TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 27

July 14 & 15, 2026

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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.27 was held on July 14(Tue.)/ 15(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 6.0MKGS was on offer, which shows a 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.

The overall market at the Ex-Estate sale was an easier trend. In the Best Western selections both BOP's and BOPF's in the higher price category of last week declined by Rs.50-100/- and more with some teas being neglected. Below best BOP's declined by Rs.100/- and more whilst their BOPF's were firm to Rs.20-40/- easier. Lower end teas tended irregular. Nuwara Eliya's BOP's remained unsold whilst their corresponding BOPF's sold around last levels. The majority of the Uva/Udapussellawa teas were easier by Rs.20-40/- and more.
CTC Teas – High & Medium better PF1's were generally firm but the balance were mostly irregularly lower and with many unsold teas. Low Grown PF1's were fully firm to Rs.20/- dearer following selective quality. There were hardly and BP1's on offer this week.

Low Grown offerings this week met with good demand at fully firmer levels for all categories. Select best bright tippy prices fluctuated but the balance were firm on last levels. Traditional markets were active.

This week's auction comprised of **12,208** lots with a total quantity of **6,160,485** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,359	922,973
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,531	614,059
Low Grown Tippy	1,898	843,127
High & Medium	1,847	810,907
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,596	1,338,742
Dust	707	660,402
Premium Flowery	372	51,261
Ex-Estate	898	919,014
Total	**12,208**	**6,160,485**

In Lighter Vein

My Computer

Pappu:My internet is not working properly..

Officer: Ok, Double click on "My computer" Pappu: I can't see your computer..

Officer: No no.. click on "My computer" on your computer..

Pappu: How can I click on your computer from my computer?..

Officer: listen.. There is an icon labelled "My Computer" on your computer.. Ok. double click on it..

Pappu: what the hell, what is your computer doing on my computer..???

Officer: Double click on your computer..

Pappu: On which Icon i've to click..

Officer: "My Computer"..

Pappu:…Oh u Idiot…… Tell me where is your office…I'll come there and click on your "Computer.

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best types maintained last levels whilst the balance appreciated by Rs.50-100/- per kg.

OP1 : Select best OP1's were irregular to lower whilst the best types too declined further and the balance were irregularly lower.

OP : Select best invoices held firm, whilst the balance were generally lower.

OPA : Well twisted OPA's were irregularly lower whilst the balance too declined further at the latter part of the sale.

PEK/PEK1 : Shotty PEK's were maintained and the balance appreciated by Rs.50/- per kg. Well-made PEK1's too maintained whilst the balance were maintained.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	**2000-3100**	**2100-3400**	**1400-1800**	**1600-2100**	**1750-2800**
	Last Week	2000-3000	2200-3100	1500-2050	1600-2200	1750-2850
BEST	This Week	**1750-1950**	**1500-2050**	**1250-1350**	**1300-1550**	**1550-1700**
	Last Week	1700-1950	1600-2150	1300-1450	1350-1550	1500-1700
BELOW BEST	This Week	**1600-1700**	**1200-1450**	**850-1200**	**950-1250**	**1250-1500**
	Last Week	1550-1650	1250-1550	950-1250	1000-1300	1250-1450
SECONDARIES	This Week	**1400-1550**	**900-1150**	**650-800**	**650-900**	**1100-1200**
	Last Week	1350-1500	1000-1200	750-900	750-950	1150-1250
POOR	This Week	**1200-1350**	**500-850**	**450 - 600**	**400 - 600**	**850-1050**
	Last Week	1100-1300	600-900	500 - 700	500 - 700	900-1100

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were easier.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Firm on last levels.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and Best FBOP's together with cleaner below best were dearer and met with a firm demand. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and Best FBOPF1's were easier by Rs.50-75/- per kg with sale progressing on, whilst the cleaner below best teas met with a firm demand. FBOPF's in general were irregular.

