



TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 36

September 15 & 16, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.36 was held on September 15(Tue.)/16(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 5.2MKgs was on offer, which shows an increase when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.3MKgs, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.5MKgs. The Ex Estate category had 0.7MKgs.

There was improved demand at today's Ex-Estate sale following quantity. Select best Western BOP's/BOPF's where quantity was improved gained Rs.50-100/- per kg and more following special inquiry. In the below best category select BOP invoices were substantially dearer following special inquiry whilst others were dearer to a lesser extent. Lower end prices remained unchanged. Below best and lower end BOPF's sold around last levels with prices fluctuating following quality. Nuwara Eliya BOP's were firm whilst their BOPF's were mostly unsold. The majority of the Uda Pussellawa BOP's/BOPF's were sold at the lower end of market. Improved Uva coloury BOP's gained Rs.50/- per kg whilst the others were firm. Coloury Uva BOPF's were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer whilst the balance tended irregular. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's where quality was maintained sold at last levels whilst others tended irregular. Low Grown PF1's were fully firm to Rs.20/- per kg dearer. The limited availability of BP1's on offer tended irregular. The better liquoring teas were sought after by shippers to Japan and the Continent whilst the balance were absorbed by Shippers to Russia, CIS and China along with the Tea Bag sector.

Low Grown teas once again met with good demand with prices being steady throughout the sale. There was sustained demand from all International markets.

This week's auction comprised of **11,169** lots with *In Lighter Vein*
a total quantity of **5,236,036** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

Banister

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	
Low Grown Leafy	2,067	710,608	A man comes home from work to find his wife sliding down the banister.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,760	697,230	
Low Grown Tippy	1,968	878,370	
High & Medium	1,316	547,219	"What are you doing?" he asks.
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,391	1,159,449	"Warming up your dinner."
Dust	579	496,787	
Premium Flowery	377	48,810	
Ex-Estate	<u>711</u>	<u>697,626</u>	
Total	<u>11,169</u>	<u>5,236,036</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best BOP1's maintained at last week levels whilst the balance were irregular to lower.
- OP1** : Well-made OP1's market held firm, balance too maintained. Stalky invoices appreciated by Rs.50/- per kg.
- OP** : Well-twisted OP's were irregular to lower. Balance too declined further.
- OPA** : Select best types were maintained, whilst others were irregularly easier towards the latter part of the sale.
- PEK/PEK1** : Generally firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3100	1800-3400	1500-1850	1600-2400	1800-2850
	Last Week	2000-3050	1700-3400	1500-2350	1600-2400	1750-3050
BEST	This Week	1600-1950	1500-1750	1300-1450	1350-1550	1600-1750
	Last Week	1600-1950	1450-1650	1350-1450	1400-1550	1600-1700
BELOW BEST	This Week	1350-1550	1200-1450	1050-1250	1100-1300	1350-1550
	Last Week	1400-1550	1100-1400	1100-1300	1100-1350	1300-1550
SECONDARIES	This Week	900-1300	850-1150	800-1000	900-1050	1200-1300
	Last Week	900-1350	800-1050	850-1050	900-1050	1150-1250
POOR	This Week	700-850	600-800	450 - 750	450 - 850	1000-1150
	Last Week	700-850	500-750	450 - 800	450 - 850	950-1100

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general market was easier compared to last week.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Well-made cleaner teas maintained. Others were irregular.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Few liquoring select best FBOP invoices met with a firm market whilst the best and below best invoices irregular. Bolder varieties maintained.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best invoices were maintaining, whilst the others were easier.

