

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 37

September 22 & 23, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.37 was held on September 22(Tue.)/23(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 4.8MKgs was on offer, which shows decrease when compared to the previous week. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy/Small Leaf & Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.2MKgs, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.4MKgs. The Ex Estate category had 0.6MKgs.

There was improved activity witnessed for the better teas at today's Ex-Estate sale. Select best Western BOP's in the high priced bracket of last week were lower whilst other improved sorts sold at firm to dearer rates following quality. In the below best category where quality was maintained held firm whilst the others together with the plainer teas eased Rs.20-40/-. Best Western BOPF's were fully firm around last levels following quality. In the below best category, a few teas appreciated Rs.20-40/- whilst the balance together with the lower end teas maintained last levels. Nuwara Eliya's were generally firm around last levels. The majority of the Udupussellawa teas continued to sell at the lower end of the market. Uva BOP's were firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer whilst their BOPF declined by Rs.50/- and more. CTC Teas - High & Medium PF1's where quality was maintained gained Rs.20-40/- and more for select invoices. Low Grown PF1's were firm to Rs.20/- easier. There was hardly any High & Medium BP1's on offer whilst Low grown BP1's were firm to easier by Rs.20-40/- . The better liquoring teas were sought after by shipper to Japan and the Continent whilst the balance were accounted for by Shipper to Russia, CIS and China along with the tea bag sector.

Low Grown once again met with sustained demand in all catalogues with prices fairly steady throughout the sale. There was good demand from most International markets.

This week's auction comprised of **10,269** lots with a total quantity of **4,826,774** Kgs.

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The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	A WOMAN - HOW TO CALL HER CHILDREN
Low Grown Leafy	1,992	694,565	A woman had 20 children. 10 girls 10 boys, all of their names were Leroy.
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,664	657,815	Boys spelt Leroy girls spelt Leroigh. She met a man one day and told him How many children she had and what their names were.
Low Grown Tippy	1,809	814,053	" why did you name all of your children Leroy/Leroigh?"
High & Medium	1,191	482,576	The man asked. "It's easy to call them all together. For example Leroy/Leroigh time for bed time for supper.
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,182	1,078,556	" The woman laughed. The man asked "How do you call them if you only need one of the children?"
Dust	505	449,501	
Premium Flowery	289	38,443	
Ex-Estate	<u>637</u>	<u>611,265</u>	The woman cackled "by their last names of course--
Total	<u>10,269</u>	<u>4,826,774</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Teas in the best category were barely steady, whilst balance was declined.

OP1 : In general, were firm on last week levels.

OP : In general, declined.

OPA : In general, declined.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best PEK's were appreciated, balance too maintained. Well made PEK1's were firm, whilst the balance irregularly lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	2000-3100	2000-3400	1450-1800	1550-1850	1800-2950
	Last Week	2000-3100	2000-3400	1500-1850	1600-2400	1800-2850
BEST	This Week	1600-1950	1500-1950	1250-1400	1300-1500	1600-1750
	Last Week	1600-1950	1500-1950	1300-1450	1350-1550	1600-1750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1300-1550	1200-1450	1000-1200	1050-1250	1350-1550
	Last Week	1350-1550	1200-1450	1050-1250	1100-1300	1350-1550
SECONDARIES	This Week	900-1250	850-1150	800-950	850-1000	1150-1300
	Last Week	900-1300	850-1150	800-1000	900-1050	1200-1300
POOR	This Week	700-850	600-800	500 - 750	500 - 800	950-1100
	Last Week	700-850	600-800	450 - 750	450 - 850	1000-1150

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Select best and best teas maintained, whilst others were firm on last.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Well-made cleaner teas held firm. Others were irregular following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and best teas were easier, whilst the bolder varieties were easier.
Teas at the lower end firm. FBOP1's in general was firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best and Best FBOPF1's were firm to easier, whilst the cleaner below best and the lower end teas were firm on last. FBOPF's in general were firm on last.

