

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 29

July 27 & 28, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.29 was held on July 27(Mon.)/ 28(Tue.), 2026. A total weight of 5.9MKGS 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 2.5MKGS, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.7MKGS. The Ex Estate category had 0.9MKGS.

In the Ex-Estate catalogues sold today there was selective demand particularly for the quality teas with buyers following quality very closely. A few select best Western BOP's/BOPF's gained Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst the others were irregular and barely steady. Lower end teas were discounted and often neglected. Nuwara Eliya and Udapussellawa teas were mostly unsold due to lack of suitable offers. Seasonal teas continue to sell at premium levels although irregular following quality. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's sold around last levels whilst others tended irregular. Low Grown select best PF1's were firm whilst others easier by Rs.20-40/- per kg. There were hardly any BP1's on offer this week. There was good demand for the better liquoring seasonal teas from Japan, the Continent and South Africa whilst Russia, CIS and China markets remained limited.

The Low Grown market segment met with fair demand. With the exception of some select best whole leaf grades which tended slightly easier on price levels, all other grades maintained last levels. Bright Tippy Teas were fully firm on last levels with a few teas being marginally easier.

There continue to be good alround demand from most traditional out markets.

This week's auction comprised of **12,019** lots with a total quantity of **5,903,460** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

In Lighter Vein

Three Contractors

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Tennessee, and the third is from Minnesota. All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The Minnesota contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900. \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me."

The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700. \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me." The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700." The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?" the Chicago contractor whispers back, \$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence." "Done!" reply the government official.

And that, my friend, is how the stimulus plan will work.

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,408	898,542
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,685	678,587
Low Grown Tippy	1,990	902,697
High & Medium	1,653	698,076
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,427	1,261,955
Dust	512	460,621
Premium Flowery	418	59,208
Ex-Estate	<u>926</u>	<u>943,774</u>
Total	<u>12,019</u>	<u>5,903,460</u>

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Generally firm.

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

OP : Overall market declined.

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

PEK/PEK1 : Generally firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3050	1900-3450	1350-1750	1500-2300	1800-2700
	Last Week	2000-3100	2000-3450	1400-1800	1550-2100	1800-2700
BEST	This Week	1800-1950	1400-1850	1150-1300	1150-1450	1600-1750
	Last Week	1800-1950	1450-1950	1200-1350	1200-1500	1600-1750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1650-1750	1100-1350	750-1100	850-1100	1300-1550
	Last Week	1650-1750	1150-1400	800-1150	900-1150	1300-1550
SECONDARIES	This Week	1450-1600	750-1050	600-700	600-800	1150-1250
	Last Week	1450-1600	800-1100	600-750	600-850	1150-1250
POOR	This Week	1300-1400	500-700	400 - 550	400 - 550	900-1100
	Last Week	1300-1400	500-750	400 - 550	400 - 550	900-1100

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general were firm.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Few selected select best invoices were firm, whilst the others were irregular following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best FBOP's were irregularly lower to last, whilst the best and bolder varieties were firm on last. Balance were irregular following quality.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and Best FBOPF1's were irregularly lower, whilst cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end were firm to easier. Few cleaner FF's were firm on last whilst the others were irregular following quality.

FBOPFSP : Select Best tippy teas were irregularly lower whilst the best categories were firm on last, whilst Below Best and the lower end teas were irregularly firm to lower.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Few selected leafy Tippy Teas were firm, whilst the others were lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1700-2200	1550-2150	2300-2750	1650-2050	4700-4900
	Last Week	1700-2100	1500-2000	2350-2800	1700-2150	4250-4800
BEST	This Week	1480-1650	1260-1420	1850-2150	1500-1600	3400-3750
	Last Week	1480-1650	1270-1400	1900-2200	1550-1650	3450-3900
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1460	1080-1200	1650-1800	1380-1440	1850-2600
	Last Week	1280-1440	1070-1180	1650-1850	1400-1500	1850-2600
SECONDARIES	This Week	1100-1260	870-1020	1380-1600	1270-1340	1600-1750
	Last Week	1080-1240	850-1000	1380-1550	1240-1360	1600-1700
POOR	This Week	940-1200	570-800	920-1280	960-1140	1200-1440
	Last Week	920-1160	600-780	920-1260	990-1180	1180-1440

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best FBOP's maintained, whilst the balance were irregular.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Well-made FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the below best cleaner teas were irregular towards the latter part.