FBOPFSP : A few selected select best invoices maintained, others were easier.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Overall market showed irregular demand, whilst teas at lower end sold around last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1800-2600	1600-2650	2300-2850	1700-2200	3450-4900
	Last Week	1850-2700	1650-2650	2250-2800	1700-2150	3550-4800
BEST	This Week	1600-1750	1300-1550	1800-2150	1550-1650	2650-3100
	Last Week	1650-1800	1300-1600	1800-2100	1550-1650	2800-3300
BELOW BEST	This Week	1420-1550	1060-1700	1550-1750	1400-1500	1650-2250
	Last Week	1440-1650	1100-1240	1550-1700	1380-1500	1750-2500
SECONDARIES	This Week	1220-1380	860-1020	1380-1500	1180-1280	1450-1550
	Last Week	1260-1400	890-1060	1380-1500	1220-1300	1550-1650
POOR	This Week	900-1200	550-800	980-1220	880-1100	1040-1340
	Last Week	940-1240	600-820	960-1200	880-1120	1100-1380

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

- FBOP** : Select best FBOP's declined by Rs.50/- per kg whilst the bolder varieties were firm to irregularly dearer.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Select best FBOPF1's were firm, best and below best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer by Rs.50/- per kg and more.
- PEK/PEK1** : Less demand compared to last week. Select best on offer. However, all PEK1's were firm to irregularly easier.

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	1550 - 1800	1550 - 1850	1200 - 1600	1250 - 1600	900-1150	950-1200
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1700 - 1900	1700 - 1850	1300 - 1620	1350 - 1600	1100-1180	1100-1200
PEK/PEK1	1900 - 2400	1900 - 2950	1100 - 1580	1150 - 1600	820 - 1100	850 - 1100

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Improved demand following quality

BOP: Best Western's, where quality was improved, gained by Rs.50-100/- per kg and more following special inquiry for selected invoices, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. In the Below Best category, select invoices were substantially dearer following special inquiry, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. At the lower end, prices were mostly unchanged. Nuwara Eliya's were firm. Uda Pussellawa's were barely maintained and continued to sell at the lower end of the market. Uva's – Select improved coloury teas gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more, whilst the others too were firm and dearer to a lesser extent.

BOPF : Best Western's – A few select invoices gained by Rs.50/- per kg and more following special inquiry, whilst the others sold around last week's levels. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories continued to sell around last with prices fluctuating minimally following quality. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's sold around last levels at the lower end of the market. Uva's – Improved coloury sorts were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1260 - 1600	1280 - 1480	1340 - 1550	1320 - 1440
Below Best Westerns	1100 - 1240	1080 - 1260	1180 - 1320	1300 - 1460
Plainer Westerns	900 - 1080	850 - 1040	900 - 1160	1200 - 1280
Nuwara Eliyas	1220	1120 - 1200	1100	890 - 1180
Brighter UdaPussellawas	N/A	850 - 980	800 - 1020	N/A
Other Uda Pussellawas	800 - 870	N/A	700 - 730	800 - 1020
Best Uva's	1180 - 1320	1160 - 1300	1200 - 1280	700
Other Uva's	1060	1000- 1080	820 - 940	1000 - 1180

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas continued to sell well, whilst the others sold around last levels.

BOPF : Better sorts were firm, whilst the others gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	710 - 2200	870 - 1300	670-1100	630-800

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Where quality was maintained sold around last, whilst the others were irregular and easier.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts were firm to marginally easier, whilst the others were irregular and often lower.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Firm and tended dearer.

PF1 - Firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	920	650 - 1160	740 - 1200
Medium	750 - 980	540 - 800	580 - 1120	540 - 1180
Low	780 - 1320	770 - 1320	610 - 1500	610 - 1550

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm to dearer by Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst others were irregular. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst poorer teas firm to lower Rs.20-30/- per kg. Select best BM lost Rs.50-75/- . Others firm to easier by Rs.10/- per kg. Lower end teas were firm on last.

