

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 25

June 30 & July 01, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.25 was held on June 30(Tue.)/July 01(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 6.2MKGS 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 2.4MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.8MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.9MKGS.

Demand at the Ex- Estate sale witnessed marginally improved demand alround. In the Western category, select BOP invoices gained Rs.40-80/- whilst their corresponding BOPF's too advanced, Rs.20-40/-. In the below best category, BOP's/ BOPF's gained Rs.20-40/- for better leaf teas whilst others sold around last levels. Lower end BOP's tended irregular whilst their BOPF's sold around last levels. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uva/Udapussellawa BOP's gained upto Rs.50/- whilst their BOPF's were Rs.20-40/- dearer. CTC Teas - High & Medium PF1's were barely steady whilst Low grown PF1's were fully firm to dearer by Rs.20-40/-. The limited availability of BP1's from all elevations tended irregular. Buyers for Japan, the Continent and South Africa continued to be selective in their purchases whilst the balance were absorbed by Shippers to Russia, CIS and China along with the Tea Bag sector.

Low Grown tea continued to meet with sustained demand with prices for all categories maintaining last levels and at times further. Bright tippy teas too were fully firm on last levels. There was widespread demand throughout the sale from most out markets.

This week's auction comprised of **12,154** lots with a total quantity of **6,242,024** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

"How were people born"

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,242	905,663	A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,575	642,536	
Low Grown Tippy	1,974	897,273	
High & Medium	1,875	854,987	
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,496	1,255,023	
Dust	761	701,404	
Premium Flowery	329	44,960	
Ex-Estate	<u>902</u>	<u>940,542</u>	
Total	<u>12,154</u>	<u>6,242,024</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Teas in the select best category were firm, whilst the balance were firm to irregularly dearer.
- OP1** : Select best together with the best teas appreciated, whilst the balance tended irregular.
- OP** : Well twisted OP's were firm to irregularly lower, whilst the balance were firm on last week levels.
- OPA** : Best OPA's were firm, whilst balance too maintained.
- PEK/PEK1** : High priced PEK/PEK1's were generally dearer, whilst the balance were firm on last week levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3100	2100-3500	1500-2350	1650-2300	1700-2650
	Last Week	1850-3250	1900-3500	1550-2050	1650-2400	1650-2550
BEST	This Week	1600-1850	1600-2050	1300-1450	1400-1600	1450-1650
	Last Week	1600-1800	1550-1850	1300-1500	1300-1600	1450-1600
BELOW BEST	This Week	1450-1550	1300-1550	1000-1250	1100-1350	1200-1400
	Last Week	1450-1550	1300-1500	1000-1250	1100-1250	1200-1400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1250-1400	1000-1250	800-950	850-1050	1000-1150
	Last Week	1250-1400	1100-1250	800-950	850-1050	1000-1150
POOR	This Week	1100-1200	600-950	550 - 750	600 - 800	800-950
	Last Week	1100-1200	570-950	530 - 750	530 - 800	780-950

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were dearer.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Well-made cleaner teas were firm on last, whilst others were maintained following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and best FBOP's fully firm, whilst bolder varieties were dearer. Mixed FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : FBOPF1's in general met with good demand. FBOPF's in general were firm.

FBOPFSP : Select best tippy teas sold around last week, whilst Below best and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated, lower end teas irregular.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Leafy tippy teas met with firm demand, whilst the teas at the lower end eased.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1700-2100	1460-1950	2460-2950	1700-2300	5000-6050
	Last Week	1650-1950	1460-1900	2350-2900	1650-2150	4850-5600
BEST	This Week	1460-1650	1260-1420	1950-2250	1500-1650	3800-4750
	Last Week	1440-1600	1240-1400	1900-2200	1480-1950	3650-4650
BELOW BEST	This Week	1260-1420	1100-1220	1600-1850	1380-1450	2200-3500
	Last Week	1260-1400	1050-1220	1550-1850	1320-1420	2250-3400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1060-1240	850-1050	1380-1500	1240-1340	1700-2100
	Last Week	1060-1220	830-900	1380-1500	1200-1300	1800-2200
POOR	This Week	870-1040	660-780	920-1220	900-1140	1260-1550
	Last Week	880-1020	670-790	960-1260	960-1140	1300-1600

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best FBOP's firm to easier by Rs.50-100/- per kg. Below best and others were however steady.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best FBOPF1 dearer by Rs.50-60/- per kg, following quality, others firm.

