

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 28

July 21 & 22, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.28 was held on July 21(Tue.)/ 22(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 5.3MKGS was on offer, which shows a decrease when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.0MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.7MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.9MKGS.

Demand at today's Ex-Estate sale continued to be irregular with buyers following quality closely. Best Western BOP's in the high price bracket of last week continued to be neglected and were mostly unsold with only a few select teas selling at last week levels on account of special inquiry. Best Western BOPF's were firm to Rs.20-40/- per kg easier with below best teas too declining Rs.20/- per kg and more. Below best and lower end teas too were an easier feature and lost up to Rs.50/- per kg and more with many remaining unsold due to substantially lower bids. Nuwara Eliyas were mostly unsold. Uva/Udapussellawa seasonal teas sold well between Rs.2100-3000/- per kg whilst non-seasonal BOP's were neglected whilst their corresponding BOPF's were barely steady and sold around last levels. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's tended irregular whilst poorer sorts were neglected. Select high priced Low Grown PF1's of last week declined Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst others firm and lower to a lesser extent. There were hardly any BP1's on sale for this week. The limited selection of the brighter teas on offer along with seasonal teas were mainly sought after by Japanese buyers whilst the others were absorbed by shippers to South Africa and the Continent. The balance were accounted for by Shippers to Russia and China with limited interest from the tea by sector.

Low Grown offerings from all elevations met with sustained demand throughout the sale. Bright Tippy Teas too were fully firm to selectively dearer at times. There was good demand from Traditional markets.

Sale No.29 will be held on Monday 27th July and Tuesday 28th July owing to the intervening Poya Day holiday.

This week's auction comprised of **10,473** lots with a total quantity of **5,336,609** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

In Lighter Vein

Have you heard this one? The wrong answer

Mr. Jacobs, the biology instructor at a posh suburban girl's junior college, said during class, Miss Arnold, would you please name the organ of the human body, which under the appropriate conditions, expands to six times its normal size, and define the conditions."

Miss Arnold gasped, then said coldly, "Mr. Jacobs, I don't think that is an appropriate question to ask me. I assure you my parents will hear of this!" With that she sat down red-faced.

Unperturbed, Mr. Jacobs called on Miss Jones, another student, and asked the same question.

Miss Jones, with composure, replied: "That would be the pupil of the eye, under conditions of dim light."

"Correct," said Mr. Jacobs.

"And now, Miss Arnold, I have three things to say to you:

One, you have not studied your lesson.

Two, you have a dirty mind.

And three you will someday be faced with a dreadful disappointment."

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,960	745,871
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,265	501,991
Low Grown Tippy	1,565	692,799
High & Medium	1,588	690,283
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,208	1,143,594
Dust	696	632,138
Premium Flowery	312	44,227
Ex-Estate	<u>879</u>	<u>885,706</u>
Total	<u>10,473</u>	<u>5,336,609</u>

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Generally firm.

OP1 : Select best types held firm. Balance were irregularly lower.

OP : Well-made OP's declined by Rs.50/- per kg whilst the balance too declined further.

OPA : Select best OPA's maintained at last week levels. Best and below best types were irregularly lower. Poor sorts met with a poor demand.

PEK/PEK1 : Generally firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3100	2000-3450	1400-1800	1550-2100	1800-2700
	Last Week	2000-3100	2100-3400	1400-1800	1600-2100	1750-2800
BEST	This Week	1800-1950	1450-1950	1200-1350	1200-1500	1600-1750
	Last Week	1750-1950	1500-2050	1250-1350	1300-1550	1550-1700
BELOW BEST	This Week	1650-1750	1150-1400	800-1150	900-1150	1300-1550
	Last Week	1600-1700	1200-1450	850-1200	950-1250	1250-1500
SECONDARIES	This Week	1450-1600	800-1100	600-750	600-850	1150-1250
	Last Week	1400-1550	900-1150	650-800	650-900	1100-1200
POOR	This Week	1300-1400	500-750	400 - 550	400 - 550	900-1100
	Last Week	1200-1350	500-850	450 - 600	400 - 600	850-1050

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were dearer.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Few select best invoices were firm on last, whilst the others were irregularly lower following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and Best FBOP's were firm, whilst below best varieties were firm to dearer, others were firm on last. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and Best FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the cleaner Below Best teas and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Balance were firm. FF's in general were firm.