FBOPFSP : A few selected best invoices met with a firm demand, whilst the others were firm on last.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Met with a firm demand.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1750-2600	1600-2550	2200-2650	1700-2050	3600-5050
	Last Week	1800-2600	1600-2650	2300-2850	1700-2200	3450-4900
BEST	This Week	1600-1700	1340-1550	1800-2100	1550-1650	2750-3200
	Last Week	1600-1750	1300-1550	1800-2150	1550-1650	2650-3100
BELOW BEST	This Week	1400-1550	1060-1260	1550-1700	1400-1500	1700-2350
	Last Week	1420-1550	1040-1240	1550-1750	1400-1500	1650-2250
SECONDARIES	This Week	1220-1360	870-1020	1360-1480	1180-1300	1450-1600
	Last Week	1220-1380	860-1020	1380-1500	1180-1280	1450-1550
POOR	This Week	850-1200	540-800	960-1240	890-1180	1120-1360
	Last Week	900-1200	550-800	980-1220	880-1100	1040-1340

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best FBOP's were dearer. Below best and the others were barely steady.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : A few select best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer, whilst the others were firm to irregularly easier.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK1's were Rs.50-100/- easier, whilst the below best PEK1's 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	1550 - 2100	1550 - 1800	1150 - 1600	1200 - 1600	850-1000	900-1150
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1650 - 2000	1700 - 1900	1250 - 1580	1300 - 1620	1100-1150	1100-1180
PEK/PEK1	1900 - 2350	1900 - 2400	1000 - 1500	1100 - 1580	800 - 1000	820 - 1100

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Improved activity for the better teas, whilst the others sold around last week's levels

BOP: Best Western's -Select high-priced teas of last week were lower, whilst the other improved sorts sold at firm to dearer rates following quality. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket where quality was maintained were firm, whilst the others together with the Plainer teas were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's were generally firm around last. Uda Pussellawa's were irregular and continued to sell at the lower end of the market. Uva's were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

BOPF : Best Western's - were firm and sold around last week's levels following quality. In the Below Best category, a few select improved sorts appreciated by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market sold around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's were generally firm. Uda Pussellawa's were barely steady. Uva's declined by Rs.50/- 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	1300 - 1500	1260 - 1600	1300 - 1550	1340 - 1550
Below Best Westerns	1100 - 1280	1100 - 1240	1180 - 1280	1180 - 1320
Plainer Westerns	880 - 1060	900 - 1080	900 - 1160	900 - 1160
Nuwara Eliyas	1180	1220	1020 -1200	1100
Brighter UdaPussellawas	900 -940	N/A	N/A	800 - 1020
Other Uda Pussellawas	850	800 - 870	730 - 900	700 - 730
Best Uva's	1280 - 1380	1180 - 1320	N/A	1200 - 1280
Other Uva's	900 - 1060	1060	850 - 900	820 - 940

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas continued to sell well, whilst the others were lower by up to Rs.50/- per kg.

BOPF : Better sorts were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others sold 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	880 - 2300	710 - 2200	680-1220	670-1100

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Where quality was maintained, gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more for select invoices.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Generally firm.

PF1 - Teas in the high-prices bracket were firm and Rs.20/- per kg easier, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

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	820 - 1240	650 - 1160
Medium	530 - 960	750 - 980	540 - 1180	580 - 1120
Low	790 - 1340	780 - 1320	600 - 1550	610 - 1500

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's firm on last levels whilst others were irregular. Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.30-40/- per kg whilst poorer teas firm on last levels. Select best BM advanced Rs.25-50/- . Others firm to easier by Rs.10/- per kg. Lower end teas were firm on last.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1A's firm to dearer Rs.25-50/-. 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)	700 - 1200	700 - 1200	610-690	610-700	620-720	670-770
Good Fannings (CTC)	610-650	610-650	600-650	610-650	600-690	610-680
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	530 - 650	550 - 650	530-630	550-630	530-630	550-630
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	670-850	680-830	680-830	720-810	780-1350	750-1350
Other BM's	560-590	550-570	550-600	530-600	540-600	500-600
Best BOP1As	660-800	660-800	700-880	700-860	700-1600	720-1600
Other BOP1As	580-650	580-630	580-660	580-640	570-690	570-680

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring teas showed an improved demand and gained Rs.50-100/- and at times more. Others were firm to dearer. Mid grown teas were Rs.40-60/- dearer. Low grown were firm on last levels.

