

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 23

June 16 & 17, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.23 was held on June 16(Tue.)/17(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 6.5MKGS was on offer, which shows an increase when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.7MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.8MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 1.0MKGS.

At the Ex-Estate sale concluded today, the majority of the grades on offer came under pressure with the overall market weakening towards the latter part of the sale with a large volume of plainer teas remaining unsold with the exception of tea with good colour and strength appreciating with buyers following quality closely.

The limited selection of best Western BOP's/BOPF's declined by Rs.20-40/- . Teas in the below best category too eased by a similar margin and at times more. Plainer teas too lost Rs.20-40/- and more for fibery/thinner teas. The majority of the Nuwara Eliyas' were unsold. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's/BOPF's too declined this week by Rs.20-40/- and more on average. CTC Teas- High & Medium teas again weakened further by Rs.20-40/- with many teas remaining unsold due to lacks of suitable offers whilst Low grown PF1's were firm to marginally dearer. BP1's from all elevations tended irregular. Quality conscious buyers were again selective whilst Russia, CIS and China buyers absorbed the balance teas.

Low Grown teas received fair demand in the Leafy, Semi-Leafy and Tippy categories whilst Premium teas enjoyed stronger demand. Premium Tippy teas too appreciated in value whilst some select grades in the Tippy category too posted gains. There was widespread demand from a cross section of buyers.

This week's auction comprised of **12,554** lots with a total quantity of **6,534,724** Kgs.

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The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Management Course</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,415	1,011,364	
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,706	715,095	An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing?"
Low Grown Tippy	2,059	946,687	
High & Medium	1,905	887,800	The eagle answered, "Sure , why not."
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,582	1,385,561	So the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.
Dust	547	517,085	
Premium Flowery	355	50,850	Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.
Ex-Estate	<u>985</u>	<u>1,020,281</u>	
Total	<u>12,554</u>	<u>6,534,724</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Teas in the select best category held firm, whilst the best teas were generally lower. Below best together with the teas at the lower end were maintained.

OP1 : Select best together with the best invoices declined, whilst balance were firm. Stalky invoices were easier.

OP : Well made OP's were selectively dearer, whilst the balance were generally lower.

OPA : A few selected OPA's at the select best category were dearer, whilst balance tended irregular.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK's were dearer, whilst the balance tended irregular. Select best PEK1's were firm, whilst balance were generally dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1850-3000	1900-3500	1550-1850	1600-2300	1650-2650
	Last Week	1800-3000	1900-3600	1550-1800	1550-2100	1650-2550
BEST	This Week	1600-1800	1550-1850	1300-1500	1350-1550	1450-1600
	Last Week	1600-1750	1550-1850	1300-1500	1350-1500	1450-1600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1400-1550	1300-1500	1050-1250	1200-1300	1200-1400
	Last Week	1400-1550	1350-1500	1100-1250	1200-1300	1200-1400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1200-1350	1100-1250	900-1000	1000-1150	1000-1150
	Last Week	1200-1350	1200-1300	950-1050	1050-1150	1000-1150
POOR	This Week	1000-1150	700-1050	700-850	700-950	800-950
	Last Week	1000-1150	750-1150	700-900	700-1000	800-950