FBOPFSP : Overall market declined.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Met with a lower demand.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1650-2000	1480-2000	2400-3000	1700-1950	4100-4500
	Last Week	1700-2150	1480-1950	2450-2900	1750-2200	4800-5900
BEST	This Week	1460-1600	1240-1420	1950-2200	1550-1650	3450-3800
	Last Week	1480-1650	1240-1460	1950-2250	1550-1650	3700-4500
BELOW BEST	This Week	1260-1420	1080-1180	1650-1850	1400-1480	1950-2800
	Last Week	1280-1440	1100-1220	1650-1850	1400-1500	2100-3200
SECONDARIES	This Week	1060-1220	880-1000	1360-1550	1220-1340	1650-1750
	Last Week	1080-1260	860-1060	1380-1550	1260-1360	1650-1850
POOR	This Week	830-1000	650-790	920-1240	900-1120	1200-1480
	Last Week	840-1060	670-790	940-1260	920-1160	1200-1500

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : In general firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : FF1's in general all-round firm to dearer on quality.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK1's sold around last levels and depreciate towards the end.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
FBOP	**1700 - 2300**	1700 - 2200	**1400 – 1700**	1300 – 1600	**1100-1400**	1000-1300
FBOPF/FBOPF1	**1450 - 1850**	1400 - 1850	**1150 - 1450**	1150 - 1450	**1000-1200**	1000-1200
PEK/PEK1	**1700 - 1950**	1700 - 1950	**1300 - 1700**	1250 - 1650	**900 - 1150**	900 - 1000

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Mostly easier

BOP: Best Western's – Teas in the higher price bracket were neglected and mostly unsold, whilst the others too were sharply lower and where sold, recorded a decline of Rs.20-40/- per kg. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined by up to Rs.100 /-per kg and more where sold, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Uva's declined by Rs.50/- per kg and more.

BOPF : Best Western's – Teas in the higher price bracket declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg and more following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were irregular. Nuwara Eliya's – A few select invoices where quality was appropriate sold around last week's levels. Uda Pussellawa's were substantially easier. Uva's – Clean leaf types sold around last, whilst the others were irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Best Westerns	**1200 – 1280**	1240 – 1480	**1260 – 1340**	1300 – 1400
Below Best Westerns	**1080 – 1180**	980 – 1200	**1180 – 1240**	1240 – 1420
Plainer Westerns	**960 - 1040**	900 - 960	**1000 - 1160**	1060 – 1220
Nuwara Eliyas	**N/A**	N/A	**1060 - 1150**	840 - 1000
Brighter UdaPussellawas	**920 - 940**	940 - 960	**900 - 940**	1200 - 1220
Other Uda Pussellawas	**840 - 900**	900 - 920	**840**	940 - 1040
Best Uva's	**N/A**	1060 - 1120	**1180 – 1220**	750 – 860
Other Uva's	**920**	960 - 1040	**840 - 1160**	1140 – 1180

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas sold well, whilst the others declined by Rs.50-100/- per kg.

BOPF : Better sorts declined by Rs.20/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Best Westerns	**1020 - 1800**	800 - 1850	**740-1200**	650-1200

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Better sorts were firm and selectively dearer, whilst the others were irregular.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts were generally firm, whilst the other poorer sorts were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer selectively following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
High	**830 - 850**	-	**800 - 1140**	700 - 1140
Medium	**550 - 810**	820	**630 - 960**	630 - 1000
Low	**770 - 1400**	700 - 1420	**640 - 1550**	640 - 1650

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.50/- whilst others were irregularly lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.20-30/- per kg. Select best BM's advanced Rs.25-50/- ; others firm on last levels.. Lower end teas irregularly easier.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas advanced Rs.25-50/- per kg, whilst below best and lower end irregularly lower.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	**800-1200**	850-1250	**600-720**	590-750	**700-820**	720-800
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	**700-810**	720-810	**700-820**	730-820	**720-1100**	750-1100
Other BM's	**560-700**	560-720	**540-700**	540-730	**540-710**	600-750
Best BOP1As	**700-780**	700-780	**710-850**	710-850	**850-1400**	850-1400
Other BOP1As	**600-680**	550-620	**570-630**	650-710	**550-650**	600-720