PEK/PEK1 : All round firm.

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	1500 - 1900	1500 - 2000	1200 - 1500	1200 - 1550	950 - 1200	900 - 1200
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1350 - 1800	1350 - 1700	1100 - 1350	1100 - 1350	900 - 1100	850 - 1050
PEK/PEK1	1700 - 1950	1600 - 1950	1300 - 1700	950 - 1200	900 - 1050	850 - 1000

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Irregular

BOP: Best Western's – Select invoices gained by Rs.40-80/- per kg following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category too, select invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others sold around last. Prices for teas at the lower end of the market were irregular. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's – Cleaner teas gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Uva's were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

BOPF : Best Western's – Select invoices were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and tended easier following quality. In the Below Best category, select improved teas gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end sold around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's – Teas in the higher price bracket were irregular and easier, whilst the poorer sorts were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer. Uva's – Teas in the higher price bracket declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others appreciated by a similar margin.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1280 - 1480	1260 - 1360	1300 - 1400	1260 - 1400
Below Best Westerns	1100 - 1260	980 - 1200	1160 - 1280	1080 - 1240
Plainer Westerns	960 - 1080	800 - 960	1060 - 1140	860 - 1060
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1020 - 1040	880 - 960	920 - 1140	1060
Other Uda Pussellawas	860 - 1000	760 - 830	750 - 840	780 - 920
Best Uva's	1080 - 1120	1000 - 1040	1080 - 1160	1120 - 1180
Other Uva's	1040 - 1060	880 - 900	800 - 900	900 - 1100

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas were irregular, whilst the others were barely steady.

BOPF : Better sorts were firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer selectively, whilst the other poorer sorts gained up to Rs.50/- per kg and more for select invoices.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	870 - 1850	820 - 1800	700-1240	650-1160

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Barely steady.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Barely steady.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Continued to sell well.

PF1 - Sold well appreciating by Rs.20-40/- per kg.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	-	760	700 - 980	750 - 1120
Medium	610 - 630	900	630 - 980	640 - 940
Low	740 - 1380	790 - 1360	590 - 1550	650 - 1550

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.50-60/- others dearer Rs.20-30/-. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last. Select best BM's advanced Rs.25-50/- others firm on last. Lower end teas firm on last.

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)	825-1300	700-1200	590-740	570-730	720-780	720-780
Good Fannings (CTC)	600-640	600-640	600-650	600-650	600-650	600-650
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	600-650	600-650	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	730-810	750-810	750-1000	750-920
Other BM's	560-710	560-710	540-700	540-700	620-750	580-750
Best BOP1As	710-760	710-760	710-810	710-810	850-1400	825-1400
Other BOP1As	600-680	600-680	600-680	600-680	600-690	600-690

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High Grown liquoring Dust/Dust.1's declined Rs.40-60/-, and more at times, whilst their secondaries along with poorer types eased Rs.100-150/-. Mid Grown teas too showed an irregular market and declined Rs.50-100/-. Select few invoices from Low Grown category maintained strong demand whilst the others were Rs.40-60/- easier.

PD : High grown declined Rs.50-100/-, whilst the Mid grown teas were irregular and mostly lower. Low grown too lost Rs.50-100/-.