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : A few cleaner select best invoices appreciated, whilst the other were firm.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : A few select invoices met with a fair demand whilst the others maintained last levels.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best and best FBOP's appreciated whilst the others sold around last levels. FBOP1's in general were firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : FBOPF1's in general were fully firm to dearer, whilst the lower end varieties too were firm to dearer. FBOPF's in general were firm.
- FBOPFSP** : A few select very tippy teas met with a firm market, others were dearer.
- FFEXSP/SP1** : Leafy tippy teas met with good demand, whilst the others were dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1650-1950	1460-1850	2350-2700	1650-2150	5200-6700
	Last Week	1650-1900	1460-1900	2350-2850	1650-2450	5200-6950
BEST	This Week	1440-1550	1260-1380	1850-2200	1480-1550	3950-4800
	Last Week	1440-1550	1280-1360	1850-2200	1460-1500	3950-4750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1260-1400	1100-1240	1550-1800	1300-1400	2300-3800
	Last Week	1280-1400	1100-1240	1550-1800	1280-1380	2700-3700
SECONDARIES	This Week	1060-1200	850-920	1380-1500	1180-1260	1850-2400
	Last Week	1060-1200	860-940	1360-1460	1160-1240	1850-2200
POOR	This Week	810-1000	680-810	980-1240	920-1120	1300-1650
	Last Week	830-1020	700-830	960-1220	900-1100	1300-1600

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : All round firm to dearer.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer, whilst the poorer sorts were irregularly easier.

PEK/PEK1 : Were firm, whilst the poor sorts eased towards closure.

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	1150 - 1900	1150 - 2050	1000 - 1540	1000 - 1500	820 - 940	820 - 960
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1150 - 1700	1150 - 1750	1000 - 1400	900 - 1380	790 - 1100	770 - 1080
PEK/PEK1	1100 - 1950	1100 - 1900	850 - 1000	850 - 1100	720 - 870	750 - 900

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Irregular and easier

BOP: Better Western's declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more following quality. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories too declined by a similar margin. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa' declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more. Uva's - Better teas sold around last, whilst the other poorer sorts were up to Rs.50/- per kg easier.

BOPF : Better Western's where quality was maintained, were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier, whilst the others declined further. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others together with the Plainer sorts declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg particularly for fibery/thinner liquoring teas. Nuwara Eliyas' were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Uva's were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier on last week's closing levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1260 - 1360	1220 - 1340	1260 - 1400	1280 - 1380
Below Best Westerns	980 - 1200	1060 - 1180	1080 - 1240	1120 - 1260
Plainer Westerns	800 - 960	900 - 1040	860 - 1060	900 - 1100
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	880 - 960	1240	1060	1100 - 1200
Other Uda Pussellawas	760 - 830	800 - 1040	780 - 920	790 - 890
Best Uva's	1000 - 1040	1140 - 1280	1120 - 1180	1120 - 1180
Other Uva's	880 - 900	980 - 1060	900 - 1100	920 - 1080

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas were irregular and barely steady, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg.

BOPF : Well-made types were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier, whilst the others poorer sorts were generally firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	940 - 1950	810 - 1900	650-1180	660-1240

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Continued to weaken further by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more for the poorer sorts.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Teas in the higher price bracket were firm and marginally dearer, whilst the others were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Sold well around last

PF1 - Firm and dearer at the lower end.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	810 -880	790	740 - 940	740 - 1020
Medium	610 - 850	620 - 780	650 - 980	680 - 1000
Low	700 - 1400	580 - 1380	640 - 1480	640 - 1440

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's were firm on last and others lost Rs.50-70/-. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.10-20/-, whilst others firm on last. Select best BM's firm on last, others firm on last. Lower end teas firm to dealer Rs.10/-.

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

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)	720-1220	750-1240	570-750	570-750	750-780	750-800
Good Fannings (CTC)	625-650	625-650	600-650	600-650	600-650	600-650
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	600-680	600-680	600-640	600-640	550-640	550-640
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	720-810	720-810	750-810	750-810	750-920	730-900
Other BM's	580-710	610-710	570-700	600-750	650-760	650-760
Best BOP1As	710-760	710-760	710-810	710-810	825-1400	770-1500
Other BOP1As	620-700	620-700	620-700	620-720	620-710	620-740

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High Grown liquoring teas maintained last levels, whilst their secondaries and poor types were irregular and mostly lower. Select few invoices in the Western Medium category gained a few rupees, whilst the other were mostly lower. Low grown teas met with a poor demand.