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's eased Rs.40-100/- following quality, whilst their secondaries and below best types were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : High growns declined Rs.40-60/-, whilst the mid growns were Rs.60-100/- lower when compared to the last sale. Low growns were irregular and mostly lower.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	**640 – 1500**	660 – 1650	**630 - 1180**	650 - 1160	**620 - 1080**	650 - 900
Good Primary PD (CTC)	**600 – 1100**	620 – 1080	**620 – 1100**	630 – 1080	**610 - 1120**	640 - 1340
Secondary Dust	**560 - 1000**	580 - 1160	**580 – 840**	600 – 650	**600 - 900**	620 - 960

WESTERN MEDIUM

***Ancoombra**	**BOP**	**1800/-**
Dartry Valley	BOP	1750/-
***Harangalla**	**BOP**	**1550/-**
***Ancoombra**	**BOPSP**	**1600/-**
***Hatale**	**BOPSP**	**1550/-**
Craighead	BOPSP	1550/-
***Meezan**	**BOPSP**	**1460/-**
***Vellai Oya**	**BOPF**	**1200/-**
***Ancoombra**	**BOPFSP**	**1340/-**
New Rothschild	BOP1	1800/-
Craighead	FBOP	2300/-
Galgewatta	FBOP1	1550/-
Greenwood	FBOPF	1220/-
***Ancoombra**	**FBOPF1**	**1850/-**
Dartry Valley	OP	1340/-
New Rothschild	OP	1340/-
***Hatale**	**OP**	**1320/-**
Harangalla	OP	1320/-
***Meezan**	**OP**	**1300/-**
***Hatale**	**OPA**	**1360/-**
Dartry Valley	OPA	1280/-
Cooroondoowatta	OPA	1280/-
***Galgewatta**	**OPA**	**1260/-**
***Orange Field**	**OP1**	**1850/-**
Nayapane	OP1	1600/-
***Hatale**	**OP1**	**1550/-**
New Rothschild	PEKOE	1700/-
***Meezan**	**PEKOE**	**1650/-**
***Hatale**	**PEKOE**	**1650/-**
Craighead	PEKOE	1650/-
***Galgewatta**	**PEKOE**	**1600/-**
Dartry Valley	PEKOE	1600/-
Uplands	PEKOE1	2000/-
***Galgewatta**	**PEKOE1**	**1950/-**
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	1950/-
Castlemilk	PEKOE1	1950/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	1950/-
***Hatale**	**PEKOE1**	**1900/-**
***Harangalla**	**PEKOE1**	**1900/-**
***Meezan**	**PEKOE1**	**1900/-**

WESTERN HIGH

Great Western	BOP	1280/-
Norwood	BOPSP	1240/-
Gouravilla	BOPF	1340/-
Torrington	BOP1	1550/-
Torrington	FBOP	1900/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1400/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1550/-
Venture	OP	1340/-
Venture	OPA	1320/-
Kirkoswald	OP1	1600/-
Venture	OP1	1600/-
Torrington	PEKOE	1550/-
St. Andrews	PEKOE	1550/-
St. Andrews	PEKOE1	1800/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP1	1120/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1550/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1380/-
Kenmare	OP	810/-
Kenmare	OPA	780/-
Kenmare	PEKOE	1360/-

UVA MEDIUM

***Halpewatte Uva**	**BOP**	**1850/-**
***Halpewatte Uva**	**BOP**	**1750/-**
Hindagala	BOPSP	1550/-
El Teb	BOPF	1000/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1550/-
Aruna Passara	BOP1	1800/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP	1850/-
Glen Alpin	FBOP	1850/-
***Roseland Uva**	**FBOP1**	**1650/-**
Uva Tenne	FBOPF	1100/-
Wewesse	FBOPF1	1650/-
***Roseland Uva**	**FBOPF1**	**1600/-**
***Roseland Uva**	**OP**	**1340/-**
High Spring	OP	1340/-
Kinellan	OPA	1380/-
***Roseland Uva**	**OPA**	**1300/-**
Aruna Passara	OP1	1850/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE	1700/-
***Roseland Uva**	**PEKOE**	**1600/-**
Wewesse	PEKOE1	2000/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1460/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1550/-
Mahadowa	BOPF	1400/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1300/-
Ranaya	BOP1	1850/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP	2150/-
***Battawatte**	**FBOP1**	**1500/-**
Spring Valley	FBOPF	850/-
Ranaya	FBOPF1	1600/-
Ranaya	OP	1380/-
Ranaya	OPA	1340/-
Aislaby	OP1	1700/-
Mount Uva	PEKOE	1650/-
Ranaya	PEKOE	1650/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	1900/-
***Ellathota Uva**	**PEKOE1**	**1800/-**