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)	630 - 1550	670 - 1650	640 - 1200	680 - 1040	600 - 960	640 - 870
Good Primary PD (CTC)	580 - 960	620 - 1100	590 - 900	630 - 960	570 - 1040	620 - 1340
Secondary Dust	550 - 1260	640 - 1080	540 - 750	620 - 750	570 - 940	620 - 940

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1850/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1550/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1550/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1200/-
Greenwood	BOPFSP	1400/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1300/-
Harangalla	BOP1	1700/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	1900/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	1850/-
*Hatale	FBOP	1750/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOP1	1480/-
Harangalla	FBOP1	1420/-
*Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1400/-
Craighead	FBOPF	1280/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF	1060/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1800/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Galgewatta	OP	1320/-
*Harangalla	OP	1320/-
*Meezan	OP	1300/-
*Uplands	OP	1300/-
*Hatale	OP	1280/-
*Hatale	OPA	1360/-
*Dartry Valley	OPA	1280/-
Harangalla	OP1	1600/-
*Ancoombra	OP1	1550/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1650/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1600/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1550/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1950/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	1950/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1900/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1850/-

WESTERN HIGH

Ingestre	BOP	1480/-
St Andrews	BOPSP	1440/-
Robgill	BOPF	1400/-
Glenloch	BOP1	1500/-
Torrington	BOP1	1500/-
Glenloch	FBOP	1550/-
Torrington	FBOP	1550/-
New Meddecombra	FBOP1	1400/-
Glenloch	FBOPF1	1550/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1550/-
Cymru	OP	1260/-
Cymru	OPA	1320/-
Glenloch	OPI	1600/-
Venture	OPI	1600/-
Ingestre	PEKOE	1500/-
Cymru	PEKOE1	1650/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOPSP	960/-
Kenmare	BOP1	1220/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1240/-
Court Lodge	FBOP1	1800/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF	1000/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1120/-
Kenmare	OP1	1020/-

UVA MEDIUM

*Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1600/-
Uva Samovar	BOPSP	1500/-
Aruna Passara	BOPF	1500/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1600/-
Halpewatta Uva	BOP1	1850/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP	1800/-
Halpewatta Uva	FBOP	1800/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP1	1900/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1550/-
Dickwella	FBOPF	800/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1320/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1300/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1340/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1320/-
Aruna Passara	OP1	1600/-
Telbedde	OP1	1600/-
Uva Samovar	OP1	1600/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1500/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	1950/-
Halpewatta Uva	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Halpewatta Uva	PEKOE1	1850/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1240/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1650/-
Mahadowa	BOPF	1180/-
Aislaby	BOPFSP	1420/-
Ranaya	BOP1	1800/-
*Ellathota Uva	BOP1	1700/-
*Ellathota Uva	BOP1	1600/-
Ranaya	FBOP	1850/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1850/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP1	1420/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1600/-
Glenanore	FBOPF1	1600/-
Ranaya	OP	1300/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP	1280/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP	1260/-
Mount Uva	OPA	1320/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1600/-
Aislaby	OP1	1500/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1480/-
Spring Valley	PEKOE	1550/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Battawatta	PEKOE1	1700/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Maha Uva	BOP	1320/-
Mooloya	BOPSP	1020/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1140/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1120/-
Maha Uva	BOP1	1500/-
Maha Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP1	1180/-
Blairlomond	FBOPF	1440/-
Blairlomond	FBOPF1	1550/-
Delmar	OP	1400/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1320/-
Delmar	OPI	1550/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1500/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1800/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3100/-
*Makandura	BOP1	3000/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP1	3000/-
Dampahala	OP1	3500/-
Mirisswatta	OP	2350/-
Ransegoda	OP	1700/-
*Green House	OP	1650/-
*Green House	OPA	2300/-
Liyonta	OPA	2300/-
Adams View	PEKOE	2650/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2650/-
Lakvinka	PEKOE	2250/-
Green Lanka	PEKOE	2250/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2250/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2200/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2350/-
Galatara	PEKOE1	2350/-
*Kurunduwatta	PEKOE1	2300/-
Mulatiyana Hills	PEKOE1	2300/-
*Hidellana	PEKOE1	2250/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Golden Garden	BOP	2050/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	1950/-
Galatara	BOP	1950/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	1950/-
Purerich	BOP	1950/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	1900/-
*Rain Forest	BOP	1900/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	2100/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1850/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOPF	1700/-
Rathmalgoda Super	BOPFSP	1950/-
Kingsbru	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Ganganee	BOPFSP	1750/-
Dampahala	FBOP	2950/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOP1	2300/-
Kiruwanaaganga	FBOP1	2250/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	2200/-
*New Nivithigala	FBOPF	2300/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	2100/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	2050/-
*Wattahena	FBOPF1	1950/-
Adams View	FBOPF1	1900/-
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	1900/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1850/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Co Op Lanka	FBOPFSP	6050/-
*Green House	FBOPFSP	6000/-
Kings Bru	FBOPFEXSP	6500/-
Ceyenta	FBOPFEXSP1	5600/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC PF1 980/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Donside CTC BP1 630/-