PD : High grows together with Mid Grows teas showed an irregular market and maintained last levels. . Low grows teas were 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)	660 - 1100	600 - 1650	650 - 940	600 - 940	600 - 800	570 - 920
Good Primary PD (CTC)	580 - 1120	550 - 1240	560 - 920	560 - 980	570 - 1420	550 - 1420
Secondary Dust	620 - 1600	540 - 1160	560 - 940	520 - 900	550 - 940	520 - 850

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1950/-
*Hatale	BOP	1850/-
*Harangalla	BOP	1650/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1500/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1180/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1160/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1140/-
Galgewatte	BOPFSP	1140/-
Craighead	BOP1	2000/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	1900/-
*Hatale	FBOP	1850/-
*Galgewatta	FBOP	1750/-
Haragalla	FBOP	1750/-
Harangalla	FBOP1	1380/-
Craighead	FBOP1	1380/-
*Harangalla	FBOP1	1360/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF1	1650/-
New Rothschild	OP	1320/-
*Uplands	OP	1300/-
*Ingurugala	OP	1280/-
*Hatale	OPA	1300/-
New Beddegama S	OPA	1300/-
New Rothschild	OPA	1280/-
*Dartry Valley	OPA	1260/-
Galgewatta	OPA	1260/-
Green Wood	OP1	1650/-
Harangalla	OP1	1600/-
Dartry Valley	OP1	1600/-
Cooroonoowatte	OP1	1600/-
Nayapane	OP1	1600/-
*Orange Field	OP1	1550/-
*Ingurugala	OP1	1550/-
Cooroodoowatte	PEKOE	1800/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1650/-
*Orange Field	PEKOE	1600/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1600/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1900/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1850/-

WESTERN HIGH

Wanarajah	BOP	1360/-
Mattakelle	BOPSP	1400/-
Alton	BOPF	1400/-
Torrington	BOP1	1600/-
Torrington	FBOP	1600/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1220/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1480/-
Venture	OP	1220/-
Venture	OPA	1180/-
Cymru	OP1	1600/-
St. Andrews	PEKOE	1360/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	1600/-
Bogahawatte	PEKOE1	1650/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	FBOPF1	1200/-
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UVA MEDIUM

*Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1460/-
Dickwella	BOP	1460/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1460/-
High Spring	BOPSP	1400/-
El Teb	BOPF	920/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1460/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1700/-
Dickwella	FBOP	1750/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1600/-
Dickwella	FBOPF	1140/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1600/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OP	1420/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1360/-
High Spring	OPA	1360/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1320/-
Aruna Passara	OP1	1600/-
Misty Uva	OP1	1600/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OP1	1600/-
Wewesse	PEKOE	1550/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE	1500/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1480/-
Sarnia Plairderie	PEKOE1	1850/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Halpewatta Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-

UVA HIGH

Ellathota Uva	BOP	1240/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1500/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1180/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1300/-
*Ellathota Uva	BOPI	1600/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1600/-
Glenanore	BOP1	1600/-
*Battawatte	FBOP	1600/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP	1600/-
Ellathota Uva	FBOP	1600/-
Battawatte	FBOP1	1280/-
Uvakellie	FBOP1	1180/-
*Battawatte	FBOP1	1100/-
Uvakellie	FBOPF	780/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1500/-
Ranaya	OP	1280/-
*Ellathota Uva	OPA	1260/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1650/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1600/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1900/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Luckyland	BOP	960/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	980/-
*Mooloya	BOPSP	940/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1060/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1700/-
Maha Uva	FBOP	1600/-
Maha Uva	FBOP1	850/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF	1100/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1500/-
Maha Uva	OP	1360/-
Blairlmond	OPA	1200/-
Delmar	OP1	1700/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1420/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1550/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Makandura	BOP1	3000/-
Pothotuwa	BOP1	3000/-
*Sithaka	BOP1	2900/-
Dampahala	OP1	3500/-
New Vithanakande	OP1	3250/-
*Makandura	OP1	3100/-
Miriswatta	OP	1850/-
*Makandura	OP	1750/-
Sunrise	OP	1750/-
*Wattahena	OP	1700/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2300/-
Green Lanka	OPA	2300/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2650/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2350/-
*New Deraniyagala	PEKOE	2300/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2350/-
*Kurunduwatta	PEKOE1	2300/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*New Nivithigala	BOP	1950/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1900/-
Golden Garden	BOP	1900/-
Purerich	BOP	1900/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	1850/-
*Makandura	BOP	1850/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1950/-
Rajjuruwatte Super	BOPF	1850/-
Wewelkandura S	BOPF	1850/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1800/-
*Karawita	BOPF	1750/-
Rathmalgoda S	BOPFSP	1850/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2700/-
Mulatiyana Hills	FBOP	2700/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	2200/-
New Vithanakande	FBOPF	2150/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	2050/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1800/-
*New Marakanda	FBOPF1	1750/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

