

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 40

October 13 & 14, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.40 was held on October 13(Tue.) / 14(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 2.5MKgs, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.6MKgs. The Ex Estate category had 0.6MKgs.

The market conditions at the Ex-Estate sale was generally firm with the exception of the better teas which sold at premium levels.

Best Western BOP's/BOPF's where quality was maintained was fully firm to dearer on select invoices whilst the balance tended irregular. In the below best category, here again where quality was maintained prices held last week levels whilst others too sold at last levels subject to quality variance where prices fluctuated. Lower end teas were fully maintained on last levels. Nuwara Eliya's together with Uda Pussellawa had hardly any offerings this week. Better Uva's were fully firm whilst the others tended irregular. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's were fully firm whilst High Grown PF1's too held firm. There were hardly any BP1's on offer this week. The better liquoring teas were sought after by Shippers to Japan, UK and the Continent whilst the balance were absorbed by Shippers to Russia, CIS, China along with the Tea Bag sector.

Low Grown met with good demand for all categories with prices being steady throughout the sale. There was good demand from most International markets.

This week's auction comprised of **11,109** lots with a total quantity of **5,246,564** Kgs.

In Lighter Vein

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,079	735,725
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,874	762,552
Low Grown Tippy	2,021	920,932
High & Medium	1,390	579,734
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,264	1,112,956
Dust	505	435,858
Premium Flowery	309	40,975
Ex-Estate	<u>667</u>	<u>657,832</u>
Total	<u>11,109</u>	<u>5,246,564</u>

The Hearing Aid

Two elderly ladies, Mabel and Evie, meet at a café for a nice cup of tea and a cake.

After a while, Mabel peers closely at Evie and says, "Evie, it looks like you have a suppository in your ear!"

"What?"

"It looks like you have a suppository in your ear, Evie!" says Mabel a bit louder.

"Oh," checks Evie, "you're right! Drat, well, at least I know where my hearing aid is now."

"

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LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best BOP1's were maintained. Balance were irregularly lower.

OP1 : Wiry types maintained at last week's levels. Bold OP1's too maintained. Stalky invoices declined by Rs.100/- per kg.

OP : Generally lower.

OPA : Generally lower.

PEK/PEK1 : Well-made Pek's maintained at last levels. Balance were irregularly lower. Shotty PEK's were firm to lower. Balance too declined by Rs.100/- per kg.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3100	2000-3400	1350-1900	1450-2200	1800-3050
	Last Week	1900-3200	2000-3400	1400-2450	1500-2150	1800-2750
BEST	This Week	1450-1850	1400-1950	1150-1300	1200-1400	1550-1750
	Last Week	1500-1850	1450-1950	1200-1300	1200-1350	1550-1750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1150-1400	1050-1350	1000-1100	1050-1150	1250-1500
	Last Week	1200-1350	1100-1400	1050-1150	1050-1150	1300-1500
SECONDARIES	This Week	900-1100	700-1000	800-950	800-1000	1000-1200
	Last Week	900-1150	800-1050	850-1000	850-1000	1050-1200
POOR	This Week	700-850	550-650	500 - 750	500 - 750	750-950
	Last Week	700-850	550-750	550 - 800	550 - 800	850-1000

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Met with a firm market.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Well-made cleaner teas maintained, whilst the others were firm on last.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Few Selected select best FBOP's maintained last levels , whilst the best and below best categories were easier. Bold FBOP's were easier. FFOP1's were maintained.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best FF1's maintained, whilst the others were easier by Rs.40-60/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were firm. FBOPF's in general held firm.