PEK/PEK1 : Maintained last levels whilst the balance 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 - 2350	1700 - 2300	1350 - 1700	1400 - 1750	950-1350	1000-1400
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1400 - 1800	1450 - 1750	1150 - 1480	1150 - 1480	1000-1100	950 - 1200
PEK/PEK1	1700 - 2100	1700 - 2000	1200 - 1600	1250 - 1650	850 - 1080	850 - 1100

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Select invoices appreciated following quality, whilst the others were irregular.

BOP: Best Western's – A few select invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular and often easier. In the Below Best category, a few select teas in the higher price bracket were firm and Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and often easier. Plainer sorts were neglected and often unsold. Nuwara Eliya/Uda Pussellawa's were mostly unsold. Uva's – Seasonal teas continued to sell at a premium though irregular, whilst the non-seasonal types were mostly unsold due to a lack of suitable bids.

BOPF : Best Western's – A few select invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others were irregular and barely steady. Teas in the Below Best category were barely steady. At the lower end, clean leaf types were barely steady, whilst the poor leaf sorts declined by Rs.20/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya/Uda Pussellawa's were mostly unsold due to a lack of suitable bids. Uva – Seasonal teas met with less activity and prices were often lower to last, whilst the non-seasonal types declined by Rs.50-100/- per kg

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1260 - 1460	1240 - 1440	1240 - 1360	1240 - 1360
Below Best Westerns	1080 - 1200	1100 - 1220	1120 - 1220	1160 - 1220
Plainer Westerns	860 - 1000	940 - 1080	900 - 1100	1000 - 1140
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	940	900	850 - 860	N/A
Other Uda Pussellawas	800 - 820	820 - 870	800	700 - 840
Best Uva's	1000 - 2900	2100 - 3000	1020 - 2050	2000 - 2450
Other Uva's	N/A	940 - 1000	N/A	1080 - 1160

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas were irregular, whilst the others Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

BOPF : Better sorts were barely steady, whilst the others were irregular and mostly 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	870 - 1950	920-1140	700-1160

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Better sorts sold around last, whilst the others were irregular.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

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

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Up to Rs.50/- per kg easier.

PF1 - Select best were firm, whilst the others were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	N/A	680 - 1160	800 - 1140
Medium	810	610 - 840	620 - 1020	630 - 960
Low	730 - 1300	800 - 1360	620 - 1550	640 - 1550

OFF GRADES

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

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm on last. Best teas advanced Rs.25/- 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)	750-1260	750-1160	600-680	600-720	680-820	680-820
Good Fannings (CTC)	600-640	600-640	600-650	600-650	600-650	600-650
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	580-650	600-650	530-680	600-640	500-600	550-640
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	670-810	670-810	680-820	680-820	650-1300	650-1300
Other BM's	510-590	550-600	500-630	530-670	450-630	530-650
Best BOP1As	660-780	6600-780	640-850	640-850	660-1400	660-1400
Other BOP1As	530-650	550-650	520-630	550-630	500-630	550-650

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring teas maintained last levels, whilst their secondaries and poorer types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Grown teas were irregularly lower by Rs.40-60/- per kg, whilst Low Growns were firm to dearer.

PD : High grows together with Mid grown PD's were Rs.50-60/- per kg easier. Low Growns were irregular and mostly 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 Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	620 - 1600	640 - 1550	500 - 850	630 - 1140	620 - 1260	630 - 960
Good Primary PD (CTC)	620 - 1140	620 - 1120	520 - 960	620 - 1140	600 - 1260	N/A
Secondary Dust	600 - 1020	600 - 1140	550 - 700	620 - 860	620 - 1200	600 - 890

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	1950/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1550/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1140/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1120/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1040/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1460/-
Nayapane	BOP1	1800/-
Craighead	FBOP	2350/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1500/-
*Meezan	FBOP1	1480/-
*Orange Field	FBOP1	1360/-
Greenwood	FBOPF	1260/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1800/-
*Meezan	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1750/-
Doombagastalawa	OP	1320/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1340/-
Castlemilk	OPA	1320/-
*Meezan	OPA	1260/-
Craighead	OP1	1950/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1700/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE	1700/-
*Orange Field	PEKOE	1650/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1650/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2100/-
*Meezan	PEKOE1	2050/-
*Uplands	PEKOE1	2000/-