FBOPFSP : Select Best and Best invoices were irregular, others were firm.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Overall market was easier, whilst the lower end teas were firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1700-2100	1500-2000	2350-2800	1700-2150	4250-4800
	Last Week	1650-2000	1480-2000	2400-3000	1700-1950	4100-4500
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1270-1400	1900-2700	1550-1650	3450-3900
	Last Week	1460-1600	1240-1420	1950-2200	1550-1650	3450-3800
BELOW BEST	This Week	1280-1440	1020-1700	1650-1850	1400-1500	1850-2600
	Last Week	1260-1420	1080-1180	1650-1850	1400-1480	1950-2800
SECONDARIES	This Week	1080-1240	850-1000	1380-1550	1240-1360	1600-1700
	Last Week	1060-1220	880-1000	1360-1550	1220-1340	1650-1750
POOR	This Week	920-1160	600-780	920-1260	990-1180	1180-1440
	Last Week	830-1000	650-790	920-1240	900-1120	1200-1480

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : High priced FBOP's selectively dearer, whilst the balance were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Well-made FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the cleaner below best at the lower end appreciated.

PEK/PEK1 : In general were 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	1700 - 2300	1700 - 2300	1400 - 1750	1400 - 1700	1000-1400	1100-1400
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1450 - 1750	1450 - 1850	1150 - 1480	1150 - 1450	950 - 1200	1000-1200
PEK/PEK1	1700 - 2000	1700 - 1950	1250 - 1650	1300 - 1700	850 - 1100	900 - 1150

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Irregular mostly following quality

BOP: Best Western's – Teas in the higher price bracket continued to be neglected and were mostly unsold with only a handful of invoices selling at firm to dearer rates following special inquiry. Prices for teas in the Below Best category were firm and up to Rs.50/- per kg easier, whilst the teas at the lower end of the market were mostly unsold due to a lack of suitable bids. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were neglected and mostly unsold due to poor bids. Uva's – Initial offerings of seasonal teas met with an excellent response and sold between Rs.2,100-3,000/- per kg, whilst the others non-seasonal types were neglected and mostly unsold due to a lack of suitable bids.

BOPF : Best Westerns were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Teas in the Below Best category declined by Rs.20/- per kg and more following quality, whilst teas at the lower end eased by up to Rs.50/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were mostly unsold following substantially lower bids. Uva's – Seasonal teas continued to sell well between Rs.2,200-2,450/- per kg, whilst the other non-seasonal types were barely steady around last week's levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1240 - 1440	1200 - 1280	1240 - 1360	1260 - 1340
Below Best Westerns	1100 - 1220	1080 - 1180	1160 - 1220	1180 - 1240
Plainer Westerns	940 - 1080	960 - 1040	1000 - 1140	1000 - 1160
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	1060 - 1150
Brighter UdaPussellawas	900	920 - 940	N/A	900 - 940
Other Uda Pussellawas	820 - 870	840 - 900	700 - 840	840
Best Uva's	2100 - 3000	N/A	2000 - 2450	1180 - 1220
Other Uva's	940 - 1000	920	1080 - 1160	840 - 1160

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas were irregular and easier, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.100/- per kg.

BOPF : Better sorts were barely steady, whilst the others were irregular and tended easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	870 - 1950	1020 - 1800	700-1160	740-1200

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Irregular and easier.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts met with improved demand and were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the other poorer sorts were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Select high-priced teas of last week declined by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were firm and lower to a lesser extent.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	830 - 850	680 - 1080	800 - 1140
Medium	610 - 840	550 - 810	630 - 1000	630 - 960
Low	800 - 1360	770 - 1400	680 - 1600	640 - 1550

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.50-100/- whilst others were irregularly lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's eased Rs.20/- per kg. Select best BM's advanced Rs.25-50/- ; others firm to lower Rs.20-30/- per kg on last levels.. Lower end teas were irregularly lower by Rs.20-30/- per kg.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas advanced Rs.25-50/- per kg, whilst below best and lower end irregularly lower Rs.20-30/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	750-1160	800-1200	600-720	600-720	680-820	700-820
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	670-810	700-810	680-820	700-820	650-1300	720-1100
Other BM's	550-600	560-700	530-670	540-700	530-650	540-710
Best BOP1As	6600-780	700-780	640-850	710-850	660-1400	850-1400
Other BOP1As	550-650	600-680	550-630	570-630	550-650	550-650

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's were firm on last levels, whilst the secondaries and poorer types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Grown teas were Rs.30-50/- per kg easier. Low Grown were firm on last levels.