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Maha Uva	BOP	1500/-
Mooloya	BOPSP	940/-
Luckyland	BOPF	940/-
Delmar	FBOP	2150/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1700/-
Maha Uva	OP	1280/-
Delmar	OP	1280/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1280/-
Delmar	OP1	1480/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1600/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1850/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Gunawardana	BOP1	3100/-
Susantha	BOP1	3100/-
Susantha	OP1	3400/-
***Wattahena**	**OP**	**2150/-**
Miriswatta	OPA	2150/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2800/-
***Green House**	**PEKOE**	**2550/-**
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2550/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

***Nawagamuwahena**	**BOP**	**2000/-**
Liyonta	BOP	2000/-
***Mahaliyadda**	**BOP**	**1950/-**
***Andaradeniya S**	**BOP**	**1950/-**
Aruna	BOP	1950/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	1950/-
***Wattahena**	**BOP**	**1900/-**
H P P Tea	BOPSP	2000/-
Lellopitiya Super	BOPSP	1950/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1950/-
***KDU Super**	**BOPSP**	**1900/-**
Rajjuruwatta Sup.	BOPF	2000/-
***Karawita**	**BOPF**	**1850/-**
Wewelkandura S	BOPF	1850/-
***Nawagamuwahena**	**BOPF**	**1600/-**
Rathmalgoda Super	BOPFSP	1950/-
***Sithaka**	**FBOP**	**3000/-**
New Vithanakande	FBOP1	2300/-
***Ganganee**	**FBOP1**	**2100/-**
***New Laksakanda**	**FBOPF**	**1900/-**
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1950/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

New Batuwangala	FBOPFSP	4450/-
Co Op Lanka	FBOPFSP	4450/-
Linara	FBOPFSP	3500/-
***Karawita**	**FBOPFSP**	**3400/-**
New Batuwangala	FBOPFEXSP	4500/-
Ceciliyan	FBOPFEXSP	4500/-
Ceyenta	FBOPFEXSP1	4150/-
Galatara	FBOPFEXSP1	4050/-
***KDU Super**	**FBOPFEXSP1**	**4000/-**

*** Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd / +++All Time Record Price / ++ Equal All Time Record Price**

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN

Florence CTC	BP1	850/-
***Dunsinane CTC**	**PF1**	**1140/-**

MEDIUM GROWN

Aultmore CTC	BP1	810/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	960/-
New Peacock CTC	PF1	960/-
Delta CTC	PF1	960/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	810/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1400/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1550/-

OFF GRADES

Adams View	BP	1550/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	900/-
***Chandrika CTC**	**PF**	**740/-**
***Chandrika CTC**	**PF**	**690/-**
Gunawardana	BM	1340/-
***Narangala Super**	**BM**	**1220/-**
Bambarawana H	BM	1220/-
Magedara	BM	1220/-
***Wattahena**	**BM**	**1200/-**
Arbour Valley	FNGS	1200/-
Norwood	FNGS1	1220/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1550/-
***Chandrika Est.**	**BOP1A**	**1500/-**

BOPA

***Green House**	**BOPA**	**2100/-**
Kings Bru	BOPA	2050/-
Magedara	BOPA	2050/-
***Navinda**	**BOPA**	**2000/-**

Dust

Mattakelle	DUST	1000/-
Wattegodde	DUST1	1500/-
Great Western	DUST1	1500/-
Annfield	DUST1	1500/-
Holyrood	DUST1	1500/-
***Kalubowitiyana CTC**	**PD**	**1120/-**

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.26 OF 08TH JULY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,022.90	1,030.62	1,028.32	1,016.73	1,034.11
Western High Grown	1,082.57	1,101.23	1,170.15	1,034.50	1,089.35
High Grown	1,061.59	1,076.86	1,126.48	1,028.09	1,071.89
Uva Medium	1,056.75	1,056.99	1,029.59	1,042.84	1,073.24
Western Medium	909.75	903.02	962.08	945.64	1,009.49
Medium Grown	967.34	961.62	984.82	982.98	1,030.41
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,327.25	1,318.29	1,264.77	1,236.83	1,257.27
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,302.44	1,290.24	1,245.51	1,220.55	1,243.48
Total	1,187.71	1,181.05	1,176.84	1,140.13	1,170.81