WESTERN HIGH

Wattegodde	BOP	1460/-
New Meddecombra	BOP	1460/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1550/-
Wattegodde	BOPF	1360/-
Dessford	BOPF	1360/-
Torrington	BOP1	1550/-
Inverness	BOP1	1550/-
New Meddecombra	FBOP	1950/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1340/-
New Meddecombra	FBOPF1	1600/-
Venture	OP	1340/-
Cymru	OPA	1240/-
Venture	OP1	1750/-
Ingestre	PEKOE	1550/-
Inverness	PEKOE1	1650/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOP	1180/-
Court Lodge	FBOP	1420/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1360/-
Court Lodge	OPA	580/-
Lovers Leap	PEKOE	1000/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE1	1100/-

UVA MEDIUM

St. James	BOP	3250/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1500/-
Demodera 'S'	BOPSP	1480/-
*Halpewatta Uva	BOPSP	1420/-
St. James	BOPF	2100/-
Aruna Passara	BOP1	1900/-
Ury	FBOP	2000/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1700/-
Aruna Keppetipola	FBOPF	1220/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1220/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOPF1	1650/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OP	1360/-
Aruna Passara	OP	1360/-
New Aruna Passara	OP	1320/-
Aruna Passara	OP	1320/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1300/-
Aruna Passara	OPA	1340/-
New Aruna Passara	OP1	1850/-
Wewesse	OP1	1850/-
St. James	PEKOE	2550/-
St. James	PEKOE1	3550/-

UVA HIGH

Uva Highlands	BOP	2900/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1460/-
Uva Highlands	BOPF	2050/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1340/-
Ellathota Uva	BOP1	1700/-
Ranaya	FBOP	1850/-
*Battawatte	FBOP1	1280/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF	820/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1700/-
Ranaya	OP	1300/-
Spring Valley	OPA	1280/-
Ellathota Uva	OP1	1650/-
Uva Highlands	PEKOE	3250/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	2100/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Luckyland	BOP	940/-
*Mooloya	BOPSP	860/-
Luckyland	BOPF	860/-
Delmar	FBOP	1700/-
Maha Uva	FBOP1	750/-
Blairlmond	FBOPF1	1500/-
Delmar	OP	1180/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1200/-
Maha Uva	OP1	590/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1550/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1550/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1850/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Pothotuwa	BOP1	3050/-
*Makandura	BOP1	3000/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP1	3000/-
Dampahala	OP1	3450/-
Miriswatta	OP	1750/-
Green Lanka	OP	1700/-
*Makandura	OP	1650/-
*Wattahena	OP	1650/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2300/-
Green Lanka	OPA	2100/-
Dampahala	OPA	2100/-
*Green House	OPA	2000/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2700/-
*Andaradeniya S	PEKOE1	2450/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2450/-
*Green House	PEKOE1	2400/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*Mahaliyadda	BOP	2200/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	2200/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	2100/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2100/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	2050/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	2050/-
*Andaradeniya S	BOPSP	2000/-
Rajjuruwatta Sup.	BOPF	2150/-
Wewelkandura S	BOPF	2050/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1750/-
Rathmalgoda Sup.	BOPFSP	1950/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	1750/-
*Elaine Super	BOPFSP	1650/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2750/-
Athukorala G.S	FBOP1	2250/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	2000/-
Danlanda Watte	FBOP1	2000/-
*Rain Forest	FBOP1	1950/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOP1	1950/-
*New Laksakanda	FBOPF	1900/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	1850/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	2050/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1950/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1900/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Fortune	FBOPFSP	4200/-
Mulatiyana Hills	FBOPFEXSP	4900/-
Rajjuruwatta Super	FBOPFEXSP	4250/-
*Sithaka	FBOPFEXSP	4200/-
Garden Leaf Super	FBOPFEXSP1	4500/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC PF1 1160/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Aultmore CTC BP1 810/-

New Peacock CTC PF1 1020/-

***New Peacock CTC PF1 980/-**

Deenside CTC BPS 550/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1 1300/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1550/-