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

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)	200 - 1200	700 - 1180	610-700	610-720	670-770	670-810
Good Fannings (CTC)	610-650	610-650	610-650	610-650	610-680	610-680
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	550 - 650	590 - 650	550-630	600-650	550-630	570-630
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	680-830	680-830	720-810	720-830	750-1350	770-1400
Other BM's	550-570	550-570	530-600	530-580	500-600	500-580
Best BOP1As	660-800	660-800	700-860	700-860	720-1600	720-1600
Other BOP1As	580-630	580-630	580-640	580-640	570-680	570-680

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring DUST/DUST1's maintained last levels whilst their secondaries were irregularly lower by Rs.40-60/- per kg. Mid Grown teas were firm on last levels. Low Grown were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : High Grown together with Mid grown maintained last levels. Low grown were Rs.40-60/- per kg 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 - 1650	620 - 1600	570 - 1120	550 - 1000	560 - 980	540 - 1020
Good Primary PD (CTC)	580 - 1180	580 - 1240	570 - 1060	570 - 1140	580 - 1440	540 - 1420
Secondary Dust	560 - 1060	540 - 1020	580 - 720	530 - 600	570 - 1020	500 - 1020

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	2200/-
*Hatale	BOP	2150/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1750/-
*Manchester	BOPSP	1700/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1100/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1040/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1600/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1800/-
Craighead	FBOP	1800/-
*Hatale	FBOP	1750/-
Imboolpitiya	FBOP	1750/-
*Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP	1700/-
Coorodoowatte	FBOP1	1600/-
*Dartry Valley	FBOP1	1500/-
*Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1500/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1900/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1900/-
Harangalla	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Hatale	FBOPF1	1800/-
*Meezan	OP	1460/-
*Hatale	OP	1440/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1280/-
*Hansagiri Kothmale	OPA	1260/-
Dartry Valley	OPA	1260/-
*Hatale	OPA	1240/-
Craighead	OP1	1750/-
Madulkelle	OP1	1550/-
*Hatale	OP1	1500/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1900/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE	1850/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1800/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2400/-
*Hatale	PEKOE1	2300/-

WESTERN HIGH

Ingestre	BOP	1600/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1550/-
Ingestre	BOPF	1550/-
Torrington	BOP1	1650/-
Bogahawatte	FBOP	1700/-
Inverness	FBOP1	1460/-
St. Andrews	FBOPF	750/-
Queensberry	FBOPF1	1650/-
Cymru	FBOPF1	1650/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1650/-
Inverness	FBOPF1	1650/-
St. Andrews	OP	1380/-
Cymru	OPA	1280/-
Inverness	OP1	1700/-
St. Andrews	PEKOE	1850/-
Torrington	PEKOE1	1850/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Mahagastotte	BOP	1220/-
Lovers Leap	FBOP1	980/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1550/-
Lovers Leap	OP	980/-
Kenmare	OPA	940/-
Kenmare	OP1	890/-
Lovers Leap	PEKOE1	1600/-