*Green House	FBOPFSP	6050/-
Green Lanka	FBOPFSP	6050/-
Dampahala	FBOPFEXSP	6700/-
Rotumba	FBOPFEXSP1	5000/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Florence CTC	BP1	880/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	940/-
*Florence CTC	PF1	920/-
*Florence CTC	PF1	900/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Rothschild CTC	BP1	850/-
*Carolina CTC	PF1	980/-
*Rothschild CTC	PF1	940/-
*Carolina CTC	PF1	920/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1400/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1480/-

OFF GRADES

Suviska	BP	1400/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1080/-
New Spring View	BM	1180/-
Court Lodge	FNGS	980/-
New Vithanakande	FNGS	890/-
*Hidellana	FNGS	840/-
Wanarajah	FNGS1	1220/-
*Aldora	BOPIA	1460/-

BOPA

Danawala	BOPA	2050/-
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Dust

Somerset	DUST	1100/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1600/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1420/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Rothschild CTC	PD	920/-
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COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.22 10TH JUNE, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	974.86	9 95.72	1,035.26	1,012.45	1,044.55
Western High Grown	1,103.80	1,132.26	1,186.37	994.98	1,105.56
High Grown	1,062.23	1,086.52	1,140.64	1,000.22	1,086.55
Uva Medium	1,032.52	1,015.97	1,025.67	1,047.02	1,084.92
Western Medium	9 25.52	931.16	974.70	973.65	1,023.29
Medium Grown	9 63.73	961.77	991.43	999.22	1,042.96
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,299.63	1,299.34	1,256.84	1,242.86	1,266.77
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,273.88	1,269.19	1,237.65	1,229.82	1,253.28
Total	1,174.46	1,173.91	1,177.00	1,134.62	1,182.60

Private Sale Figures (04.06.2026– 10.06.2026)

225,608.50

Cumulative

5,498,072.45

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 24

SALE NO: 25

Sale of 22nd /23rd June, '26

Sale of 30th June /01st July, '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,880	730,512	2,242	905,663
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,193	457,605	1,575	642,536
Low Grown Tippy	1,466	648,225	1,974	897,273
High & Medium	1,649	739,439	1,875	854,987
Off Grade/BOP1A	2, 226	1,152,248	2, 496	1,255,023
Dust	930	876,619	761	701,404
Premium Flowery	302	41,998	329	44,960
Ex-Estate	<u>892</u>	<u>923,191</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>940,542</u>
Total	<u>10,538</u>	<u>5,569,837</u>	<u>12,154</u>	<u>6,242,024</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.26 of 07th (Tue.) July /08th (Wed.) July, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 18th June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.27 of 14th (Tue.) July /15th (Wed.) July, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 25th June, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.28 of 21st (Tue.) July /22nd (Wed.) July, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 2nd July, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.24