Hingalgoda CTC PF1 1500/-

Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1 1480/-*OFF GRADES**

Suviska BP 1550/-

Chandrikia CTC PF 980/-

Liyonta CTC PF 880/-

***Chandrika CTC PF 870/-**

Fairylane BM 1320/-

***Ancoombra BM 1300/-**

Hill Garden BM 1300/-

Sachitha BM 1300/-

***Chandrika Estate BM 1260/-**

New Vithanakande FNGS 980/-

Bambarawana Hills FNGS 940/-

Falcon Lanka FNGS 940/-

***Co Op Cola FNGS 920/-**

Dunkeld FNGS1 1260/-

Chandrika Estate BOP1A 1480/-

Liyonta BOP1A 1480/-

BOPA***New Galagawa BOPA 2250/-*****Green House BOPA 2200/-**

Rotumba BOPA 2200/-

Danawala BOPA 2200/-

Hedigalla BOPA 2150/-**Selna BOPA 2150/-****Dust**

Chandrika Estate DUST 1200/-

Mattakelle DUST1 1600/-

Ceciliyan CTC PD 1260/-

LOW GROWN***Chandrika Estate DUST1 1260/-**

COLOMBO AUCTION - WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.28 OF 22ND JULY, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,082.65	1,040.65	1,029.57	982.69	1,029.98
Western High Grown	1,083.60	1,099.88	1,163.87	1,098.21	1,089.20
High Grown	1,083.26	1,079.18	1,122.09	1,052.05	1,070.17
Uva Medium	1,070.47	1,062.23	1,032.46	1,021.09	1,068.84
Western Medium	890.99	900.05	957.22	955.56	1,005.73
Medium Grown	962.31	961.64	982.85	980.62	1,026.74
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,338.61	1,329.48	1,269.78	1,243.83	1,255.88
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,317.64	1,300.42	1,250.38	1,226.29	1,241.71
Total	1,198.79	1,187.37	1,178.25	1,150.62	1,168.79

Private Sale Figures (16.07.2026 – 22.07.2026)

194,197.00

Cumulative

6,833,677.95

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE**SALE NO: 30****SALE NO: 31****Sale of 04th /05th Aug. '26****Sale of 11th /12th Aug. '26**

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>		<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,390	898,766		2,319	861,422
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,614	639,573		1,714	684,753
Low Grown Tippy	1,993	889,914		1,964	886,419
High & Medium	1,685	705,392		1,576	644,744
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,751	1,380,682		2,457	1,224,170
Dust	652	593,610		670	604,379
Premium Flowery	308	39,405		304	40,876
Ex-Estate	<u>882</u>	<u>875,718</u>		<u>893</u>	<u>883,313</u>
Total	<u>12,275</u>	<u>6,023,060</u>		<u>11,897</u>	<u>5,830,076</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.34 of 01st (Tue.) /02nd (Wed.) Sep. 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 13th August, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.30

AUCTION OF 04th /05th AUGUST, 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. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	1. John Keells PLC	1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. Eastern Brokers PLC
3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Eastern Brokers PLC	4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. John Keells PLC	5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	5. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
8. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	8. Eastern Brokers PLC	8. John Keells PLC

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>
<i>SRI LANKA</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>21.52</i>	<i>22.33</i>	<i>0.8</i>	<i>134.56</i>	<i>130.57</i>	<i>-4.0</i>
<i>BANGLADESH</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	2.20	5.90	3.7	3.90	9.10	5.2
<i>KENYA</i>	<i>Mar.</i>	37.90	52.50	14.6	136.90	141.10	4.2
<i>MALAWI</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	6.80	5.90	-0.9	24.90	22.90	-2.0
<i>NORTH INDIA</i>	<i>May</i>	109.86	111.72	1.9	249.73	251.67	1.9
<i>SOUTH INDIA</i>	<i>May</i>	26.57	19.88	-6.7	96.50	81.82	-14.7

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OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 13 OF MONDAY, 27TH JULY, 2026

CTC LEAF: 43,212 packages of tea on offer met with a stronger demand.

BROKENS: Well made, good liquoring Brokens continued to be a strong feature and were dearer by up to Tk.5/- and sometimes more. All other varieties also met with a strong demand and were often dearer. BLF teas met with a good demand at firm to slightly dearer rates.

FANNINGS: Well made, good liquoring Fannings were the strongest feature of the market and prices appreciated by Tk.5/- to Tk.7/- and at times more. Medium and plainer varieties met with a better demand and were mostly dearer. BLF teas met with a good demand at firm to slightly dearer rates.

DUST: 8,030 packages of tea on offer met with a strong demand. Good liquoring Dusts met with good competitions and advanced by Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- following quality. Mediums were also firm on last occasionally dearer by Tk.3/- to Tk.5/-. Plain/BLF Dusts also sold well at around last levels with a few withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Strong market continued to prevail, which strengthened with the progress of sale. Blenders continued to lend forceful support with good interest from the Loose tea buyers. It was evident throughout the sale that all well made good liquoring teas received useful support resulting in higher prices.