Duckwari CTC PF1 980/-

New Peacock CTC PF1 980/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1 1380/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1550/-

OFF GRADES

Bogoda BP 1400/-

Kothmale Hills BP 1260/-**Chandrika CTC PF 920/-*****Chandrika CTC PF 730/-**

Tea Lanka BM 1240/-

New Vithanakande FNGS 980/-

Mattakelle FNGS1 1300/-

Liyonta BOP1A 1500/-

***Aldora BOP1A 1460/-**

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Andaradeniya S BOP1A 1420/-*BOPA**

Green Lanka BOPA 2100/-

Rotumba BOPA 2050/-

Kings Bru BOPA 2050/-

Lenama Hills BOPA 2000/-**Hedigalla BOPA 2000/-****Dust**

Wattegodde DUST 1260/-

Great Western DUST1 1550/-

Dellawa CTC PD 1040/-

LOW GROWN***Andaradeniya H DUST 940/-**

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.24 23RD JUNE, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	965.58	993.56	1,029.18	963.24	1,037.46
Western High Grown	1,089.89	1,115.91	1,177.29	976.75	1,094.58
High Grown	1,050.84	1,074.67	1,132.11	972.36	1,076.71
Uva Medium	1,032.70	1,024.78	1,026.47	1,003.80	1,077.18
Western Medium	890.48	918.38	967.62	929.90	1,015.47
Medium Grown	943.56	956.56	987.14	958.30	1,035.45
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,280.72	1,298.27	1,260.08	1,194.11	1,260.75
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,268.66	1,270.01	1,241.01	1,177.19	1,247.09
Total	1,149.40	1,168.00	1,176.02	1,090.19	1,175.05

Private Sale Figures (18.06.2026 – 23.06.2026)

259,378.00

Cumulative

6,005,470.95

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 26

SALE NO: 27

Sale of 07th /08th July, '26

Sale of 14th /15th July, '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,307	927,569	2,359	922,973
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,532	622,321	1,531	614,059
Low Grown Tippy	1,843	824,149	1,898	843,127
High & Medium	1,899	851,017	1,847	810,907
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,542	1,336,538	2,596	1,338,742
Dust	591	536,078	707	660,402
Premium Flowery	358	50,252	372	51,261
Ex-Estate	<u>897</u>	<u>910,953</u>	<u>898</u>	<u>919,014</u>
Total	<u>11,969</u>	<u>6,058,877</u>	<u>12,208</u>	<u>6,160,485</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.28 of 21st (Tue.) /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.29 of 27th (Mon.) /28th (Tue.) July, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 9th July, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.30 of 04th (Tue.) /05th (Wed.) Aug, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 16th July, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.26

AUCTION OF 7TH / 8TH JULY, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 23rd to 30th June, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Rain was reported in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported bright weather throughout the week.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region experienced bright weather conditions and occasional showers during the week. Showers may occur in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

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	May	25.40	24.90	-0.5	114.10	108.90	-5.2
BANGLADESH	Mar.	1.30	2.50	1.2	1.70	3.10	1.4
MALAWI	Mar.	6.10	5.70	-0.4	18.10	16.50	-1.6
NORTH INDIA	Apr.	76.94	85.34	8.4	139.87	139.95	0.1
SOUTH INDIA	Apr.	22.46	18.94	-3.5	69.93	61.94	-8.0

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 26 HELD ON 1 JULY, 2026

There was less enquiry at generally firm rates where sold for the 3560 packages on offer.

BP1 were firm on last.