FBOPFSP : A few selected select best invoices were firm on last whilst the others maintained.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Met with a good demand.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1850-2750	1650-2500	2000-2600	1700-2450	4000-5500
	Last Week	1800-2750	1650-2600	2050-2650	1700-2150	3800-4900
BEST	This Week	1650-1750	1400-1600	1650-1900	1550-1650	3000-3750
	Last Week	1650-1750	1380-1550	1700-2000	1550-1650	2850-3400
BELOW BEST	This Week	1450-1600	1140-1280	1450-1550	1380-1460	1800-2600
	Last Week	1450-1600	1060-1280	1500-1600	1400-1500	1750-2400
SECONDARIES	This Week	1240-1400	860-1020	1320-1400	1100-1220	1420-1660
	Last Week	1240-1380	880-1020	1320-1420	1120-1240	1450-1650
POOR	This Week	900-1180	570-820	960-1240	810-1060	1000-1360
	Last Week	880-1200	560-820	960-1220	830-1100	1000-1380

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best FBOP's were selectively dearer, whilst the others were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Were firm on last around.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK1's were selectively dearer whilst the others 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	1500 - 2150	1500 - 2200	1000 - 1550	1080 - 1500	800-950	800-980
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1500 - 1900	1550 - 2000	1400 - 1600	1450 - 1680	950-1100	950-1100
PEK/PEK1	1750 - 2450	1850 - 2350	1000 - 1350	1000 - 1400	800 - 900	800 - 940

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Generally firm, whilst the better teas continued to sell at a premium

BOP : Best Western's – Better teas where quality was maintained were firm, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg and more for the thinner liquoring teas. In the Below Best category, here again where quality was maintained, prices were firm to marginally easier, whilst the others declined by up to Rs.50/- per kg. Prices at the lower end of the market were generally maintained. Nuwara Eliya's together with the Uda Pussellawa's had hardly any offerings. Uva's – Better teas continued to sell well following limited availability, whilst the others were irregular

BOPF : Best Western's, where quality was maintained, prices were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer for select invoices, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best and Plainer categories, teas sold around last week's levels subject to any quality variances. Nuwara Eliya's together with the Uda Pussellawa's had hardly any offerings. Uva's – Better teas were firm, 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	1320 - 1650	1320 - 1480	1380 - 1550	1400 - 1500
Below Best Westerns	1140 - 1300	1180 - 1300	1260 - 1360	1280 - 1380
Plainer Westerns	840 - 1100	840 - 1100	900 - 1240	940 - 1260
Nuwara Eliyas	1120 - 1160	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	840 - 980	N/A	1120 - 1260	800 - 1120
Other Uda Pussellawas	N/A	N/A	700 - 1020	750
Best Uva's	1340 - 1380	1260 - 1420	1240 - 1420	1080 - 1300
Other Uva's	1220	N/A	850 - 1040	850 - 1000

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : The limited volume of Large Leaf teas on offer sold well, whilst the others were irregular and unsold due to a lack of suitable bids.

BOPF : Better sorts firm on last week's closing levels, whilst the others were irregular following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	840 - 2250	1340 - 2200	690-1280	680-1260

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Generally firm.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Select best were firm, whilst the others were irregularly easier, whilst the poorest were barely steady.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Select best were firm, whilst the others were firm and 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	- 1200 -	N/A	700 - 1160	710 - 1120
Medium	510 - 940	520 - 900	570 - 1160	580 - 1120
Low	510 - 800	790 - 1420	590 - 1550	600 - 1550

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's advanced Rs.50-100/- per kg whilst select best Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1 appreciated by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Others were irregularly lower. Select best BM's lost Rs.20-40/- per kg and others too followed a similar trend.

BOP1A : Select best teas firm on last week and best and below best teas firm to lower Rs.25-50/- per kg. Poorer teas held firm.

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 - 1300	730 - 1200	590-700	600-700	620-730	630-730
Good Fannings (CTC)	600-630	600-630	580-630	600-630	600-720	600-720
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	530 - 630	530 - 630	520-570	530-620	500-580	520-620
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	670-870	690-880	660-860	690-880	760-1300	800-1300
Other BM's	550-630	570-640	540-660	560-650	520-660	560-680
Best BOP1As	700-820	700-820	700-830	700-890	720-1550	750-1650
Other BOP1As	580-680	580-680	560-680	580-700	560-720	570-740

DUST

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

PD : High Grown together with Mid Grown were firm on last levels. Low Grown were Rs.30-100/- per kg dearer.