PD : High grown gained Rs.30-60/- per kg, whilst the Mid Grown were Rs.40-60/- per kg dearer. Low Grown met with poor demand and declined Rs.50-100/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	640 - 1550	640 - 1500	630 - 1140	630 - 1180	630 - 960	620 - 1080
Good Primary PD (CTC)	620 - 1120	600 - 1100	620 - 1140	620 - 1100	N/A	610 - 1120
Secondary Dust	600 - 1140	560 - 1000	620 - 860	580 - 840	600 - 890	600 - 900

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1950/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1500/-
Craighead	BOPSP	1500/-
Windsoforest	BOPSP	1500/-
Rozella	BOPF	1160/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1040/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1300/-
Craighead	BOP1	2350/-
Craighead	FBOP	2300/-
Harangalla	FBOP1	1500/-
Uplands	FBOP1	1500/-
*Dartry Valley	FBOP1	1460/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF	1100/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1750/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1650/-
Dartry Valley	OP	1300/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1280/-
*Hatale	OPA	1260/-
Elpitiya	OP1	1500/-
*Hatale	OP1	1440/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE	1750/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1700/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1700/-
Cooroondooowatte	PEKOE	1700/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1600/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1600/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2000/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	1900/-

WESTERN HIGH

Ingestre	BOP	1440/-
Wattegodde	BOPSP	1500/-
Great Western	BOPF	1360/-
Torrington	BOP1	1550/-
New Meddecombra	FBOP	1800/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1420/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1500/-
Torrington	OP	1260/-
St. Andrews	OP	1260/-
Venture	OPA	1320/-
St. Andrews	OP1	1550/-
St. Andrews	PEKOE	1460/-
New Meddecombra	PEKOE1	1800/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOP	1040/-
Court Lodge	BOPF	840/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1320/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF	1040/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF1	1280/-
Kenmare	OPA	800/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	1140/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE1	1100/-

UVA MEDIUM

St. James	BOP	2950/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	1500/-
Demodera 'S'	BOPSP	1500/-
St. James	BOPF	2400/-
High Spring	BOPFSP	1440/-
New Aruna Passara	BOP1	1800/-
Aruna Keppetipola	BOP1	1800/-
Demodera 'S'	BOP1	1800/-
New Aruna Passara	FBOP	1900/-
Aruna Keppetipola	FBOP	1800/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP	1800/-
Ury	FBOP	1800/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1550/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1120/-
Telbedde	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOPF1	1600/-
Pettiagalla	OP	1320/-
Aruna Passara	OPA	1280/-
Misty Uva	OP1	1650/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE	1750/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE	1700/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE	1700/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1600/-
St. James	PEKOE1	3500/-