Dusts were a dearer market.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	292-300	290-295	Best	292-305	290-295	PD	280-311	255-295
Good	284-289	283-288	Good	286-289	285-288	RD	278-325	250-320
Medium	275-278	270-275	Medium	275-280	272-277	D	281-319	260-313
Plain	260-270	255-265	Plain	260-270	255-265	CD	283-349	265-317
BLF	262-277	252-277	BLF	266-281	258-279	BLF	260-278	250-270

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.29 of 20TH & 21ST JULY, 2026

There was good general demand for the 149,717 packages (9,993,606.00 kilos) available in the market with 17.13% unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers were active with **Egyptian Packers** strong while **Bazaar** lent more support. **Yemen, other Middle Eastern Countries** and **Afghanistan** maintained enquiry with **Kazakhstan, other CIS states** and **UK** showing more interest. There was less activity from **Russia** while **South Sudan** improved participation. **Local Packers** were operating with **Somalia** maintaining activity at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :-

Leaf Grades - 79,680 packages (5,287,443.00 kilos) - 21.69% unsold.
Dust Grades - 49,360 packages (3,670,150.00 kilos) - 12.72% unsold.
Secondary Grades - 20,677 packages (1,036,013.00 kilos) - 10.06% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Some teas gained by up to USC31 while a few select lines were easier by up to USC6.

Brighter: Were irregularly dearer by up to USC16.

Mediums: KTDA mediums irregularly gained by up to USC30 while plantation mediums were discounted by up to USC17.

Lower Medium: Appreciated by up to USC18.

Plainer: Were mostly easier by up to USC8 with select teas firm to USC4 dearer.

PF1:

Best : More irregular varying between USC7 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC12.

Brighter : Were irregular ranging between firm to USC3 above previous levels to easier by up to USC5.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were steady to USC9 above previous levels with few select teas up to USC5 easier while Plantation mediums were firm to USC10m dearer to easier by up to USC2.

Lower Medium : Met more irregular support varying between USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC13.

Plainer : Saw some fair absorption varying between USC6 dearer for select teas to irregularly easier by up to USC8.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	244 - 398	270 - 332
Good	240 - 321	271 - 301
Good Medium	235 - 280	260 - 286
Medium (KTDA)	177 - 232	217 - 275
Medium (Plantations)	178 - 241	192 - 235
Lower Medium	149 - 207	152 - 225
Plainer	113 - 157	108 - 158

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

Best: More irregular interest ranging between USC15 dearer to easier by up to USC12.

Brighter: Were firm to mostly dearer by up to USC7 to easier by USC4 for a few lines.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were steady to mostly dearer by up to USC11 however some invoices shed by up to USC6 with Plantation Mediums firm to USC5 dearer to up to USC4 below last levels.

Lower Medium: Met irregular enquiry ranging between steady to USC5 dearer for most offers to easier by up to USC4.

Plainer: Better categories irregularly gained by up to USC11 with other sorts discounted by up to USC10.

DUST1:

Best: Saw irregular interest varying between USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

Brighter: Irregularly lost by up to USC11.

Mediums: KTDA mediums saw good absorption at firm to USC6 dearer to easier by a similar margin while plantation mediums shed by up to USC4.

Lower Medium: Steady to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC3 for a few invoices.

Plainer: Firm to USC5 dearer to USC2 below previous rates.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	244 - 306	271 - 362
Good	245 - 285	252 - 284
Good Medium	222 - 269	250 - 279
Medium (KTDA)	190 - 248	187 - 265
Medium (Plantations)	205 - 218	190 - 203
Lower Medium	166 - 207	160 - 190
Plainer	112 - 176	125 - 170

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** gained while others held value with **PFs** firm. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** met irregular interest and tended easier while **similar DUSTs** were steady to dearer. **Other Fannings** held value with **DUSTs** firm. **BMFs** were well absorbed at steady levels.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	251 - 332	237 - 246	122 - 247	149 - 275	118
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	135 - 176	146 - 207	-
Lower Medium	144 - 178	140 - 164	120 - 159	080 - 158	108 - 120
Plainer	110 - 150	104 - 158	090 - 139	105 - 128	101 - 113



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING -25TH JULY, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

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

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : All whole leaves sold at steady to occasionally dearer depending on the quality. Pekoe and well rolled FP grades tended further dearer. Primary broken were easier while the Secondaries and Fannings were steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Less demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold at firm levels. Medium and plainer sorts showed an irregular and easier note by Rs.2.