AUCTION OF 23RD / 24TH JUNE, 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. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	1. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	1. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	3. John Keells PLC
4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	4. Eastern Brokers PLC
5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. John Keells PLC	7. Eastern Brokers PLC	7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	8. John Keells PLC	8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd

Crop & Weather

For the period 10th to 15th June, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Rain was reported from the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions during the week. Intermittent 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 bright weather throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in both regions in the week ahead.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region reported rain during the week. Showery conditions are expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Crop Intake

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

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2025	2026	Difference +/-	To-date 2025	To-date 2026	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	April.	26.46	24.22	-2.2	88.62	83.94	-4.6
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 24 HELD ON 17 JUNE, 2026

There was good demand at generally firm to dearer rates for the 3240 packages on offer.

BP1 tended firm to 3USC dearer.

PF1 – Bright liquoring invoices were up to 7USC below valuation, lesser sorts fetched last levels.

PD – Few on offer were taken out, some under bids

D1 – N/A

PF1SC held firm.

Secondary fngs went up by 2 to 6USC, respective dusts were not supported.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 14TH JUNE, 2026.

Warm and dry weather conditions were experienced this week.

Green leaf intakes continue low.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 07 OF MONDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2026

CTC LEAF: 42,607 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Well made, good liquoring BOPs met with a good demand but were a little easier whilst GBOPs were a strong market at around last levels. Below best met with a fairly good demand at around last levels. Plainer sorts met with a fair demand at lower rates. BLF teas met with a good demand but prices were a little easier. There were some withdrawals in this category particularly towards the close.

FANNINGS: Well made, good liquoring Fannings were in good demand but prices were easier over last. Below best met with a fairly good demand at around last levels. Medium and plainer sorts met with a fair market but were easier with a few withdrawals. Plainer sorts met with a fair demand at lower rates. BLF teas met with a good demand but prices were a little easier. There were some withdrawals in this category particularly towards the close.

DUST: 11,241 packages of tea on offer met with a fair demand with some withdrawals. Good liquoring Dusts sold fairly well at a drop of Tk.6/- to Tk.8/- closely following quality. Mediums were an easier market by Tk.5/- to Tk.8/-. Remainders sold fairly well with some withdrawals at a drop of Tk.6/- to Tk.10/- than last. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Quality of the offerings by and large were slightly plainer than last. However, the demand was maintained but market witnessed a slight easing in prices with the exception of select few good liquoring varieties which were fully firm and witnessed good competition. Blenders operated strongly whilst Loose tea buyers were selective in their buying.

Dusts again were an easier market with some withdrawals

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	290-300	290-300	Best	285-290	287-300	PD	245-293	258-281
Good	278-285	280-285	Good	275-280	280-285	RD	238-311	245-320
Medium	265-270	265-275	Medium	265-270	270-275	D	245-313	253-324
Plain	245-255	250-255	Plain	245-255	250-257	CD	247-310	268-309
BLF	230-268	242-288	BLF	237-269	242-289	BLF	238-251	242-270

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.24 of 15TH & 16TH JUNE, 2026

Good general demand prevailed for the 194,690 packages (13,086M/kgs) available in the market. 21.42% remained unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS :

Orthodox Grades	-	3,410 packages	(0.122m/kgs)	-	64.81% unsold.
Leaf Grades	-	115,560 packages	(7.719m/kgs)	-	27.45% unsold.
Dust Grades	-	58,200 packages	(4.347 m/kgs)	-	10.86% unsold.
Secondary Grades	-	17,520 packages	(0.897 m/kgs)	-	8.33% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : More irregular absorption ranging between USC26 dearer with some teas up to USC33. USC56 and USC85 above previous levels to easier up to USC32.

Brighter: Appreciated by up to USC11 with a few select invoices USC30 above last levels.

Mediums: KTDA mediums met irregular support ranging between steady to USC14 dearer to easier by up to USC16. Plantation mediums saw improved and strong enquiry advancing by up to USC48.