Private Sale Figures (02.07.2026 – 08.07.2026)	270,424.00
Cumulative	6,456,611.45

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	SALE NO: 28		SALE NO: 29	
	Sale of 21st /22nd July, '26		Sale of 27th /28th July, '26	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,960	745,871	2,408	898,542
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,265	501,991	1,685	678,587
Low Grown Tippy	1,565	692,799	1,990	902,697
High & Medium	1,588	690,283	1,653	698,076
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,208	1,143,594	2,427	1,261,955
Dust	696	632,138	512	460,621
Premium Flowery	312	44,227	418	59,208
Ex-Estate	879	885,706	926	943,774
Total	**10,473**	**5,336,609**	**12,019**	**5,903,460**

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.31 of 11th (Tue.) /12th (Wed.) Aug, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 23rd July, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.32 of 17th (Mon.) /18th (Tue.) Aug, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 30th July, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.28

AUCTION OF 21ST / 22ND JULY, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 07th to 13th July, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Sunny weather and occasional showers were reported in both regions during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, intermittent showers are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported bright weather throughout the week. Strong winds are expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Growns

The Low Grown Region experienced sunny weather during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

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

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	Apr.	2.20	5.90	3.7	3.90	9.10	5.2
KENYA	Mar.	37.90	52.50	14.6	136.90	141.10	4.2
MALAWI	Apr.	6.80	5.90	-0.9	24.90	22.90	-2.0
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

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OTHER MARKETS

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 28 HELD ON 15 JULY, 2026

There was improved demand at irregular rates following quality for the 3180 packages on offer.

BP1 tended firm.

PF1 sold 4-7USC below valuation.

PD were up to 7USC dearer.

D1 –N/A.

PF1SC sold 10USC below valuation.

Secondaries held firm to dearer where sold.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12TH JULY, 2026.

It was warm during the day and cold at night, some isolated showers were reported this week more in Thyolo than Mulanje.

Green leaf intakes continue low.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 11 OF MONDAY, 13TH JULY, 2026

CTC LEAF: 48,570 packages of tea on offer met with a stronger demand.

BROKENS: Well made, good liquoring Brokens were a strong feature of the market and were dearer by upto Tk.5/- and more following competition. All others were also a better market and sold at around last levels. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand at around last levels.

FANNINGS: Well made, good liquoring Fannings were a stronger market and were often dearer by Tk.2/- to Tk.3/-. Medium and plainer varieties were also a good market and were mostly firm. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand at around last levels.

DUST: 9,607 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand. Good liquoring Dusts particularly CDs met with good competition and were a dearer market. Their Mediums were also fully firm to dearer closely following quality.

COMMENTS: There was a better demand this week for all varieties particularly for the better liquoring types. Blenders were quite forceful in their buying with a lot more interest from the Loose tea buyers. As a result, prices moved up with fewer withdrawals.

CDs were a strong feature of the sale.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	285-295	285-290	Best	285-295	285-290	PD	247-300	244-287
Good	280-285	278-283	Good	280-285	277-282	RD	250-300	245-310
Medium	270-275	265-270	Medium	270-275	265-272	D	255-324	256-320
Plain	250-260	250-260	Plain	250-260	250-260	CD	245-340	238-312
BLF	235-278	245-270	BLF	251-284	245-280	BLF	245-271	238-260

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.27 of 06TH & 07TH JULY, 2026

Good general demand for the 182,280 packages (12,312,507.00 kilos) available in the market with 23.49% remaining unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers were active with more enquiry from Yemen and **other Middle Eastern countries.** **Kazakhstan** and **other CIS** states lent more support while Bazaar were active although selective. Afghanistan reduced participation while **Egyptian Packers** maintained interest. UK were selective while **Russia** lent more support. **South Sudan** were less active with Local Packers showing some enquiries. **Somalia** were more active at dearer levels at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :

Leaf Grades - 101,360 packages (6,736,466.00 kilos) – 33.62% unsold.
Dust Grades - 61,520 packages (4,592,268.00 kilos) – 12.81% unsold.
Secondary Grades - 19,400 packages (983,773.00 kilos) – 4.43% unsold..