PD : High Grown liquoring PD's were Rs.40-60/- dearer whilst their secundaries were firm on last levels. Mid grown showed on improved trend and gained Rs.40-60/-. Low grown were firm on last levels.

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)	700 - 1750	620 - 1650	650 - 1000	570 - 1120	630 - 1040	560 - 980
Good Primary PD (CTC)	650 - 1200	580 - 1180	630 - 1120	570 - 1060	640 - 1460	580 - 1440
Secondary Dust	620 - 1100	560 - 1060	620 - 820	580 - 720	630 - 1040	570 - 1020

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	2300/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1850/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1750/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1180/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1400/-
*Hatale	BOP1	2050/-
*Hatale	BOP1	1950/-
Craighead	FBOP	2100/-
*Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1650/-
Levallon	FBOPF	1240/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	2000/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1900/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1900/-
Dartry Valley	OP	1300/-
New Rothschild	OP	1300/-
*Meezan	OP	1260/-
Uplands	OP	1260/-
New Rothschild	OP	1260/-
Castlemilk	OP	1260/-
*Hatale	OPA	1550/-
*Galgewatta	OP1	1750/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1900/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1850/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1850/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	2350/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2350/-
New Rothschild	PEKOE1	2350/-
Harangalla	PEKOE1	2300/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	2250/-

WESTERN HIGH

Gouravilla	BOP	1500/-
Great Western	BOP	1500/-
Alton	BOP	1500/-
Gouravilla	BOPSP	1700/-
Ingestre	BOPF	1550/-
Robgill	BOPF	1550/-
Venture	FBOP	1800/-
St. Andrews	FBOP	1800/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1650/-
Venture	OP	1460/-
Cymru	OPA	1260/-
Venture	OP1	1700/-
Tillyrie	PEKOE	1700/-
Torrington	PEKOE1	1650/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP	1140/-
Court Lodge	BOPF	1020/-
Court Lodge	FBOP	1360/-
Lovers Leap	FBOP1	750/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF	1100/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1500/-
Kenmare	PEKOE	1280/-

UVA MEDIUM

Dickwella	BOP	1750/-
Dickwella	BOPSP	1550/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1550/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1750/-
Demodera 'S'	BOP1	1700/-
Halpewatta Uva	FBOP	1700/-
Telbedde	FBOP	1700/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOP	1700/-
Aruna Keppetipola	FBOP	1700/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1800/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOP1	1600/-
Demodera 'S'	FBOPF1	1800/-
Aruna Passara	FBOPF1	1800/-
Dickwella	FBOPF1	1750/-
*Roseland Uva	FBOPF1	1700/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1380/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1220/-
Wewessa	OP1	1650/-
Aruna Keppetipola	OP1	1600/-
*Roseland Uva	OP1	1550/-
Wewessa	PEKOE	1800/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1750/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE	1750/-
New Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	2150/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakelleie	BOP	1500/-
Craig	BOPSP	1480/-
Uva Highlands	BOPF	900/-
Ranaya	BOPFSP	1160/-
Uva Highlands	BOP1	1950/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP	1900/-
Aislaby	FBOP1	1460/-
Walawa	FBOPF	1220/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1800/-
Ellathota Uva	OP	1360/-
Aislaby	OPA	1200/-
Uva Highlands	OPA	1200/-
Aislaby	OP1	1750/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1800/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	2100/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Mooloya	BOP	940/-
*Mooloya	BOPSP	960/-
Luckyland	BOPF	900/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP	1460/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1550/-
Blairlomond	FBOPF1	1550/-
Blairlomond	OP	1240/-
Maha Uva	OPA	1240/-
Delmar	OP1	1550/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1550/-
Delmar	PEKOE	1600/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1900/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Susantha	BOP1	3100/-
Susantha	OP1	3400/-
*Makandura	OP1	3200/-
*Green House	OP1	3100/-
Dampahala	OP	1800/-
Liyonta	OPA	1850/-
Adams View	PEKOE	2950/-
Pothotuwa	PEKOE1	2750/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2600/-
Thundola Ella	BOP	2550/-
Golden Garden	BOP	2550/-
*Nawagamuwahena	BOP	2500/-
New Spring View	BOPSP	2550/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2450/-
Lellopitiya Super	BOPSP	2450/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	2250/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	2250/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	2150/-
Rajjuruwatta Sup.	BOPFSP	2400/-
Kings Bru	BOPFSP	2100/-
*Ganganee	BOPFSP	1900/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2650/-
Brombil	FBOP1	2200/-
Kiruwana ganga	FBOP1	2150/-
*New Nivithigala	FBOP1	2000/-
*Maleesha Group	FBOP1	2000/-
Gunawardana	FBOPF	2050/-
Garden Leaf Sup.	FBOPF1	2050/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1950/-
New Spring View	FBOPF1	1950/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF1	1850/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Green Lanka	FBOPFSP	4950/-
Fortune	FBOPFEXSP	5050/-
Rajjuruwatta Sup.	FBOPFEXSP1	5050/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