Lower Medium: Gained by up to USC12 while some teas shed by up to USC3.

Plainer: Steady to easier by up to USC4.

PF1:

Best : Firm to USC5 above previous levels to easier by up to USC4.

Brighter : Were dearer by up to USC11.

Mediums : KTDA mediums irregularly gained by up to USC15 with plantation mediums upto USC12 above previous levels.

Lower Medium : Advanced by up to USC14.

Plainer : Were firm to irregularly dearer by up to USC14 to easier by up to USC4.

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

- Best:** Irregularly lost by up to USC4 but some teas were steady to USC7 dearer.
- Brighter:** Saw irregular interest raging between USC10 above last rates to easier by up to USC4.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums gained by upto USC10. Plantation mediums were firm to USC6 above previous levels to easier by USC4.
- Lower Medium:** Irregular gained by up to USC8.
- Plainer:** Appreciated by up to USC8.

DUST1:

- Best:** Advanced by up to USC8
- Brighter:** Were mostly dearer by up to USC10 but some select teas shed by up to USC11
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums gained by up to USC10 although select invoices were up to USC6 easier; plantation mediums were steady to USC13 dearer to easier by up to USC5 for a few invoices.
- Lower Medium:** Where sold appreciated by up USC13
- Plainer:** Were up to USC14 above previous levels.

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** held value while **PFs** were firm to dearer. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** eased while similar **DUSTs** appreciated further. **Other Fannings** were dearer with **DUSTs** steady. **BMFs** were readily absorbed at firm levels.



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING -13TH JUNE, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand. All grades sold at dearer levels by Rs.2 to 3 and more on the Fannings.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Whole leaves tended easier with very less demand for OP grades with some withdrawals. Primary brokens were firm to dearer. Secondary brokens sold easier levels by Rs.2 to 3. Fannings had good demand and were dearer by Rs.2.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better liquoring sorts fetched prices which were fully firm to occasionally dearer by Rs.1 to 2. Medium and plainer sorts sold easier by Rs.2 to 4 and noticed some withdrawals.

Market : Major Packeteers and exporters were active, internal buyers operated on popular marks.

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Generally a fully firm to dearer market on the major quantity that was traded by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- at the beginning of the sale. As the sale progressed the sale witnessed a further surge in price levels across all grades and categories. The reasonably brighter liquoring teas have sold upto Rs.10/- higher towards the later part of the sale.

The overall sale percentage was 96% at an average of Rs.108.54.

Buying Pattern: As usual the Major Blenders and Regional Packeteers were active whilst the Internal and Export were lending useful support.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : A strong demand had propelled the price realization by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 10/- across all grades and categories. The sale had witnessed some of the premium grades of the popular marks going upto Rs. 20/-.

The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs. 134.92.

Buying Pattern: Yet again a strong export enquiry was forthcoming with very selective Internal participation

CTC DUST

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : The market had witnessed an irregular and mostly easier trend with the prices dropping by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- and sometimes more following quality. The browner, flakier and fibrous teas have sold further lower or rather suffered withdrawals.
The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs.115.53.

Buying Pattern: Fairly strong export operation was witnessed whilst the packeteers lending fair support. Internal was rather price cautious with M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devigiri Tea produce co) absorbing the brighter liquoring high-priced teas. .

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market: Market witnessed an easier trend on the primary dust grades whilst the Secondaries and Tertiaries have traded fully firm to dearer across categories.
The overall sale percentage was 86% at an average of Rs.115.75.

Buying Pattern: Exporters were the main stay whilst the Internal being selective..

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Strong demand.

Market : Better medium brokenes were steady with few withdrawals. Medium teas were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- sometimes more. Plainer teas were fully firm to occasionally dearer.

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

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Whole leaf steady. Medium brokenes were barely steady with heavy withdrawals. BOPF's were steady.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were steady to firm with some withdrawals. Medium teas were firm to occasionally dearer by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were firm to dearer.