UVA HIGH

Uva Highlands	BOP	3000/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1500/-
Aislaby	BOPF	2450/-
Uva Highlands	BOPF	2450/-
Ellathota Uva	BOP1	1700/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP	1950/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP	1900/-
*Battawatta	FBOP	1800/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP1	1550/-
Ranaya	FBOPF1	1600/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1600/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1600/-
Ellathota Uva	OP	1360/-
Needwood Super	OPA	1300/-
Ranaya	OPA	1300/-
Ranaya	OP1	1750/-
Uva Highlands	PEKOE	3200/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	2000/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Maha Uva	BOP	1280/-
Delmar	BOPF	800/-
Delmar	FBOP	1800/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF	980/-
Blairlmond	FBOPF1	1600/-
Maha Uva	FBOPF1	1600/-
Maha Uva	OP	1220/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1200/-
Delmar	OP1	1550/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1550/-
Blairlmond	PEKOE1	1500/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Makandura	BOP1	3100/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3450/-
Miriswatta	OP	1800/-
Susantha	OP	1650/-
Green Lanka	OP	1650/-
Captain Garden	OP	1650/-
Sunrise	OP	1650/-
Nilgiri	OP	1650/-
Karagoda	OP	1650/-
*Mahaliyadda	OP	1600/-
*Green House	OP	1600/-
Lucky Dais	OPA	2100/-
*Green House	OPA	2050/-
Green Lanka	OPA	2050/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2700/-
*Makandura	PEKOE	2400/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE	2400/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2350/-
Dampahala	PEKOE1	2450/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2400/-
*Kurunduwatta	PEKOE1	2300/-
*New Nivithigala	PEKOE1	2300/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2100/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP	2050/-
*Rain Forest	BOP	2050/-
*Hidellana	BOP	2000/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2100/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	2050/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	2000/-
Rajjuruwatta Sup.	BOPF	2000/-
Wewelkandura S	BOPF	2000/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	1750/-
Dampahala	FBOP	2800/-
Sunrise	FBOP	2800/-
Kiruwana ganga	FBOP1	2100/-
Danlanda Watta	FBOP1	2100/-
*Greenwin Super	FBOP1	2000/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOP1	2000/-
*Andaradeniya S	FBOP1	1950/-
*New Nivithigala	FBOP1	1950/-
*Selna	FBOP1	1950/-
*Andaradeniya S	FBOPF	2800/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	2150/-
Kolonna Super	FBOPF1	2000/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	2000/-
Adams View	FBOPF1	1950/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1950/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1900/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Renukanda	FBOPFSP	4800/-
*Green House	FBOPFSP	4700/-
H P P Tea	FBOPFEXSP	4750/-
*New Galagawa	FBOPFEXSP	4500/-
New Singhe Valley	FBOPFEXSP1	4200/-
Muswenna	FBOPFEXSP1	3950/-
*Allen Valley	FBOPFEXSP1	3850/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1080/-
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MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC	BP1	840/-
*New Peacock CTC	PF1	1000/-
*Rothschild CTC	PF1	960/-
*New Peacock CTC	PF1	960/-
New Peacock CTC	PF1	960/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	960/-
*Rothschild CTC	PF1	940/-
*New Peacock CTC	PF1	940/-
*Carolina CTC	PF1	940/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	790/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1360/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1600/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1550/-
*Kalubowitiyana CTC	PF1	1500/-

OFF GRADES

Suviska	BP	1550/-
Devonia	BP	1420/-
*Andaradeniya H	BP	1340/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1020/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	960/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	920/-
*Wattahena	BM	1380/-
Adams View	BM	1380/-
Court Lodge	FNGS	980/-
Norwood	FNGS1	1220/-
*Aldora	BOP1A	1420/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOP1A	1260/-
*Ukovita	BOP1A	1220/-

BOPA

*Navinda	BOPA	2100/-
*Green House	BOPA	2100/-
Linara	BOPA	2100/-
*New Galagawa	BOPA	2050/-
*New Laksakanda	BOPA	2050/-
Gunawardana	BOPA	2050/-
*Hedigalla	BOPA	2000/-

Dust

Wattegodde	DUST	1140/-
*Labookellie	DUST	980/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1550/-
*New Peacock CTC	PD	1140/-

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Vellai Oya	DUST	860/-
*Vellai Oya	DUST1	1140/-
*New Peacock CTC	PD	1140/-

LOW GROWN

*Andaradeniya H	DUST	890/-
*Andaradeniya H	DUST	880/-
*Panakaduwa	DUST	780/-

COLOMBO AUCTION - WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.27 OF 15TH JULY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,010.37	1,027.44	1,027.53	988.67	1,032.02
Western High Grown	1,066.76	1,097.62	1,166.28	1,077.01	1,088.93
High Grown	1,047.33	1,073.25	1,123.35	1,043.16	1,070.79
Uva Medium	1,056.73	1,058.30	1,030.87	1,025.17	1,070.84
Western Medium	893.07	900.38	959.37	953.01	1,007.42
Medium Grown	955.42	960.36	983.58	982.01	1,028.42
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,345.73	1,327.15	1,267.76	1,233.40	1,256.34
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,325.02	1,299.62	1,248.40	1,213.22	1,242.30
Total	1,197.20	1,185.86	1,177.61	1,136.71	1,169.47