PF1 sold firm to 2USC easier where sold.

PD fetched last levels.

D1 – Few on offer sold at valuation.

PF1SC were taken out with some under bids.

Secondaries were firm on last where sold.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28TH JUNE, 2026.

Cool to warm during the day and cold at night. No rainfall was reported during the week.

Green leaf intakes seasonally low.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 09 OF MONDAY, 29TH JUNE, 2026

CTC LEAF: 45,295 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Well made, good liquoring BOPs were in strong demand and mostly sold at around last levels. Their GBOPs were also a good market and were well competed for and were about steady. Medium varieties were a little less in demand and were slightly easier. Plainer sorts met with a fair demand and fetched prices in line with quality. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand and were generally steady with a few withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Well made, good liquoring Fannings met with a little less demand and prices eased slightly compared to last. Mediums varieties were a good market and sold at around last rates. Plainer sorts met with a fair demand and eased a little. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand and were generally steady with few withdrawals

DUST: 10,585 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Well made good liquoring Dusts sold well at around last levels. Their Mediums were fully firm to dearer by Tk.3/- to Tk.5/- closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts were a little easier with some withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Quality of offerings were similar to last and prices generally remained firm on last except for the few select lines which were a little dearer following competition. Blenders continued to operate in strength. Loose tea buyers were fairly active.

Dusts sold well.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	285-293	285-295	Best	285-290	285-290	PD	240-290	240-280
Good	277-283	278-283	Good	275-280	277-282	RD	237-325	238-330
Medium	265-270	265-270	Medium	265-270	265-270	D	250-340	241-330
Plain	245-255	245-255	Plain	245-255	245-255	CD	230-335	243-300
BLF	245-270	225-275	BLF	245-283	240-279	BLF	230-255	238-251



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING -27TH JUNE, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand: Limited quantity sold Brokens were barely steady, Fannings were dearer by Rs.2 to 3.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : All whole leaves sold at steady to dearer levels upto Rs.5 and more depending on quality especially the FP grades was appreciated much higher. Primary brokens were irregular around last. Smaller brokens were fully firm and Limited quantity of Fannings tended to be dearer.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and good liquoring sorts sold at fully firm levels. Plainer sort bolder grades (PD & RD) had better demand and the prices were fully firm to dearer by RS.1 to 2, whilst the finer grades sold at firm levels.

Market : Major Packeteers were active, Exporters operated on plainer sort and bolder grades. Internal Buyers operated on popular marks and better mediums

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CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : The buoyant market sentiment continued this week too as it witnessed a mixed trend. The Brighter liquoring teas have rather traded at steady to irregularly easier levels whilst the major quantity of the medium teas that were traded at steady to firm and dearer on the blacker invoices. The sale also witnessed withdrawals on the browner and flakier teas yet again.

The overall sale percentage was 96% at an average of Rs. 110.47.

Buying Pattern: The market witnessed an overwhelming support from all quarters of the buyers. The major blenders and regional packeteers continue to absorb the maximum quantity of the medium and smaller brokens, whilst the western Indian and other regional markets were operating cautiously. The Exporters were operating mostly on the larger brokens and on the Fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Market was fully firm to dearer across all grades and categories by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and upto Rs. 20/-.

The overall sale percentage was 93% at an average of Rs.157.07

Buying Pattern: Strong export enquiry was forthcoming with the Major Blenders and Internal were lending fair support.

CTC DUST

Demand : Strong.

Market : The strong demand had not reflected on the price realization as it witnessed generally an easier trend by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- on the bolder dust grades of the major quantity that was offered. However the fairly blacker and cleaner teas have held on their levels. The brighter liquoring teas have also witnessed a downtrend with some withdrawals as well.

Buying Pattern: Strong export operation was witnessed with select participation from the packeteers. Internal was rather lending fair support whilst M/s. Anjenaya enterprises (Devagiri Tea produce) continued to absorb the maximum quantity of the brighter liquoring teas yet again.

The overall sale percentage was 92% at an average of Rs.116.79.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good.

