BOP	920/-
Uvakellie	BOP	920/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1380/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1200/-
Uva Highlands	BOPFSP	870/-
Ranaya	BOP1	1600/-
Spring Valley	FBOP	1500/-
Spring Valley	FBOP1	1440/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF	760/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1380/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1380/-
Mount Uva	FBOPF1	1380/-
Ranaya	OP	1340/-
Mount Uva	OPA	1320/-
Ranaya	OP1	1650/-
Glenanore	PEKOE	1400/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1400/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1800/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Liddesdale	BOP	960/-
High Forest	BOP	960/-
Luckyland	BOPF	1080/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1020/-
Blairlmond	FBOP	1600/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP1	1240/-
Gonapitiya	FBOPF	940/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1280/-
Blairlmond	OP	1320/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1180/-
Delmar	OPA	1180/-
Delmar	OP1	1600/-
Blairlmond	PEKOE	1400/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1600/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3400/-
*Makandura	BOP1	3050/-
*Sithaka	BOP1	2900/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3400/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Sunrise	OP	1750/-
Galatara	OP	1750/-
Dampahala	OP	1750/-
Sudugahahena	OP	1750/-
Lucky Dais	OP	1750/-
Green Lanka	OP	1750/-
Danlanda Watte	OP	1750/-
*Selna	OP	1700/-
Liyonta	OPA	2100/-
Miriswatta	OPA	1950/-
*Green House	OPA	1800/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2700/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2600/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2300/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2300/-
Nilgiri	PEKOE1	2300/-
Matuwagalla Sup.	PEKOE1	2300/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2300/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2300/-
Lanka	PEKOE1	2300/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*Mahaliyadda	BOP	2050/-
*Selna	BOP	1950/-
Renukanda	BOP	1950/-
Green Lanka	BOP	1950/-
*New Laksakanda	BOP	1900/-
*Rain Forest	BOP	1900/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	2050/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1850/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOPF	1750/-
*Karawita	BOPF	1750/-
Wewelkandura S	BOPFSP	2000/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2500/-
Kiruwana ganga	FBOP1	2000/-
Kumudu	FBOP1	2000/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	1900/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOP1	1900/-
*Andaradeniya S	FBOP1	1850/-
*New Nivithigala	FBOP1	1850/-
Stream Line	FBOPF	2450/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	1800/-
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	1700/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Green Lanka	FBOPFSP	6350/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOPFSP	6100/-
Uplands	FBOPFEXSP	5950/-
Galatara	FBOPFEXSP1	5450/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Florence CTC	BP1	840/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1040/-

MEDIUM GROWN

New Rothschild CTC	BP1	870/-
Aultmore CTC	BP1	870/-
Duckwari CTC	PF1	1080/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1600/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1420/-

OFF GRADES

Bogoda	BP	1340/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1060/-
Gunawardana	BM	1060/-
*Karawita	BM	1040/-
*Avissawella	BM	1020/-
Dishan Valley	BM	1020/-
Falcon Lanka	FNGS	1020/-
Wattegodde	FNGS1	1200/-
*Aldora	BOP1A	1300/-
*Chandrika Est.	BOP1A	1240/-
Bogoda Group	BOP1A	1240/-
*Nawagamuhena	BOP1A	1220/-
Morawakkorale	BOP1A	1220/-

BOPA

*Lenama Hills	BOPA	2100/-
*Wattahena	BOPA	2000/-

Dust

Wattegodde	DUST	1300/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1700/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1420/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Rothschild CTC	PD	1080/-
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LOW GROWN

*Wattahena	DUST	960/-
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COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.18 OF 13TH MAY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,088.04	1,120.37	1,050.15	1,007.49	1,057.46
Western High Grown	1,181.84	1,197.18	1,202.82	1,029.67	1,134.64
High Grown	1,149.31	1,170.28	1,157.54	1,022.42	1,111.14
Uva Medium	1,105.36	1,118.41	1,031.26	1,083.17	1,094.44
Western Medium	1,005.67	1,010.19	982.96	997.34	1,033.31
Medium Grown	1,046.30	1,049.61	997.91	1,028.61	1,052.52
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,327.01	1,291.38	1,242.91	1,285.60	1,269.75
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,306.22	1,262.34	1,224.75	1,273.67	1,256.45
Total	1,220.67	1,199.52	1,174.39	1,170.01	1,192.50