UVA MEDIUM

Halpewatta Uva	BOP	1750/-
Demodera 'S'	BOPSP	1750/-
El Teb	BOPF	940/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1750/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1850/-
Haputale Super	BOP1	1700/-
*Halpewatta Uva	BOP1	1650/-
New Aruna Passara	FBOP	1750/-
Ury	FBOP	1750/-
Misty Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1700/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOPF1	1850/-
Aruna Passara	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOPF1	1700/-
Dickwella	OP	1420/-
Aruna Passara	OP	1400/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1380/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1300/-
Dickwella	OP1	1750/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1750/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1700/-
Misty Uva	PEKOE1	2250/-
Pinnawala	PEKOE1	2250/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	1950/-
*Halpewatta Uva	PEKOE1	1900/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE1	1900/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1460/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1550/-
Craig	BOPSP	1550/-
Nayabedde	BOPF	1280/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1900/-
Ellathota Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Battawatte	FBOP1	1480/-
Aislabay	FBOPF1	1800/-
Ellathota Uva	OP	1440/-
Ellathota Uva	OPA	1240/-
Uva Highlands	OP1	1500/-
Mount Uva	PEKOE	1750/-
Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1700/-
*Battawatte	PEKOE	1650/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	2400/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Maha Uva	BOP	1600/-
*Mooloya	BOP	800/-
Ragalla	BOPSP	880/-
Delmar	BOPF	720/-
Gonapitiya	BOP1	1480/-
Maha Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1600/-
Delmar	OP	1360/-
Delmar	OPA	1000/-
Delmar	OP1	1550/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1700/-
Delmar	PEKOE1	1650/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Makandura	BOP1	3100/-
Dampahala	OP1	3400/-
Miriswatta	OP	1850/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2400/-
*Green House	OPA	2000/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2850/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2750/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2300/-
Lions	PEKOE1	2850/-
Renukanda	PEKOE1	2800/-
New Batuwangala	PEKOE1	2800/-
*Sithaka	PEKOE1	2750/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	2600/-
Golden Garden	BOP	2500/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2500/-
*Nilvin Super	BOP	2400/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2650/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2300/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	2200/-
Wewelkandura S	BOPF	2250/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	1850/-
Wewelkandura S	BOPFSP	2450/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2850/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	1950/-
*Andaradeniya S	FBOP1	1950/-
*New Nivithigala	FBOP1	1950/-
Broadlands SH	FBOP1	1950/-
Lihiniyawa	FBOP1	1950/-
*Karawita	FBOP1	1900/-
*New Laksakanada	FBOP1	1900/-
*Selna	FBOP1	1900/-
Hidellana	FBOP1	1900/-
Dullie Ella	FBOP1	1900/-
New Deniyaya	FBOP1	1900/-
*Greenwin Super	FBOP1	1850/-
Thalangaha	FBOPF	2200/-
Wewelkandura S	FBOPF	2100/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	2000/-
Galatara	FBOPF1	1950/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1950/-
Makandura	FBOPF1	1950/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Makandura	FBOPFSP	4900/-
Ceciliyan	FBOPFEXSP	4550/-
Rajjuruwatta Sup.	FBOPFEXSP1	4400/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC PF1	1160/-
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MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC BP1	980/-
*New Peacock CTC PF1	1120/-
Strathdon CTC PF1	1120/-
Delta CTC PF1	1120/-
*New Peacock CTC PF1	1100/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1	1320/-
*Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1	1500/-
Hingalgoda CTC PF1	1500/-

OFF GRADES

*Laksakanda BP	1500/-
Chandrika CTC PF	1040/-
*Chandrika CTC PF	890/-
Gunawardana BM	1550/-
Sachitha FNGS	960/-
Liyonta FNGS	920/-
*Chandrika Est FNGS	860/-
Wanarajah FNGS1	1200/-
Liyonta BOP1A	1550/-
*Andaradeniya S BOP1A	1380/-

BOPA

Kings Bru BOPA	2700/-
*Green House BOPA	2650/-
*Hedigalla BOPA	2600/-

Dust

Fortune DUST	1060/-
Great Western DUST	1060/-
Wattegodde DUST	1060/-
Mattakelle DUST1	1650/-
Ceciliyan CTC PD	1440/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.35 OF 09TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	929.89	1,006.22	1,027.52	1,067.07	1,039.40
Western High Grown	1,087.77	1,095.30	1,153.63	1,203.06	1,098.67
High Grown	1,052.64	1,066.57	1,113.93	1,158.99	1,079.24
Uva Medium	1,031.24	1,040.21	1,031.81	1,076.71	1,068.86
Western Medium	925.86	919.70	947.96	1,020.63	1,004.67
Medium Grown	952.37	948.16	975.94	1,036.90	1,025.74
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,353.37	1,332.36	1,280.93	1,296.14	1,261.46
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,326.97	1,299.99	1,261.32	1,277.18	1,245.86
Total	1,217.03	1,195.56	1,182.80	1,215.04	1,174.04

Private Sale Figures (03.09.2026 – 09.09.2026)

194,140.50

Cumulative

8,213,212.85

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 37

SALE NO: 38

Sale of 22nd /23rd Sep. '26

Sale of 29th /30th Sep. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,992	694,565	2,041	705,701
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,664	657,815	1,876	756,594
Low Grown Tippy	1,809	814,053	2,088	944,963
High & Medium	1,191	482,576	1,232	508,851
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,182	1,078,556	2,017	994,659
Dust	505	449,501	486	407,969
Premium Flowery	289	38,443	382	48,947
Ex-Estate	<u>637</u>	<u>611,265</u>	<u>710</u>	<u>714,531</u>
Total	<u>10,269</u>	<u>4,826,774</u>	<u>10,832</u>	<u>5,082,215</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.39 of 06th (Tue.) /07th (Wed.) Oct, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 17th September, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.40 of 13th (Tue.) /14th (Wed.) Oct, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 24th September, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.41 of 20th (Tue.) /21st (Wed.) Oct, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 01st October, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.37