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Improved but irregular absorption with some teas advancing by up to USC56 while others shed by up to USC29.

Brighter: Mostly easier by up to USC25

Mediums: KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC10 while Plantation mediums were well competed for advancing by up to USC36.

Lower Medium: Held value to selectively dearer by up to USC3 to USC5 below previous levels.

Plainer: Improved categories gained by up to USC14 with others steady to USC2 below previous levels.

PF1:

Best : Saw irregular support with some teas firm USC6 dearer while others selectively shed by up to USC10.

Brighter : Irregularly support ranging from firm to USC9 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were irregularly steady to USC5 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin while plantation mediums saw more irregular enquiry varying between USC2 above previous levels to mostly easier by up to USC8.

Lower Medium : Were more irregular with some teas advancing by up to USC5 to USC24 while others mostly shed by up to USC7.

Plainer : More irregular varying between USC8 dearer for select lines to easier by up to USC10.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
Best	268 – 390	270 – 321
Good	242 – 317	260 – 293
Good Medium	240 – 286	262 – 284
Medium (KTDA)	165 – 204	215 – 270
Medium (Plantations)	166 – 256	196 – 227
Lower Medium	158 – 213	158 – 229
Plainer	116 – 164	107 – 160

DUST GRADES (M1)

PDUST:

Best: Premium teas gained by up to USC8 with other types irregular ranging between USC4 above previous levels to easier by up to USC10.

Brighter: Some teas were dearer by up to USC6 while others were irregularly firm to USC6 easier.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were about steady to mostly easier by up to USC6 with plantation mediums firm to USC5 below previous levels.

Lower Medium: Were generally steady to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

Plainer: Irregularly shed by up to USC14

DUST1:

Best: Most teas advanced by up to USC12 while others were easier by up to USC4.

Brighter: Steady to USC8 easier but some lines appreciated by up to USC4.

Mediums: KTDA mediums irregularly eased by up to USC6 though some invoices held value; plantation mediums were steady to USC5 below previous levels.

Lower Medium: Were irregularly easier by up to USC4.

Plainer: Better sorts were firm to USC3 dearer to easier by a similar margin with others mostly discounted by up to USC12.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST – USC	DUST1 – USC
Best	250 – 318	250 – 370
Good	242– 270	250 – 291
Good Medium	205 – 258	250– 288
Medium (KTDA)	180 – 236	180– 259
Medium (Plantati ons)	186 – 217	185 – 202
Lower Medium	164 – 196	165 – 177
Plainer	119 – 162	129 – 167

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, best, **BPs** held value while others gained **PFs** were dearer. Clean well sorted colour y **Fannings** appreciated with **similar DUSTs** steady to dearer. **Other Fannings** sold above last levels with **DUSTs** gaining. **BMFs** were well absorbed at dearer rates.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	238 – 320	-	125 – 245	160 – 317	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	125 – 182	148 – 197	-
Lower Medium	135 – 174	140 – 162	121 – 160	120 – 166	100 – 116
Plainer	112 – 168	103 – 149	091 – 140	110 – 144	099 – 108

SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING –11TH JULY, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand: Brokens fetched steady to dearer levels by Rs.1 to 2 and Fannings were irregular around last.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : All whole leaves sold irregularly and lower around last with some withdrawals depending on the quality, FP grades tended further easier. Primary brokens were easier while the secondaries were steady. A limited quantiy of Fannings tended dearer.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold at firm levels. Plainer sorts sold irregularly around last levels.

Market : Major Packeteers were active, Exporters operated selectively on plainer sort and bolder grades. Internal buyers operated cautiously.

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Market opened on steady levels and firmed up as the sale progressed. The fairly blacker and cleaner teas have moved further up. Inspite of a strong demand the market witnessed fair out lots on the browner and fibrous teas.
The overall sale percentage was 92% at an average of Rs.111.32.