Private Sale Figures (07.05.2026 – 13.05.2026) 246,194.00

Cumulative 4,566,177.45

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 20

SALE NO: 21

Sale of 25th/26th May. '26

Sale of 02nd /03rd June. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,224	877,561	2,169	893,542
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,577	652,588	1,577	663,018
Low Grown Tippy	1,861	878,638	1,948	933,425
High & Medium	1,763	810,617	1,773	802,982
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,240	1,201,737	2,436	1,266,123
Dust	633	610,601	673	626,875
Premium Flowery	309	41,704	255	36,227
Ex-Estate	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,071,970</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>963,470</u>
Total	<u>11,626</u>	<u>6,145,416</u>	<u>11,769</u>	<u>6,185,662</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.23 of 16th (Tue.)/17th (Wed.) June, 2026

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

Sale No.24 of 22nd (Mon.)/23rd (Tue.) June, 2026

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

SALE NO.20

AUCTION OF 25TH/26TH 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. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. John Keells PLC	3. Eastern Brokers PLC	3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
4. Eastern Brokers PLC	4. John Keells PLC	4. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
5. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	7. John Keells PLC
8. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	8. Eastern Brokers PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 12th to 18th May, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Heavy rain was reported from the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions throughout the week. Fairly heavy 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 evening showers during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in both regions in the week ahead.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region reported rainy weather throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, showery conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

The Western, Nuwara Eliya and Low Grown regions reported a decrease in the crop intake, whilst the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions 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	Feb.	0.03	0.02	0.0	0.34	0.60	0.3
MALAWI	Feb.	6.70	5.60	-1.1	12.00	10.80	-1.2
NORTH INDIA	Mar.	52.08	49.05	-3.0	62.93	55.31	-7.6
SOUTH INDIA	Mar.	15.77	17.81	2.0	47.47	42.70	-4.8

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

OTHER MARKETS

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 20 HELD ON 20 MAY, 2026

There was selective interest for the 4540 packages on offer with most of the teas taken out due to Producers limits.

PF1 – Bright liquoring invoices sold 7USC below valuation, lesser sorts taken out, some under bids.

BP1/PD/PF1SC – taken out, some under bids.

Secondary were all taken out.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17 MAY, 2026.

Hot weather conditions during day and cool at night were experienced with some isolated showers reported in Thyolo and Mulanje over the weekend.

Green leaf intake gradually going down.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 04 OF MONDAY, 18th MAY, 2026

CTC LEAF: 36,864 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Black, well made, good liquoring BOPs met with a good demand but were easier over last. GBOPs were again a fairly strong market but prices were lower. Below best continued to meet with a good demand and were steady in line with quality. BLF teas met with a strong demand at dearer rates with few withdrawals

FANNINGS: Black, well made, good liquoring Fannings were a fairly good market but prices were easier. Below best met with a good demand and were firm to slightly easier. Remainder were a good market and sold at around last levels. BLF teas met with a strong demand at dearer rates with few withdrawals.

DUST: 8,056 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand. Well-made good liquoring Dusts sold well around last levels. Mediums also met with good demand with Tk.3/- to Tk.5/- less than last. Remainders sold well around Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- less closely following quality. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Offerings this week were higher than last and these met with a good demand particularly for the blacker varieties. Blenders lent strong support with more interest from the Loose tea buyers.

It was quite evident that market closely followed quality.

Dusts were a good market.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	290-305	295-320	Best	288-300	290-310	PD	280-295	250-310
Good	280-288	280-290	Good	280-285	280-285	RD	248-306	262-324
Medium	270-275	270-275	Medium	270-275	270-275	D	250-316	265-326
Plain	255-265 Nom	260-265 Nom	Plain	255-265 Nom	260-265	CD	260-327	275-341
BLF	246-276	235-270	BLF	251-280	242-284	BLF	248-266	250-280

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.19 of 11TH & 12TH MAY, 2026

There was reduced general demand for the 170,180 packages (11,516,419.00 kilos) on offer with 30.73% unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS :

Leaf Grades - 92,600 packages (6,158,633.00 kilos) - 42.89% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 58,620 packages (4,388,202.00 kilos) - 18.29% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 18,960 packages (969.504.00 kilos) - 9.81% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : More irregular interest ranging between USC14 dearer for select teas to mostly easier by up to USC19.