AUCTION OF 22nd /23rd SEPTEMBER, 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. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	2. John Keells PLC
3. John Keells PLC	3. John Keells PLC	3. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
4. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Eastern Brokers PLC	4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
5. Eastern Brokers PLC	5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	5. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	6. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	7. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
8. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Eastern Brokers PLC

Crop & Weather

For the period 08th to 14th September, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Sunny weather and sporadic showers were reported in both regions throughout the week. Dull weather conditions are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions according to the Department of Meteorology.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Both regions experienced bright mornings and occasional evening showers during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Grown

The Low Grown Region reported bright weather and sporadic showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

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

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

<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	July	21.50	21.26	-0.2	157.26	153.13	-4.1
BANGLADESH	June	9.82	12.40	2.6	22.49	30.63	8.1
KENYA	May	52.13	52.42	0.3	240.83	252.22	11.4
MALAWI	June	2.1	2.1	0.0	31.50	29.40	-2.1
NORTH INDIA	July	161.69	139.77	-21.9	530.75	525.75	-5.0
SOUTH INDIA	July	20.85	24.56	3.7	138.59	132.50	-6.1

OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 20 OF MONDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

CTC LEAF: 52,977 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand again at easier rates.

BROKENS: Well made good liquoring types met with a good demand but prices eased slightly in line with quality. Other varieties met with a little less demand and eased by upto Tk.5/- and more. BLF teas met with a selective demand with quite heavy withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Well made good liquoring Fannings met with a good demand but again at easier rates. Other varieties met with a little less demand and were easier in line with quality. BLF teas met with a selective demand with quite heavy withdrawals.

DUST: 10,392 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at easier rates. Mediums met with a good demand but prices declined by Tk.5/- to Tk.7/- following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts sold around last levels and saw a few withdrawals. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: There was a little less demand throughout this sale with prices declining following less competition from the Loose tea buyers. Blenders continued to be the mainstay of the market and lent good support for all varieties, BLF teas were mostly unsold in the auction owing to Sellers' limits.

Dusts were an easier market.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	300-305	302-307	Best	300-305	302-310	PD	280-311	292-313
Good	292-297	294-299	Good	293-298	295-300	RD	272-325	285-330
Medium	283-288	288-292	Medium	283-288	288-292	D	272-328	283-330
Plain	275-280	277-282	Plain	275-280	277-282	CD	280-350	280-349
BLF	258-280	268-292	BLF	258-279	273-292	BLF	270 -285	270 -293

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.36 of 07th & 08th SEPTEMBER, 2026

Good general demand for the 110,203 packages (7,226,148.00 kilos) on offer; 12.53% remained unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers, Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries were more active with maintained support from **Afghanistan** and **Egyptian Packers**. **Kazakhstan, other CIS states** and **Bazaar** were active with more enquiry from **UK. Russia** improved interest with more participation from **South Sudan** and **Local Packers**. **Somalia** were active at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :-

Orthodox Grades	- 3,464 packages (133,486.00 kilos) – 66.51% unsold
Leaf Grades	- 53,280 packages (3,522,966.00 kilos) – 17.12% unsold.
Dust Grades	- 36,840 packages (2,738,383.00 kilos) – 5.65% unsold.
Secondary Grades	- 16,619 packages (831,313.00 kilos) – 1.81% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Some teas were steady to USC4 above last rates to mostly easier by up to USC7.

Brighter: Were firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC11.

Mediums: KTDA mediums shed by up to USC10 while plantation mediums met useful enquiry advancing by up to USC39.

Lower Medium: Irregularly easier by up to USC15.

Plainer: Better sorts were firm while others were discounted by up to USC3.

PF1:

Best : Steady to USC13 above previous rates to easier by up to USC7.