Buying Pattern: Major blenders and Regional Packeteers continued their support on the mediums and better mediums teas whilst Internal was price cautious. Export buying mostly confined to the larger brokens and on the fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Firm to dearer across all grades and categories by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- and more following quality.
The overall sale percentage was 92% at an average of Rs.153.15.

Buying Pattern: Strong export enquiry was forthcoming whilst the Packeteers and Internal lent fair support.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good.

Market : Market opened on a steady to firm levels on the major quantity of mediums that was traded. However the brighter liquoring teas across grades have witnessed an easier trend. The sale had witnesses a little sluggish demand towards the end of the sale.
The overall sale percentage was 89% at an average of Rs. 116.33.

Buying Pattern: Strong Export operation was witnessed with useful support from Packeteers and internal buyers. As usual M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devgiri Tea produce co) continued their support on the brighter liquoring teas..

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good.

Market: Witnessed an easier trend on the primary grades across all categories. The Secondaries and Tertiarites were rather irregular.
The overall sale percentage was 72% at an average of Rs. 120.55.

Buying Pattern: Mostly an export enquiry was forthcoming with very selective internal participation

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were firm. Medium teas were barely steady to occasionally dearer. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more.

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

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Medium brokens were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-. BOPF were dearer by Rs.3/- TO Rs.4/-. Others not quotable.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were fully firm to occasionally dearer. As sale progressed finer grades were lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-. Medium teas were lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-.

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

ORTH DUST

Demand :
Market :
Buying Pattern :

Not quotable.

July 15, 2026
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- TEA NEWS –

LOCAL

Publication – Daily Mirror

Headline – Bogawantalawa Tea enters Saudi Arabia's Tamimi hypermarket chain

Journalist – N/A

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Summary - Bogawantalawa Tea was launched at Tamimi Markets in Riyadh, expanding the presence of premium Ceylon Tea in Saudi Arabia. Sri Lanka's Ambassador Ameer Ajwad said Saudi Arabia remains a key export market for Ceylon Tea and proposed a dedicated Sri Lanka Corner to showcase more premium Sri Lankan products. Bogawantalawa Tea officials highlighted the brand's heritage, product portfolio and commitment to estate community welfare.

Publication – Virakesari

Headline – Ceylon Tea Village Aims to Boost Processed Tea

Journalist – M. Manochitra

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Summary - The Ministry of Plantations and Community Infrastructure will launch the Ceylon Tea Village programme to establish 500 specialised tea villages and increase processed tea production to 400 million kilograms and export earnings to USD 2.5 billion by 2030. The first phase will establish 144 tea villages across all Tea Inspector divisions by

2026, with launches across 11 tea-growing districts. The programme focuses on improving smallholder productivity and incomes, value-added tea, tea tourism, mechanisation, regenerative agriculture, farmer insurance, pensions, concessionary loans, cooperatives and rural infrastructure.

~INTERNATIONAL ~

Sri Lanka to launch 'Ceylon Tea Village' program in Kotmale

The inauguration of the "Ceylon Tea Village" program, which aims to establish 500 cluster tea villages across Sri Lanka, will be held on July 15 at Halgolla Hapugastalawa in the Kotmale area of the Nuwara Eliya District.

Addressing the media on Thursday (09), Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure Samantha Vidyaratne announced that in its initial phase, work will begin in 144 tea villages covering 11 districts.

Launched by the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure, the program seeks to raise national tea production to 400 million kilograms and boost export revenue to USD 2.5 billion by 2030.

The program is being implemented with the leadership of the Small Tea Plantation Development Authority, the Sri Lanka Tea Research Institute, the Sri Lanka Tea Board, and the National Plantation Management Institute.

Commenting on the program, Minister Samantha Vidyaratne said Ceylon Tea has long strengthened Sri Lanka's economy with its globally recognized flavor. He emphasized that through the establishment of 500 tea villages, production will rise significantly, increasing export revenue by USD 1 billion and strengthening both tea growers and the national economy.

Currently, 95% of Sri Lanka's tea production is exported, while only 5% is consumed locally. Small tea plantation owners contribute 75% of total output. The program aims to improve small growers' income, introduce value-added tea products, integrate tea with tourism, promote modern and sustainable cultivation methods, develop infrastructure in identified villages, and establish cooperative societies.