Market: A mixed trend was noticed with the primary dust grades were trading by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- lower with the Secondaries also witnessed a similar trend. The finer and Tertiaries were rather sold at firm to occasional dearer levels.

Buying Pattern: Yet again a strong export enquiry was noticed with select internal participation.

The overall sale percentage was 88% at an average of Rs. 117.52.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Good general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were irregular. Medium and plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs1.

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

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Medium broken fully firm to dearer by Rs.2/- sometimes more. Others not quotable.

Buying Pattern : Blenders and exporters were active.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were irregular and lower as sale progressed prices were dropped by Rs.2/-. Medium teas were fully firm to dearer with some withdrawals. Plainers 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.

July 1, 2026
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TEA NEWS – LOCAL

Publication – Sunday Ceylon

Headline – Tea exports up 7.50% to 23.51m kg in May

Journalist – Paneetha Ameresekere

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Summary - Sri Lanka's tea exports rose 7.50% to 23.51 million kilos last month, with market sources linking the increase to alleged smuggling across borders with Iran during the Iran-US war. Turkey became the top importer of Sri Lankan tea in the first five months with 14.95 million kg, up 159% YoY. Iraq ranked second despite an 18% fall, while Russia was third and Azerbaijan was fourth with a 69% YoY increase.

INTERNATIONAL

The Best Tea for Lowering High Blood Pressure, Recommended by a Dietitian



Healthy blood pressure acts as a silent guardian of heart health. But high blood pressure, also called hypertension, occurs when blood flow pushes against vessels too forcefully.¹ Picture blood pressure like the pressure of water flowing through a hose. Too much pressure can damage the hose, just as high blood pressure can harm our blood vessels and organs.

To bring down blood pressure, what you eat and drink matters. Following certain diets, like the [Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension \(DASH\) diet](#), is often recommended. This eating plan emphasizes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy, while limiting salt, red meat, added sugar and foods containing high levels of saturated fat.

When it comes to drink choices to support blood pressure, tea is a stellar sip. But science appears to suggest that one type of tea rises above the rest when it comes to managing high blood pressure.

Drink Green Tea to Lower High Blood Pressure

Tea is one of the most popular beverages consumed in the world, second only to plain old water. True teas, made from the *Camellia sinensis* plant, include black, green, white and oolong. These true teas are distinct from herbal teas, which come from an assortment of other herbs, spices and plants. True teas are a natural source of plant compounds and antioxidants that support many aspects of our health, including our hearts.

Among the four varieties of true teas, green tea appears to have the most clinical data linking it to improved blood pressure, making it the top tea choice for hypertension. A meta-analysis evaluating the effects of green tea (via a drink or supplement) on high blood pressure found that green tea was effective in lowering blood pressure levels. Specifically, people benefited from 3 mmHg and 1 mmHg reductions in systolic and diastolic blood pressure, respectively.

Green tea contains catechins, a type of antioxidant that can improve blood vessel function and enhance heart health. They may do this by preventing the narrowing of arteries, improving nitric oxide production, which widens blood vessels, and reducing oxidative stress and inflammation, the researchers point out.