Private Sale Figures (09.07.2026 – 15.07.2026)

185,869.50

Cumulative

6,639,480.95

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 29

SALE NO: 30

Sale of 27th /28th July, '26

Sale of 04th /05th Aug. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,408	898,542	2,390	898,766
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,685	678,587	1,614	639,573
Low Grown Tippy	1,990	902,697	1,993	889,914
High & Medium	1,653	698,076	1,685	705,392
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,427	1,261,955	2,751	1,380,682
Dust	512	460,621	652	593,610
Premium Flowery	418	59,208	308	39,405
Ex-Estate	<u>926</u>	<u>943,774</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>875,718</u>
Total	<u>12,019</u>	<u>5,903,460</u>	<u>12,275</u>	<u>6,023,060</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.33 of 24th (Mon.) /25th (Tue.) Aug, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 06th August, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.29

AUCTION OF 27th / 28th 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. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	1. Eastern Brokers PLC	1. John Keells PLC
2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. John Keells PLC	2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	3. Eastern Brokers PLC
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Crop & Weather

For the period 14th to 20th July, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported bright weather throughout the week. Rain is expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of meteorology.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Both regions experienced sunny weather during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, strong winds are expected in the Una and Uda Pussellawa regions in the week ahead.

Low Grown

Bright weather was reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expected rainy weather conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

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

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

<i>Country</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>	<i>To-date 2025</i>	<i>To-date 2026</i>	<i>Difference +/-</i>
SRI LANKA	June	21.52	22.33	0.8	134.56	130.57	-4.0
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	May	109.86	111.72	1.9	249.73	251.67	1.9
SOUTH INDIA	May	26.57	19.88	-6.7	96.50	81.82	-14.7

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OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 12 OF MONDAY, 20TH JULY, 2026

CTC LEAF: 46,554 packages of tea on offer once again met with a stronger demand.

BROKENS: Well made, good liquoring Brokens were a strong feature particularly the GBOP's which were often dearer by up to Th.5/-. All other varieties met with more demand and were fully firm to tending dearer following competition. BLF teas met with a better demand at dearer rates.

FANNINGS: Well made, good liquoring Fannings were again a stronger market and were mostly dearer following quality. Medium and plainer varieties were again a good market and were fully firm. BLF teas met with a better demand at dearer rates.

DUST: 8,796 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at around last levels. Well-made CD's met with a good competition and advanced by Tk.5/- to Tk10/-. Medium were fully firm to dearer closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts met with less demand and witnessed fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Market witnessed a stronger demand this week for all varieties especially for the improved liquoring types. Blenders were more forceful and operated in greater strength. Loose tea buyers continued to lend good support, which resulted in further price appreciation.

CDs were again a strong feature of the market.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	290-295	285-295	Best	290-295	285-295	PD	255-295	247-300
Good	283-288	280-285	Good	280-288	280-285	RD	250-320	250-300
Medium	270-275	270-275	Medium	272-277	270-275	D	260-313	255-324
Plain	2555-265	250-260	Plain	255-265	250-260	CD	265-317	245-340
BLF	252-277	235-278	BLF	258-279	251-284	BLF	250-270	245-271

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.28 of 13TH & 14TH JULY, 2026

Good general demand prevailed at irregular rates for the 154,670 packages (10,286,611.00 kilos) on offer; 13.72% remained unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS :-

Orthodox Grades - 2,550 packages (90,280.00 kilos) – 62.75% unsold.
 Leaf Grades - 82,440 packages (5,453,721.00 kilos) – 18.73% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 82,440 packages (5,453,721.00 kilos) – 18.73% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 19,120 packages (974,518.00 kilos) – 5.75% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : More irregular interest varying between USC9 dearer for some teas to mostly easier by up to USC20.

Brighter: Irregularly discounted by up to USC18.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were more irregular and varied between firm to USC10 above previous rates to easier by up to USC11. Plantation mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC9.

Lower Medium: Were irregularly easier by up to USC4.

Plainer: Irregular ranging between steady to USC3 dearer for better types to easier by a similar margin.

PF1:

Best : Ranged between steady to USC8 above previous levels to easier by up to USC4

Brighter : Firm to mostly dearer by up to USC6.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were firm to USC10 dearer to USC5 below last rates form select teas. Plantation mediums were well absorbed at firm to USC9 dearer.