Brighter: Shed by up to USC17 with select lines up to USC10 above last rates

Mediums: KTDA mediums were firm to USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC6 while plantation mediums met improved and useful interest advancing by up to USC25.

Lower Medium: Were dearer by up to USC14.

Plainer: Gained by up to USC13.

PF1:

Best : Saw irregular enquiry varying between firm to USC13 above last rates for few teas to mostly easier by up to USC11.

Brighter : Lost up to USC10.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were discounted by up to USC14 with plantation mediums irregular ranging between USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC15.

Lower Medium : Saw irregular interest varying between steady to USC5 above previous levels for few lines to mostly easier by up to USC10.

Plainer : Dearer by up to USC10 with select invoices USC5 easier.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	258 - 343	282 - 347
Good	250 - 319	267 - 310
Good Medium	245 - 285	265 - 281
Medium (KTDA)	170 - 207	217 - 263
Medium (Plantations)	177 - 232	175 - 232
Lower Medium	154 - 185	150 - 217
Plainer	108 - 163	100 - 158

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

Best: Were easier by up to USC13.

Brighter: Irregularly shed by up to USC15.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC10 with plantation mediums discounted by up to USC6.

Lower Medium: Were about firm to USC5 below last rates. Few select lines were up to USC2 dearer.

Plainer: Firm to USC12 dearer.

DUST1:

Best: Irregularly easier by up to USC9.

Brighter: Were up to USC11 below previous levels.

Mediums: KTDA mediums lost up to USC8 while plantation mediums were well sought after, at steady to USC6 dearer.

Lower Medium: With slightly more offers, were firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC3.

Plainer: Gained by up to USC9.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	259 - 349	259 - 353
Good	245- 296	250 - 297
Good Medium	215 - 262	240- 288
Medium (KTDA)	175 - 238	180- 262
Medium (Plantati ons)	190 - 216	178 - 198
Lower Medium	160- 186	162 - 177
Plainer	114 - 160	122 - 159

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** were firm while others substantially appreciated; **PFs** were steady. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** tended easier while **similar DUSTs** were held value. **Other Fannings** were firm to irregularly dearer while **DUSTs** sold above last levels. **BMFs** were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	246 - 338	-	160 - 215	138 - 331	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	150 - 181	120 - 167	-
Lower Medium	146 - 207	132 - 166	112 - 160	118- 160	100 - 113
Plainer	096 - 172	096 - 133	086 - 125	098 - 150	084 - 113

May 20, 2026

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TEA NEWS – LOCAL

Publication – Daily News

Headline – International Tea Day Celebrations include ‘Ceylon Tea Walk’ on May 21

Journalist – Deneth Sankalana

Summary - Sri Lanka will celebrate International Tea Day on May 21 under the theme ‘Protect the Sri Lankan Tea Industry – Empower Communities’. A ‘Ceylon Tea Walk’ will be organised from the Tea Board premises to Galle Face Green. More than 500,000 small, medium and large-scale estate owners are involved in the tea sector, while many more depend on it for their livelihoods. A national committee and State mechanism have been established to guide future development of the tea industry. The Government aims to increase annual tea production to 400 million kilograms and tea export revenue to US\$ 2.5 billion by 2030. Rising fertiliser prices linked to the Gulf conflict remain a challenge, while the Government is committed to protecting plantations and supporting the agricultural sector.

Publication – Dinamina (19th May)

Headline – Sri Lanka Aims to Increase Tea Export Revenue to USD 2.5 Billion by 2030

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Minister Samantha Vidyaratna stated that the government expects to increase tea production to 400 million kilograms and tea export revenue to USD 2.5 billion by 2030. The remarks were made during a media briefing on the World Tea Day commemorative programme. Tea was described as the most widely consumed beverage in the world after drinking water. “Ceylon Tea” was identified as a globally recognized and powerful international brand.

Publication – Dinamina (19th May)

Headline – Additional Fertilizer Subsidy of Rs. 2500 million for Tea Smallholders

Journalist – N/A

Summary - The government has decided to provide an additional fertilizer subsidy worth Rs.2500 million to small-scale tea estate owners. The subsidy is intended to support small-scale tea estate owners facing difficulties due to adverse weather conditions and the decline in tea production. Rs.2500 million has been allocated from the Treasury. Arrangements have been made to provide two additional rounds of fertilizer subsidies this year. The first phase provided Rs.4,000 per fertilizer bundle, while the second phase increased the subsidy to Rs.5,000.