*Dunsinane CTC PF1	1240/-
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MEDIUM GROWN

*Rothschild CTC BP1	960/-
Strathdon CTC PF1	1180/-
Strathdon CTC PF1	1160/-
*New Peacock CTC PF1	1140/-
Aultmore CTC BPS	870/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC BP1	1340/-
Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1	1550/-
*Kalubowitiyana CTC PF1	1500/-

OFF GRADES

Adams View	BP	1460/-
Liyonta CTC	PF	1000/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PF	920/-
*Chandrika CTC PF		810/-
Ransewana	BM	1340/-
Gunawardana	BM	1260/-
*Chandrika Est BM		1240/-
Gunawardana	FNGS	980/-
Norwood	FNGS1	1180/-
Wattegodde	FNGS1	1180/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1700/-

BOPA

Sihara	BOPA	2700/-
Danawala	BOPA	2650/-
Himara	BOPA	2650/-
Kings Bru	BOPA	2650/-
*Selna	BOPA	2600/-

Dust

Clydesdale	DUST	1100/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1750/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1460/-

MEDIUM GROWN

*Rothschild CTC DUST1	1140/-
*Rothschild CTC PD	1120/-

LOW GROWN

*Wattahena	DUST	1040/-
*New Nivithigala	DUST	1020/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.36 OF 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	980.60	1,009.78	1,026.34	1,070.77	1,040.18
Western High Grown	1,122.53	1,107.84	1,152.87	1,227.81	1,101.72
High Grown	1,077.07	1,074.97	1,113.02	1,174.22	1,081.53
Uva Medium	1,074.08	1,052.89	1,032.56	1,060.28	1,068.69
Western Medium	906.69	914.64	946.85	1,008.30	1,004.77
Medium Grown	947.79	946.98	975.27	1,022.71	1,025.67
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,365.52	1,343.72	1,283.26	1,208.25	1,262.19
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,343.85	1,312.29	1,263.58	1,266.28	1,246.39
Total	1,233.00	1,204.59	1,184.12	1,208.25	1,174.90

Private Sale Figures (10.09.2026 – 16.09.2026)

299,151.50

Cumulative

8,512,364.35

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 38

SALE NO: 39

Sale of 29th /30th Sep. '26

Sale of 06th /07th Oct. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,041	705,701	1,994	699,326
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,876	756,594	1,830	750,548
Low Grown Tippy	2,088	944,963	2,075	953,034
High & Medium	1,232	508,851	1,182	494,522
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,017	994,659	2,288	1,114,526
Dust	486	407,969	475	398,352
Premium Flowery	382	48,947	310	40,313
Ex-Estate	<u>710</u>	<u>714,531</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>696,314</u>
Total	<u>10,832</u>	<u>5,082,215</u>	<u>10,851</u>	<u>5,146,935</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.42 of 27th (Tue.) /28th (Wed.) Oct, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 08th October, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.38

AUCTION OF 29th /30th 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. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	1. John Keells PLC
2. John Keells PLC	2. John Keells PLC	2. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
3. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	3. Eastern Brokers PLC	3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	4. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	4. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
5. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	5. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	5. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Eastern Brokers PLC	6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	6. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
7. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	7. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	7. Eastern Brokers PLC
8. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	8. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

Crop & Weather

For the period 15th to 21st September, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions experienced rain during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects rain in both regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported rain throughout the week. Showers are expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grown

Rain was experienced in the Low Grown Region during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

All regions reported an increase in the crop intake.