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

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Steady.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective.

June 17, 2026

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TEA NEWS – LOCAL

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Ceylon Tea heritage celebrated at International Tea Day 2026 in UN Geneva

Journalist – N/A

Summary - The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations and WTO in Geneva, in partnership with the FAO Liaison Office, hosted International Tea Day under the theme “Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities” on 30 May 2026. Ambassador Sumith Dassanayake highlighted Sri Lanka's long-standing tea heritage and the global reputation of Ceylon Tea as a symbol of quality, authenticity and excellence. He emphasized the contribution made by plantation employees in Sri Lanka and said special allocations were made under this year's budget to improve living standards, while wages for plantation employees had been increased. Presentations focused on how tea supports communities, international tea markets, prospects, challenges, sustainability and data in supporting tea communities. A promotional video titled “Ceylon Tea – Only from Sri Lanka” showcased Sri Lanka's tea-growing heritage, diverse agro-climatic regions and quality standards. A Ceylon Tea tasting session showcased the distinctive flavours of authentic Ceylon Tea, in particular seven regional teas, reinforcing Ceylon Tea as national heritage tied to sustainable development, rural livelihoods and community resilience.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Economic growth picks up to 5.1% in 1Q

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka's economy grew 5.1% in the first quarter of 2026, up from 4.8% in the December 2025 quarter. Agriculture, Industry and Services expanded by 1.1%, 7.2% and 3.4%, respectively. Agricultural growth was supported by oleaginous fruits including coconuts, plant propagation, forestry and logging, vegetables, fruits and spices. However, growing of rubber declined by 13.6% and growing of tea declined by 3.6% during the quarter. Manufacture of rubber and plastic products declined by 16.8%, while manufacture of textiles, wearing apparel, leather and related products declined by 3.7%. The Department of Census and Statistics said the economy continued its recovery momentum despite challenges from Cyclone Ditwah and renewed geopolitical tensions in the Gulf region.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – What really happens when Rupee falls – and why Sri Lanka is asking the wrong question

Journalist – Felix. A. Fernando

Summary - The article argues that Sri Lanka's export debate should focus on whether the country has created the conditions necessary for exporters to compete, rather than whether a weaker rupee makes the country competitive. It says apparel manufacturers receive export revenue in US dollars, while local costs such as salaries, wages, utilities, transport, maintenance, professional services and administrative costs remain in rupees. When the rupee depreciates, exporters receive more rupees for the same dollar revenue, helping recover part of rising wages, electricity, fuel, compliance and financing costs. The article states that Sri Lanka's apparel industry competes through compliance, innovation, sustainability and reliability, not lowest cost alone. It also says Ceylon Tea continues to command recognition and preference in many global markets because of quality, heritage and reputation. The article concludes that Sri Lanka should focus on customs reforms, investment approvals, labour regulations, dispute resolution, policy consistency, technology investments and targeted incentives for export-oriented industries.

TEA NEWS - INTERNATIONAL

Indian restrictions halt Nepali tea exports, forcing factory closures

Tea producers describe India's new quality-testing regime as a non-tariff barrier that has paralysed exports and forced dozens of factories to suspend operations.



Nepal's tea industry has plunged into a severe crisis following the introduction of new quality-testing requirements by the Tea Board of India, bringing exports to a standstill and forcing dozens of factories in the eastern districts of Ilam and Jhapa to shut down.

Fifty-three tea factories in Ilam have ceased operations, while 30 factories in Jhapa have announced plans to suspend production within a few days. Industry representatives warn that the closures could jeopardise the livelihoods of thousands of workers and farmers dependent on the sector.

In Jhapa alone, around 20,000 workers and farmers rely on the tea industry for their income.