Lower Medium : Were irregular varying between USC5 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

Plainer : Some teas gained by up to USC14 with others irregular ranging between firm to easier by up to USC6.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
Best	240 – 384	274 – 325
Good	240 – 314	272 – 304
Good Medium	230 – 268	273 – 289
Medium (KTDA)	170 – 202	205 – 269
Medium (Plantations)	178 – 244	193 – 228
Lower Medium	156 – 211	155 – 226
Plainer	110 – 164	106 – 155

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

- Best:** Were dearer by up to USC10 with premiums irregularly firm to USC15 below previous levels.
- Brighter:** Were dearer by up to USC10 with premiums irregularly firm to USC15 below previous levels.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregularly dearer by up to USC12. Plantation mediums were steady to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC2.
- Lower Medium:** Appreciated by up to USC10.
- Plainer:** Were steady especially better sorts which irregularly gained by up to USC4 with others easier by up to USC8.

DUST1:

- Best:** Saw irregular interest varying between USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC6.
- Brighter:** Met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC9 above previous rates to easier by up to USC5.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums gained by up to USC13 with plantation mediums advancing by up to USC11.
- Lower Medium:** Firm to USC11 dearer to easier by up to USC3.
- Plainer:** Steady to USC5 above last levels to irregularly easier by up to USC7.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	250 - 312	263 - 372
Good	255 - 288	248 - 289
Good Medium	203 - 265	258 - 289
Medium (KTDA)	187 - 248	188 - 263
Medium (Plantations)	190 - 221	197 - 202
Lower Medium	168 - 202	170 - 186
Plainer	122 - 165	130 - 169

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were steady with best types dearer while **PFs** held value. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were firm while **similar DUSTs** gained. **Other Fannings** were steady with **DUSTs** selling at about previous rates. **BMFs** were dearer and well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	242 - 328	260	128 - 248	160 - 316	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	130 - 178	138 - 206	-
Lower Medium	150 - 178	135 - 162	127 - 157	125 - 159	108 - 118
Plainer	110 - 154	096 - 142	091 - 138	108 - 133	098 - 115



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING –18TH JULY, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: All grades sold at steady to dearer levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Whole leaves were steady to dearer but less demand for OP grades with some withdrawals. Primary brokens were firm to dearer. Secondary brokens sold barely steady. Fannings had good demand and was dearer by Rs.2.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums remained steady and maintained last week's levels. Medium and plainer sorts witnessed an irregular and slightly lower trend, down by Rs.1 to Rs.2.

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

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : Market opened on barely steady levels and has gained momentum towards the later part of the sale, as it had witnessed a price gain on the major quantity that was traded. The brighter liquoring fanning's alongwith reasonably blacker cleaner teas have moved up further in price levels.

The overall sale percentage was 92% at an average of Rs. 111.56.

Buying Pattern: The dominant operation from the Major blender and regional packeteer continued as they were mainly concentrating on the sustainable certified gardens, whilst the Internal were lending fair support. The Export operation was confined on larger brokens and on the Fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fairly good.

Market : An irregular market with the cleaner Whole leaf grades trading at mostly easier levels by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 10/- sometimes following quality. The brokens were trading at steady to occasionally dearer levels whilst the Fannings were irregularly lower levels. The sale had witnessed fair withdrawals on the dis-coloured invoices.

The overall sale percentage was 81% at an average of Rs. 155.66.

Buying Pattern: A strong export enquiry was forthcoming with fair internal participation.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good.**Market :** Market witnessed a mixed trend as the brighter liquoring teas have traded at irregularly easier levels whilst the larger quantity of the Mediums were trading at steady, around last levels. The sale had witnessed a slight sluggishness towards the end.**The overall sale percentage was 86% at an average of Rs. 115.20.****Buying Pattern:** A strong export enquiry was forthcoming with fair support from the Packeteers. The Internal was rather cautious whilst the M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devigiri Tea produce co) continued to absorb the brighter liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fairly good.**Market:** A lower trend across all grades and categories by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/- with some withdrawals.**The overall sale percentage was 77% at an average of Rs. 121.94.****Buying Pattern:** Majorly an export demand with select internal participation. M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devigiri Tea produce co) operated on the Primary cleaner teas.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were irregular with few withdrawals. Medium teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/-. Plainer teas broken lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-. Smaller broken and BOPF's were dearer upto Rs.2/-.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were active. Exporters and internal were selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Medium broken were firm to dearer by Rs.2/-. Whole leaf and others not quotable.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were fully firm. Medium teas were steady with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Steady.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters and internal were active.**July 22, 2026****-/tp.**