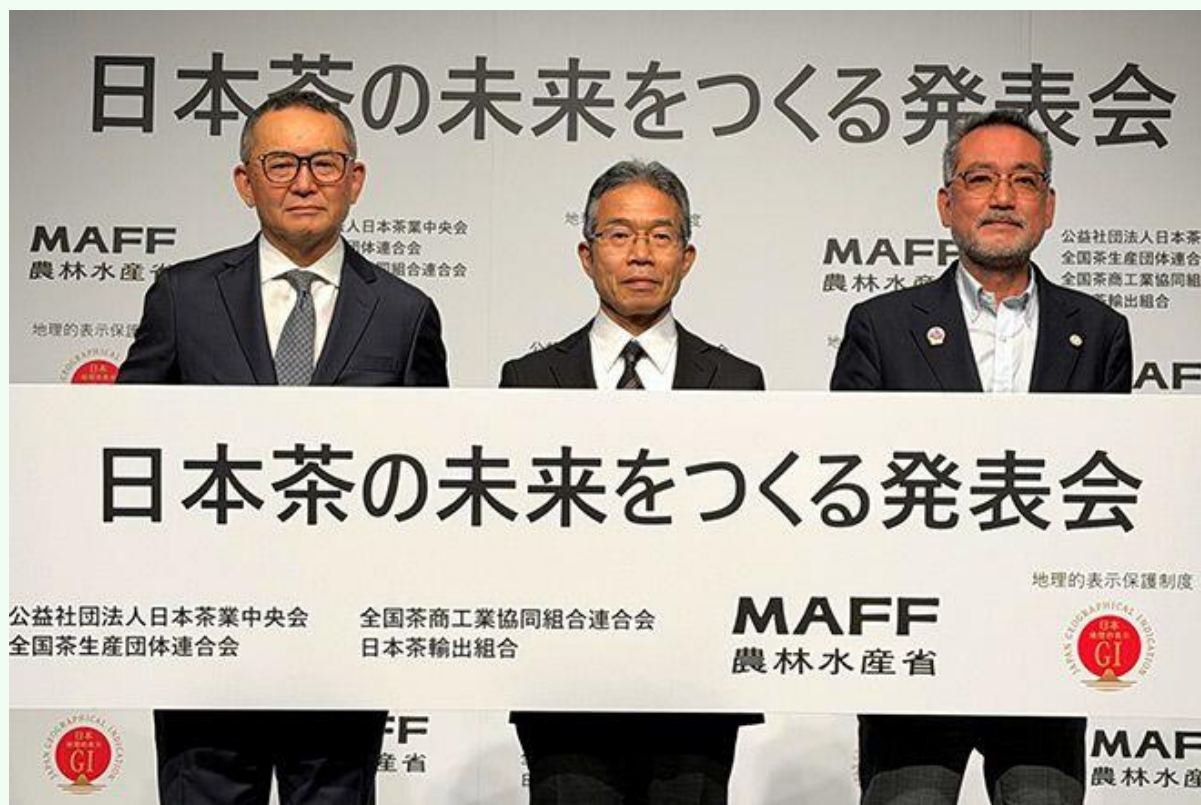
Additionally, the moderate amount of caffeine found in tea can stimulate a short-term increase in blood flow, potentially contributing to better overall cardiovascular health.

How to Include Green Tea in Your Diet

Green tea can be enjoyed simply by steeping green tea leaves in hot water for three to five minutes and then removing the tea leaves or bag before sipping. It also tastes great iced. However, there isn't a specific recommendation for how much tea to drink to support healthy blood pressure. What is clear is that including green tea in your rotation, along with water, can be a good move.

If you need a little sweetness in the mix, you can add some sugar, such as a touch of honey. Just be mindful of how much you add, as consuming too much added sugar is linked to elevated blood pressure in certain folks.

Japan moves to protect tea brand as counterfeits spread overseas



Sadami Suzuki, center, a senior executive of the Japan Tea Central Public Interest Incorporated Association, speaks at a press event in Tokyo on May 11. (Sho Ito)

Japan's tea growers and traders are racing to protect the hard-won reputation of the Japanese beverage from being diluted by foreign copies.

The Japan Tea Central Public Interest Incorporated Association, which brings together organizations involved in tea production and trade, has filed an application to register Japanese tea for Geographical Indication status.

If approved, intellectual property protection would cover all green tea grown and processed in Japan for the first time.

As sales of Japanese tea continue to soar, imitation products have proliferated overseas. Without a legal framework to distinguish authentic Japanese tea from foreign copies, producers fear the value of the Japanese tea name could be quietly eroded.

A Geographical Indication (GI) is a legal system that protects the name of a product closely linked to a particular place. Under such protection, Champagne, for instance, is not simply sparkling wine. It must come from the Champagne region of France and follow defined production rules.

Japan currently has 167 registered GI products. "Yubari Melon," for example, may be used only for melons grown, harvested and shipped from Yubari in Hokkaido under strict production and quality standards.