Following the export disruption, 53 factories in Suryodaya Municipality decided to halt production from June 15. According to the Suryodaya Orthodox Tea Producers Association Nepal, more than 300,000 kilograms of Nepali tea that has already reached the Indian market remains held up under mandatory quality-testing procedures. In addition, over 700,000 kilograms of processed tea lies unsold in factory warehouses.

Factory owners say storage facilities have reached capacity as sales have stopped, making it increasingly difficult to clear payments owed to farmers for green tea leaves.

Dilli Shrestha, president of the association, said factories could no longer continue operating when finished tea remained unsold.

"The tea processed from green leaves purchased from farmers has not been sold. Warehouses are full. As we still need to settle payments to farmers, we have reached a point where it is no longer possible to keep the factories running," he said.

Under a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) introduced by the Tea Board of India on May 1, every consignment of tea exported from Nepal must now undergo compulsory quality testing.

According to tea producers, obtaining test results takes more than two weeks. During that period, consignments cannot be sold, and if a sample fails the test, the tea must either be returned or destroyed, significantly increasing commercial risk.

Gopal Kattel, general secretary of the association, said the current disruption was more serious than previous obstacles faced by the industry.

"In the past, exports were obstructed under various pretexts. This time, they have created a situation where even tea that has already reached the market cannot be sold," he said.

Tea entrepreneur Punam Rai criticised the Indian authorities' approach, arguing that quality concerns should have been addressed at the border.

"If there was genuinely a quality issue, testing should have been conducted at the customs. Preventing sales after the product has already entered the market is difficult to justify," Rai said.

The crisis is expected to have a direct impact on thousands of tea growers. In Suryodaya Municipality alone, 2,995 farmers are engaged in tea cultivation. The municipality produces around 20 million kilograms of green tea leaves annually across 33,655 ropanis of land.

According to Indra Adhikari, an agriculture officer at the National Tea and Coffee Development Board, Nepal exports more than 7 million kilograms of orthodox tea each year, with over 90 percent destined for the Indian market.

Suryodaya Municipality has described the Indian measure as a non-tariff barrier and urged the federal government to pursue immediate diplomatic efforts to resolve the issue.

Industry representatives, farmers and local elected officials argue that the crisis extends beyond Ilam and should be viewed as a national economic concern affecting production, exports, employment and foreign-exchange earnings.

A meeting of the Nepal Tea Planters Association on Sunday decided to shut down 30 large and small tea factories, along with more than a dozen tea estates in Jhapa, from June 18.

According to Shivkumar Gupta, senior vice-president of the association, the closures will remain in effect until India removes the restrictions imposed on Nepali tea exports.

"We have decided to continue the shutdown until India lifts the obstruction," Gupta said.

Factory owners say exports have been severely disrupted, with vehicles carrying Nepali tea stranded in India because of the new testing requirements.

Tea is cultivated on more than 10,000 hectares of land in Jhapa, where over 20,000 farmers and workers are directly involved in the sector. The closure of factories and tea estates is expected to affect thousands of families dependent on the industry.

Entrepreneurs say difficulties in accessing the Indian market have left factories holding large stocks of ready-to-export tea, while payments to farmers for green tea leaves have already begun to suffer.

Tea traders have called on the government to initiate urgent diplomatic negotiations with India to remove the barriers and resume exports.

Suhang Nembang, a lawmaker from Ilam, has also urged the government to intervene at the highest level.

He called for diplomatic engagement through the Prime Minister's Office; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies; the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development; and Nepal's embassy in New Delhi to secure the release of tea consignments awaiting clearance.

In a social media post, Nembang stressed that the testing process should be transparent, predictable and time-bound.

"Tea leaves do not wait for administrative procedures and diplomatic correspondence," he wrote. "Today's delay puts at risk a year of hard work by farmers, investments by industries and the livelihoods of thousands of workers."

He also called for the expedited clearance of stranded consignments, mutual recognition of certificates issued by Nepali laboratories and concessional working-capital support for the affected establishments.