- TEA NEWS -

LOCAL

Publication – Daily Mirror

Headline – Exporters face new EU sustainability rules

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lankan exporters targeting the European Union are being urged to prepare for new sustainability regulations covering marketing, supply chains and environmental and social responsibility. The regulations affect food and agriculture, tea, spices, rubber products, apparel and textiles, fisheries, plastics and tourism-related products. Businesses must produce credible evidence supporting sustainability claims and demonstrate compliance. Companies that prepare early can avoid regulatory risks, strengthen customer trust, improve competitiveness and position themselves for long-term growth.

INTERNATIONAL

Ahmad Tea wins 2026 Grocer Gold Award for Social Impact Initiative of the Year



Hampshire, England-based Ahmad Tea has won the 2026 Grocer Gold Award for Social Impact Initiative of the Year, recognising the success of its Hand-Picked Profit Shared programme, which returns a share of company profits directly to the workers who harvest its tea.

Organised by *The Grocer*, the UK's leading food and drink trade publication, the Grocer Gold Awards are among the UK's most respected FMCG awards. Judged by an independent panel of industry experts, they celebrate businesses that demonstrate excellence, leadership and positive impact across the grocery sector.

The Social Impact Initiative of the Year category recognises programmes that deliver real, measurable benefits for people and communities with long-term impact. Ahmad Tea was selected ahead of fellow finalists including Asda, Lidl GB and Tesco in recognition of the ambition and results of its Hand-Picked Profit Shared programme.

Tea picking remains one of the lowest-paid roles in the tea industry, with women making up the majority of the workforce in many tea-growing regions. Through Hand Picked Profit Shared, Ahmad Tea returns a share of its profits directly to tea workers through annual digital bonus payments, helping narrow income gaps and ensuring more of the value created by tea reaches the people who produce it.

The programme also promotes greater financial and digital inclusion by enabling tea workers to open their own bank accounts, receive secure digital payments and develop digital literacy. By moving away from cash-based systems, it increases transparency while strengthening financial independence, particularly for women.

“Winning this award is wonderful recognition of everyone who has helped bring Hand Picked Profit Shared to life. I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to our tea suppliers for embracing a new way of working and helping provide tea workers with the bank accounts and digital infrastructure needed to receive these bonuses,” said Zahra Afshar, head of sustainability at Ahmad Tea. “Most importantly, thank you to the women whose skill, dedication and hard work make every cup of Ahmad Tea possible. Their commitment to the craft of hand-picking tea, not only helps provide a brighter future for their families but also sustains the global tea industry. This award is as much theirs as it is ours.”

The judges praised the initiative for addressing one of the tea industry's most persistent challenges through practical, measurable action. One judge described Hand Picked Profit Shared as “a great initiative that's delved into the problem in great depth and helped at-risk people in some of the poorest countries in the world.”

Another judge commented that “digital payments transform work in developing countries – this is very empowering and life-changing for women. Love it.”

In 2024, the programme's first year, 6,734 tea pickers received a profit-sharing bonus, helping to close the average living wage gap by around half. In 2025, the initiative almost doubled its reach, with 12,242 tea pickers receiving an increased bonus compared with the previous year, extending its positive impact across tea-growing communities.

Hand Picked Profit Shared forms part of Ahmad Tea's wider sustainability platform, Infused with Impact, which brings together the company's work to create lasting, positive change across its tea supply chain and beyond.

For Ahmad Tea, the award reinforces the company's long-standing belief that exceptional tea depends on strong, respectful relationships throughout the supply chain. As consumers increasingly seek products that combine outstanding quality with meaningful social impact, Hand Picked Profit Shared demonstrates that every purchase can contribute to a fairer and more sustainable tea industry.