Minister Samantha Vidyaratne stressed that the selection of the 144 villages scheduled for launch in 2026 was carried out scientifically and technically by officials of the Tea Research Institute and the Small Tea Plantation Development Authority, without political interference.

The "Ceylon Tea Village" program is expected to benefit smallholders and all stakeholders in the tea industry, while contributing to Sri Lanka's national development goals by 2030. **(Newswire)**

TBK defends tea levy as June auction delivers Sh13bn to farmers

Tea farmers earned Sh13 billion from tea sales in June after 46.52 million kilogrammes of tea were traded at the Mombasa Tea Auction.

released by the Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) shows the commodity fetched an average price of $2.27 (Sh293.40) per kilogramme, up from $2.01 (Sh271.40) recorded during the same period last year.

The month coincided with the onset of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, including Europe and North America, a period that traditionally records lower tea consumption due to warmer temperatures. The season runs until September.

Despite the seasonal decline in demand, tea prices remained firm as production in most Kenyan tea-growing regions also declined because of colder weather, helping to balance supply and demand at the auction.

TBK chief executive officer Willy Mutai said the average tea absorption rate at the auction stood at 85 per cent in June, compared with 56 per cent during the same period last year and 45 per cent in 2024.

"Despite selling our teas to over 90 markets, we rely heavily on 10 markets that account for more than 80 per cent of our exports. Any disruptions in those countries directly affect our tea exports," he said.

Mutai cited Pakistan, Kenya's largest tea market, which has faced foreign exchange shortages in recent years, making it difficult for buyers to import Kenyan tea.

He said government intervention helped persuade the Pakistani authorities to classify tea as an essential commodity, safeguarding exports to a country that consumes about 360 million kilogrammes of tea annually.

Mutai said the conflict in Sudan, diplomatic tensions involving Kenya, Sudan and Iran and shipping disruptions in the Red Sea had also affected tea exports.

"Last year, most shipments to the European Union had to avoid the Red Sea due to attacks on commercial vessels and instead use the Cape of Good Hope, extending transit time by between 10 and 14 days. All these factors affect the auction," he said.

Mutai said some tea factories occasionally withdraw tea from the auction when bids fall below their reserve prices, only to re-offer it about three weeks later. Such teas often attract lower bids when they return to the market.

"Tea prices are purely based on quality. Buyers taste the teas and decide which ones they prefer and the prices they are willing to pay," he said.

"Tea has a shelf life of up to three years, but the fresher it is, the higher the prices it attracts."

He said only about 1.7 million kilogrammes remained unsold during the final auction of June and would be re-offered in the third week of July.

Other tea stocks currently in warehouses are fresh consignments awaiting cataloguing before sale.

Mutai also dismissed claims the tea levy has suppressed sales, insisting Kenyan tea continues to outperform that of neighbouring countries, with 84 per cent of all teas sold at the auction.

Although Rwanda's tea generally commands higher prices due to its premium quality, it represents less than 10 per cent of all teas sold at the auction, while teas from Uganda and Tanzania are largely used for blending.

"We have not seen a situation where our absorption rate is going down while our neighbouring countries' rates are increasing," Mutai said.

He explained that the levy is paid by consumers rather than farmers and finances research, infrastructure development, market stabilisation and other industry programmes.

According to Mutai, more than 49 tea varieties, including purple tea, have been developed to address agronomic challenges and respond to changing consumer preferences.

He said ongoing investment in research is aimed at improving tea quality, controlling pests and diseases and diversifying tea into pharmaceutical, cosmetic and culinary products.

"The focus is on ensuring Kenya's tea remains competitive in quality, availability and pricing at the Mombasa Tea Auction," he said.

Kenya remains the world's largest exporter of black tea, commanding about 30 per cent of the global export market.

Mutai attributed Kenya's strong position to consistent quality, year-round availability and pesticide-free production, factors that continue to make local tea attractive to international buyers.

He said the average export price for local tea remains competitive compared with teas from Sri Lanka, India and China, while the 0.8 per cent tea levy has only a minimal effect on export prices.

The industry is also expanding into new markets, including China, West Africa, Russia, North America and other parts of Asia.

Last year, Kenya exported tea worth Sh186 billion.

Instant analysis

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