Other examples include "Hidagyu," beef produced in Gifu Prefecture, and two tea brands: "Fukamushi Kikugawacha," a deep-steamed green tea produced in Kikugawa and surrounding areas of Shizuoka Prefecture, and "Yame Dentou Hongyokuro," a traditional, hand-crafted, high-end gyokuro tea from Yame and nearby mountainous areas of Fukuoka Prefecture.

But Japanese tea as a broad category has not been registered with the entire country designated as its production zone.

The only product currently protected as a national-scale GI is “nihonshu,” or Japanese sake, which falls under the jurisdiction of the National Tax Agency.

FAKES FOLLOW GLOBAL MATCHA BOOM

The push to secure GI status for “nihoncha” comes amid a global matcha boom, fueled in part by growing health consciousness, that has lifted Japanese green tea exports to record levels.

In 2025, exports reached a record 12,612 tonnes, as demand surged across North America, Europe and beyond.

But that success has attracted imitators. Chinese-produced matcha marketed under labels such as “Uji Matcha”—evoking one of Japan’s most celebrated tea-growing regions—has led to legal disputes, and the industry says such cases show no sign of abating.

Producers argue that the problem is structural. Without a recognized international designation, there is little to prevent foreign manufacturers from appropriating the names, imagery and associations that give Japanese tea its value.

“When delivering authentic Japanese tea to the world, we want to attach a GI mark as a clear, easily understood label so that consumers can see exactly what they are choosing,” Sadami Suzuki, a senior executive at the Japan Tea Central Public Interest Incorporated Association, said at a May 11 news conference in Tokyo.

FARMS EMPTYING OUT

The boom in Japanese tea overseas is pushing the product upmarket, but the domestic foundations on which it rests are quietly weakening.

An aging farming population and a steady exodus from the industry have left Japan’s tea-growing sector on increasingly fragile footing.

The number of tea farmers in major producing prefectures such as Kagoshima and Shizuoka has fallen to less than a quarter of its 2000 level over the first two decades of this century.

The tea cultivation area has shrunk from 49,000 hectares in 2005 to 33,000 hectares in 2025, while total output has fallen from 100,000 tons to 75,000 tons.

Within that broader decline, another shift is under way.

Sencha, a familiar loose-leaf green tea, and matcha, a finely ground powder made from shade-grown tea leaves, require different cultivation methods and production processes.

Drawn by strong overseas demand for matcha, growing numbers of farmers in key tea-producing regions are shifting toward tencha, the shade-grown, unrolled green tea leaves used as the raw material for matcha.

As a result, sencha production is falling even faster than official figures suggest.

That matters because sencha remains the backbone of Japan’s domestic tea market, particularly for bottled green tea drinks, which continue to command a loyal following.

As the price of domestically grown tea rises, cheaper imported green tea has quickly filled the gap.

According to Finance Ministry trade statistics, imports of green tea reached 4,610 tons in 2025, up 50 percent from the previous year.

In the first quarter of 2026, cumulative imports were already 2.4 times the level recorded in the same period a year earlier.

If the current pace continues, annual imports could exceed 10,000 tons for the first time in roughly two decades.

PLAYING PROVENANCE CARD

The combination of a matcha-led production shift and growing dependence on imports has heightened the industry's sense of alarm.

Ito En Ltd., one of Japan's largest beverage companies, has responded with a pointed marketing move. Packaging of its flagship "Oi Ocha" unsweetened green tea have carried the label "100% pure domestic tea leaves" since its May 18 shipments.

The labels are intended to emphasize the Japanese origin, while reinforcing the broader brand value of Japanese tea.

The company is also pursuing a longer-term structural response. It is developing production lines for its contracted farmers that can handle both sencha and tencha. This will give growers who want to shift toward the more lucrative matcha supply chain the means to do so, while preserving the flexibility to switch back to sencha if market conditions change.

The goal is to keep Japan's domestic production base intact rather than allow it to hollow out further.

"Unless the tea industry as a whole achieves healthy, sustainable growth, it will never become the kind of internationally celebrated sector that nihonshu and wagyu already are," said Mitsumasa Shida, executive officer and general manager of Ito En's Marketing Headquarters.