Brighter : Held value with some teas gaining by up to USC7 to while some lines were USC4 below last rates.

Mediums : Some KTDA mediums were more irregular varying between firm to USC13 above last rates to easier by up to USC4. Plantation mediums were steady to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

Lower Medium : Met good absorption at firm to USC12 dearer although some teas irregularly shed by up to USC6.

Plainer : Irregular interest varying between steady to USC3 above previous levels to easier by a similar margin.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	310- 466	306 - 377
Good	309 - 356	290 - 343
Good Medium	300 - 326	290 - 330
Medium (KTDA)	236 - 273	221 - 291
Medium (Plantations)	185 - 278	195 - 234
Lower Medium	162 - 215	147 - 229
Plainer	123 - 169	108 - 160

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:****Best:** Appreciated by up to USC12.**Brighter:** Were firm to USC6 above previous levels.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums met more irregular enquiry shedding by up to USC8 but few teas remained steady. Plantation mediums appreciated by up to USC5.**Lower Medium:** Met irregular interest and ranged between firm to USC6 dearer to USC3 below previous levels.**Plainer:** Better categories were about steady to USC5 below previous rates while others irregularly gained by up to USC6.**DUST1:****Best:** Steady to USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC4.**Brighter:** Were firm to USC7 above previous levels.**Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC8 but some teas were firm to USC6 dearer. Plantation mediums met irregular interest at USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC5.**Lower Medium:** Easier by up to USC11.**Plainer:** Better sorts were USC2 dearer to easier by up to USC6 with others appreciating by up to USC8.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	313 - 340	282 - 367
Good	312 - 331	282 - 294
Good Medium	215 - 336	225 - 295
Medium (KTDA)	208 - 288	201 - 286
Medium (Plantations)	190 - 217	195 - 209
Lower Medium	160 - 205	164 - 190
Plainer	122 - 163	132 - 164

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were about firm while **PFs** held value. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were dearer with **similar DUSTs** firm but a few lines sold above last levels. **Other Fannings** held value with **DUSTs** steady. **BMFs** were readily absorbed at firm levels.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	254 - 346	278	181 - 233	180 - 236	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	159 - 205	175 - 216	-
Lower Medium	140 - 188	130 - 181	134 - 157	129 - 180	129 - 139
Plainer	111 - 170	103 - 142	085 - 142	111 - 136	098 - 124



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 12th SEPTEMBER, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: All broken grades sold at dearer levels while Fannings met with fully firm levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Larger whole leaves sold at steady to dearer levels upto Rs.8 and more especially FP grades. Primary broken grades fetched steady levels while the Secondaries tended dearer over last. Limited quantity of Fannings sold so far were fully firm levels.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good General Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold at an easier note by Rs.1 to 2. Plainer sorts fetched prices around last levels.

Market : Major Packeteers were active, Exporters operated selectively on plainer bolder grades. Internal buyers lended useful support.

COONOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Market opened on a steady to firm and dearer levels on the broken grades by a Re. to Rs. 2/- . However as the sale progressed it had gained momentum to be sold at fully firm to dearer across all grades and categories by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 10/- and more sometimes following quality.

The overall sale percentage was 97% at an average of Rs. 122.66

Buying Pattern: A strong enquiry was forthcoming from the Major Blenders who were very active on the sustainable certified teas. The export was lending fair support on the BOPF's whilst the Internal was operating very selectively or rather subdued.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Market was tending irregularly and mostly on dearer levels across all grades and categories. The sale had witnessed fair withdrawals on the flaky, discoloured and fibrous teas.

The overall sale percentage was 78% at an average of Rs. 151.08.