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

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : An irregular trend across all grades and categories as teas traded around last levels and suffered some withdrawals on the brighter liquoring teas initially. As the sale progressed the larger broken and the cleaner fannings have sold at firm to occasionally dearer levels along with the brighter liquoring teas.

The overall sale percentage was 89% at an average of Rs. 110.84.

Buying Pattern: The Major Blenders and the Regional Packeteers were the main stay and whilst the Internal was lending fair support. Export was rather operating on the larger broken and on the Fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Less.

Market : Market mostly witnessed a down trend across all grades and categories by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- and more following quality or with considerable amount of outlots. However the BOPF's have had slightly better demand to be sold at steady to firm levels.

The overall sale percentage was 58% at an average of Rs. 150.33.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export enquiry was forthcoming with the major blenders operating on the Fannings. The Internal participation was selective or rather price cautious.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good.**Market :** Irregular trend continued this week too as the Brighter liquoring teas were trading at last levels. However the medium and common teas have traded easier by Rs. 1/- to Rs. 2/- and witnessed some withdrawals.**The overall sale percentage was 84% at an average of Rs. 114.10.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export operation noticed with the major blender lending some support. Internal was price cautious yet again whilst M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea produce co) continued to absorb the major quantity of the brighter liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair.**Market:** Generally an easier trend by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/- on the medium primary grades and on the Secondaries. The popular cleaner BOPD's have held to their last levels, whilst the Tertiaries witnessed rather steady to easier levels.**The overall sale percentage was 71% at an average of Rs. 123.55.****Buying Pattern:** Mostly Export enquiry was forthcoming with very selective Internal participation. M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea produce co) continued to absorb the Primary and cleaner teas.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were firm. Medium teas were firm on broken. BOPF's were irregular and lower by Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were irregular with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were active. Exporters and internal were selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Medium broken were irregular with few withdrawals. BOPF were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular marks were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- with heavy withdrawals. Medium teas were irregularly lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- sometimes more with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and internal were active.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.8/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.*July 28, 2026**-/tp.*

- TEA NEWS -

LOCAL

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Premium Bogawantalawa Tea debuts at Tamimi Markets in Saudi Arabia

Journalist – N/A

Summary – Premium Bogawantalawa Tea was launched at Tamimi Markets in Riyadh, expanding the presence of Ceylon Tea in Saudi Arabia. Ceylon Tea Gardens supplies Bogawantalawa Tea exclusively to the Tamimi hypermarket chain. The brand was highlighted for its quality, distinctive flavour, freshness and heritage spanning over a century. Bogawantalawa Tea Ceylon also highlighted its commitment to the welfare and development of estate communities.

Publication – Daily News

Headline – Tea Villages project to strengthen tourism, boost tea export earnings

Journalist – N/A

Summary – The proposed 500 Tea Villages project will strengthen Sri Lanka's tourism industry while increasing tea export earnings. Deputy Minister of Tourism Prof. Ruwan Ranasinghe said the initiative would diversify the country's tourism offering while upporting one of Sri Lanka's key export industries. He highlighted tourism as one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy and stressed the importance of the hotel and hospitality industry.

INTERNATIONAL

Lee Kinyanjui reveals why Kenya is losing billions from its tea despite global dominance



CS Lee Kinyanjui when he visited the Mombasa Tea Auction and held discussions with the East African Tea Trade Association on Friday, July 24, 2026. PHOTO/@GovLeeKinyanjui/X

Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Lee Kinyanjui has unveiled a fresh government push to increase value addition in Kenya's tea industry, warning that the country continues to lose billions of shillings annually by exporting almost all its tea in raw form despite dominating the global black tea market.

Taking to his official X account on Friday, July 24, 2026, moments after touring the Mombasa Tea Auction, the world's largest black tea auction, the CS said Kenya earns only a fraction of the potential value of its tea because 97 per cent of exports leave the country in bulk, while only three per cent undergo processing through blending, packaging and branding.

"Kenya's Mombasa Tea Auction is the largest tea auction in the world. We are also the world's largest exporter of black tea and the third-largest tea producer. Yet, we are not earning the full value of our tea," Kinyanjui wrote on X after meeting officials from the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) led by Chairperson Peter Kimanga and CEO George Muga.

Billions lost through bulk exports

The Cabinet Secretary said the government intends to reverse decades of dependence on bulk tea exports by encouraging greater investment in local tea processing and branding.