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

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OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 21 OF MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2026

CTC LEAF: 51,892 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand but once again at easier rates.

BROKENS: Well made good liquoring sorts were in good demand but prices eased slightly following quality. All other varieties met with a fairly good demand and were easier often by upto Tk.5/-. BLF tea also met with a fairly good demand and were easier by a similar margin.

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: Demand was fairly good in this week's sale but prices saw a further decline following some drop in overall quality of the offerings. Blenders were the mainstay of the market with fair support from the Loose tea buyer.

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 again an easier market.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	297-302	300-305	Best	298-303	300-305	PD	286-311	280-311
Good	287-293	292-297	Good	287-293	293-298	RD	268-330	272-325
Medium	278-283	283-288	Medium	278-283	283-288	D	267-300	272-328
Plain	268-273	275-280	Plain	268-273	275-280	CD	275-340	280-350
BLF	248-271	258-280	BLF	248-271	258-279	BLF	NQTA	270 -285

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MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.38 of 21ST-22ND SEPTEMBER, 2026

Good general demand for the 117,279 packages (7.683m/kgs) on offer, 14.65% remained unsold.

MARKET:-

Pakistan Packers and Egyptian Packers lent strong support with more enquiry from Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries. Kazakhstan and other CIS states remained selective while Bazaar were active. Afghanistan and Russia maintained activity with selective absorption from UK. There was some interest from South Sudan with more participation from Local Packers. Somalia lent good support at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS :-

Orthodox - 3,600 packages (0.139m/Kgs) – 57.22% unsold.
 Leaf Grades - 59,080 packages (3.917m/Kgs) – 18.69% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 36,400 packages (3.705m/Kgs) – 7.58% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 18,199 packages (0.921m/kgs) – 7.25% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Saw irregular enquiry varying between USC18 above previous levels but some teas shed by up to USC30.

Brighter: Gained by up to USC24.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were dearer by upto USC15 with plantation mediums irregular ranging between USC12 above previous levels to easier by up to USC8.

Lower Medium: Met irregular but steady interest with most teas advancing by up to USC26 whilst other eased by up to USC18.

Plainer: Were firm to USC13 dearer.

PF1:

Best : Were irregular varying between firm for most teas to USC6 dearer to easier by USC7.

Brighter : Saw irregular support and varied between steady to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC11.

Mediums : KTDA mediums were firm to irregular easier by up to USC7. Plantation mediums saw more irregular enquiry and ranged between steady to USC2 dearer to easier by up to USC9.

Lower Medium : Met good interest at irregular levels ranging between firm to selectively dearer by up to USC12 to easier by up to USC4.

Plainer : Better sorts were steady to dearer by up to USC12 with others irregular varying between firm to USC4 above last rates to easier by up to USC3.

DUST GRADES (M1)**PDUST:**

- Best:** Gained by up to USC16.
- Brighter:** Irregularly appreciated by up to USC15.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregular and ranged at mostly firm with some teas up to USC8 above last levels to easier by up to USC6. Plantation mediums were steady to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC3.
- Lower Medium:** Were mostly firm to USC3 dearer but some teas irregularly shed by up to USC5.
- Plainer:** Steady to USC6 above previous rates to easier by a similar margin.

DUST1:

- Best:** Saw irregular enquiry and ranged between firm to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC7
- Brighter:** Were steady to USC5 dearer to USC4 below previous rates.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums were irregular and varied between firm to USC7 above previous levels to easier by up to USC17. Plantation mediums shed up to USC12 but select invoices gained by up to USC2
- Lower Medium:** Lost by up to USC7.
- Plainer:** Were firm to USC3 dearer to easier by up to USC4.