Buying Pattern: Good Export enquiry was forthcoming with CIS and Middle East buyers operating. The Internal was rather selective.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Strong**Market :** The sale was conducted on a new operating system called Trade Forge for the first time and the market was generally a fully firm to dearer on the major quantity that was traded that off the mediums and the common teas by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- and more sometimes. However the brighter liquoring and high-priced teas have traded at easier levels by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 8/- following quality.**The overall sale percentage was 96% at an average of Rs. 122.28.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export enquiry was witnessed on the fairly blacker medium teas. The Major Blenders and Regional Packeteers were seen operating on the Brighter liquoring teas. The Internal was rather very selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fair.**Market:** The Primary Dust grades were trading at mostly easier levels with fair withdrawals, whilst the Secondaries and Tertiaries have sold at steady to firm and dearer levels at times.**The overall sale percentage was 71% at an average of Rs. 105.66.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good Export operations with very select internal buying was noticed.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas were dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- sometimes more following quality. Medium teas were fully firm to dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were firm.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf /brokens / BOPF's were steady.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/-. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were barely steady to lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- with few withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Firm to dearer by Rs.3/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**September 16, 2026****-/tp.**

TEA NEWS - LOCAL

Publication – Lankadeepa FT

Headline – Tea Exporters Target 350 Million Kg by 2030

Summary - The Tea Exporters Association (TEA) says Sri Lanka could increase annual tea exports to 350 million kg by 2030, provided the industry receives appropriate government support. The sector is seeking stronger productivity, increased green-leaf production and policy support, including restoration of tea promotion and value-added export incentives. The industry also faces shipping disruptions, higher freight costs, declining production and the impact of the removal of SVAT.

Publication – Daily FT

Headline – Eswaran Brothers Exports goes live with ‘Grow with SAP’

Summary - Eswaran Brothers Exports has gone live with Grow with SAP, marking the first such implementation reported in Sri Lanka’s tea industry. The customised SAP S/4HANA Cloud platform integrates processes from tea auctions and procurement through blending, production and export documentation. Barcode-enabled traceability tracks tea from purchase to finished product, while real-time data supports quality control and commercial decision-making. The initiative reflects growing digital transformation within Sri Lanka’s tea sector, particularly as exporters face increasing supply-chain traceability and sustainability requirements in international markets.

Publication – Hiru News

Headline – Sri Lanka showcases Ceylon Tea and handicrafts at 11th ‘Colourful World’ exhibition in Beijing

Summary - Sri Lanka’s Embassy in Beijing, together with the Sri Lankan business community in China, participated in the 11th “Colourful World” Cultural Exhibition and Exchange Event from September 9–13, 2026. Sri Lanka’s participation focused on promoting Ceylon Tea and traditional handicrafts at the event, held alongside the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS). Embassy officials also engaged with participants and media representatives during the opening ceremony.

TEA NEWS - INTERNATIONAL

Tea versus coffee: why tea has become the world's most popular drink

Tea remains the most widely consumed beverage after water, ahead of coffee and other ready-to-drink beverages. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), global tea production totalled 7.3 million tonnes, whilst the sector's value stood at around \$19.5 billion.



China is the world's largest tea producer, accounting for almost half of global production. India ranks second with a share of around 20 per cent. Kenya is in third place, accounting for around 8 per cent.

However, the majority of the tea produced does not enter the international market. According to FAO data, around three-quarters of the global volume is consumed within the producing countries themselves. International trade in 2025 amounted to around 2 million tonnes.

The tea market is constantly growing. Global tea consumption has increased by an average of 2.1 per cent per year over the last decade. This growth is driven by the drink's spread across different regions and its accessibility to consumers with varying income levels.

For producers, tea remains not only a consumer good but also an important agricultural crop. Small-scale farms account for around 60 per cent of global production, according to the FAO.

According to the latest estimate by the International Tea Committee, Turkey remains the largest per capita consumer of tea – over 3 kg per person per year. By way of comparison, in China this figure stands at around 1.92 kg, in Morocco at 1.87 kg, in Ireland at 1.52 kg, and in the UK at 1.36 kg.

In terms of tea types, the global market continues to favour black tea, which accounts for two-thirds of production. The latest statistics from the International Tea Committee show that green tea production stood at around 2.17 million tonnes, or 32 per cent of global output.

China is the leading supplier and consumer of green tea. In 2025, the country produced over 2 million tonnes of green tea, compared with 0.51 million tonnes of black tea.