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs were irregular but on balance dearer while PFs held value. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings substantially appreciated with similar DUSTs steady. Other Fannings were firm but a few lines gained while DUSTs held value. BMFs were readily absorbed



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 19th SEPTEMBER, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: Broken sold at dearer levels by Rs.2 while Fannings sold at fully firm levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Whole leaves were well made blacker and cleaner sold at steady to dearer levels while the others tended easier with few withdrawals. Primary and secondary broken fetched fully firm levels over last. Limited quantities of Fannings sold were steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold at firm levels. Medium and plainer sorts sold around last levels on bolder sorts whilst finer grades had an easier trend by Rs.1 to 2/-.

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

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CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Market opened generally on a firm to dearer levels barring the BOPF's which was irregular and lower sometimes. However as the sale progressed it has witnessed a fully firm to dearer levels across all grades and categories that includes the BOPF's towards the later part of the sale.

The overall sale percentage was 98% at an average of Rs. 125.48

Buying Pattern: Yet again Major Blenders and Packeteers were the main stay. The Exporters were concentrating mostly on the larger broken and on the Fannings. On the Internal front Karnataka and Andhra buyers were lending fair support alongwith the Western Indian traders.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair

Market : Generally an irregular and mostly easier trend across all grades and categories with fair withdrawals on the dis-coloured and fibrous teas.

The overall sale percentage was 75% at an average of Rs. 148.47.

Buying Pattern: Mostly an export operation was witnessed with Shah Brothers being active.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Strong.**Market :** A strong enquiry was reflected on the price levels as the brighter liquoring high-priced teas have sold at dearer levels whilst the better mediums were irregular. The Mediums were rather fully firm to dearer by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 6/- and more on the cleaner and blacker sorts.**The overall sale percentage was 98% at an average of Rs. 125.71.****Buying Pattern:** The Regional Packeteers were showing stronger interest on the brighter liquoring teas whilst the major quantity was traded by the Exporters. Internal was rather very selectively with only M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea produce) absorbing the high-priced teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Fairly strong.**Market:** Market was trading irregular on the primary dust grades. However the Secondaries and Tertiaries have had better enquiry to be sold at fully firm to dearer levels by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/-.**The overall sale percentage was 90% at an average of Rs.108.17.****Buying Pattern:** Strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with only M/s. Anjaneya enterprises (Devagiri tea produce co) being the bright spot on the Internal front.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Good general demand.**Market :** Better medium brokenes were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Medium bolder brokenes were irregular. Brokenes/ smaller brokenes were fully firm to dearer by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-. BOPF were barely steady. Plainer teas were firm to dearer.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders and packeteers were selective. Exporters and Internal were active**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**Market :** Whole leaf barely steady with some withdrawals. Medium brokenes were irregular and lower. BOPF's were not quotable.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular teas bolder grades were fully firm. Finer grades were firm to occasionally dearer. Medium teas were firm to dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with some withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** All sections were active.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Firm to dearer.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**September 23, 2026****-/ra.**

TEA NEWS - LOCAL

Publication – [News Wire](#)

Headline – Sri Lanka and Kenya Strengthen Cooperation in Tea Sector

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka and Kenya are exploring stronger tea sector cooperation, focusing on knowledge-sharing, industry-to-industry engagement and future commercial opportunities. The Kenya Tea Growers Association expressed interest in Sri Lanka Expo 2027, while both sides discussed business linkages and sector-specific collaboration.

Publication – [Daily FT](#)

Headline – Tea Exports Decline 5% in First Eight Months of 2026

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka's tea exports fell 5% year-on-year to 166.3 million kg during January-August 2026, while August shipments declined 4%. Rupee earnings remained broadly stable, but US-dollar earnings fell to about US\$948 million amid lower average FOB prices and higher freight and insurance costs. Turkey became the leading destination, while exports to Iraq, Russia, China and the UAE declined.