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)	780 - 1750	720 - 1750	730 - 1200	660 - 1160	640 - 1040	660 - 1160
Good Primary PD (CTC)	700 - 1280	680 - 1180	680 - 1160	650 - 1100	700 - 1460	650 - 1100
Secondary Dust	700 - 1360	640 - 1140	730 - 820	630 - 700	720 - 1040	630 - 700

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	2250/-
Harangalla	BOP	1900/-
*Galgewatta	BOP	1850/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1800/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1800/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1800/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1280/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1600/-
Craighead	BOP1	2000/-
*Hatale	BOP1	1800/-
*Harangalla	FBOP	2100/-
Craighead	FBOP	2050/-
*Harangalla	FBOP	2000/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	2000/-
New Rothschild	FBOP	2000/-
*HansagiriKothmale	FBOP1	1460/-
Madulkelle	FBOP1	1440/-
*Galgewatta	FBOP1	1420/-
*Galgewatta	FBOP1	1420/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	1900/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Harangalla	FBOPF1	1800/-
New Rothschild	OP	1380/-
Cooroondoowatte	OPA	1280/-
Craighead	OP1	1800/-
*Galgewatta	OP1	1700/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1900/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1800/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1750/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2450/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	2300/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE1	2300/-

WESTERN HIGH

Protoft Super	BOP	1650/-
Somerset	BOPSP	1400/-
Mattakelle	BOPSP	1400/-
Alton	BOPF	1550/-
New Meddecombra	BOPFSP	1000/-
Torrington	BOP1	1550/-
Venture	FBOP	1750/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1500/-
Inverness	FBOPF1	1650/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1650/-
Kirkoswald	OP	1240/-
Kirkoswald	OPA	1300/-
Venture	OP1	1650/-
Kirkoswald	OP1	1650/-
Cymru	PEKOE	1600/-
Torrington	PEKOE	1600/-
Cymru	PEKOE1	2050/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOP	1420/-
Kenmare	BOP1	1380/-
Kenmare	FBOP	1500/-
Mahagastotte	FBOP1	1060/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1500/-
Kenmare	PEKOE	1220/-

UVA MEDIUM

Pettiagalla	BOP	1650/-
Demodera 'S'	BOPSP	1950/-
El Teb	BOPF	1420/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1600/-
Dickwella	BOP1	1700/-
Telbedde	FBOP	1800/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP	1800/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOP	1750/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1650/-
*Halpewatta Uva	FBOP1	1420/-
New Aruna Passara	FBOPF1	1750/-
Ury	OP	1440/-
*Roseland Uva	OPA	1160/-
Kinellan	OPA	1160/-
New Aruna Passara	OPA	1160/-
Ury	OP1	1650/-
Dickwella	PEKOE	1750/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	2450/-

UVA HIGH

Nayabedde	BOP	1380/-
Craig	BOPSP	1550/-
Oodoowerre	BOPSP	1550/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1300/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1500/-
Uvakellie	BOP1	1550/-
Aislaby	FBOP	1850/-
Aislaby	FBOP1	1480/-
Craig	FBOPF	1360/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Battawatte	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP	1240/-
Uva Highlands	OPA	1180/-
*Ellathota Uva	OP1	1550/-
Battawatte	OP1	1550/-
Mount Uva	PEKOE	1700/-
Oodoowerre	PEKOE	1700/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE	1650/-
Aislaby	PEKOE1	1950/-
Oodoowerre	PEKOE1	1850/-
*Battawatte	PEKOE1	1750/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

Mooloya	BOP	980/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1260/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1240/-
Delmar	FBOP	1650/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP1	1480/-
High Forest	FBOPF1	1600/-
Delmar	OP	1160/-
Delmar	OPA	1080/-
Maha Uva	OP1	1600/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1650/-
High Forest	PEKOE	1650/-
Gonapitiya	PEKOE	1650/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	2150/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Makandura	BOP1	3100/-
Galatara	OP1	3350/-
Mulatiyana Hills	OP1	3300/-
*Lenama Hills	OP1	3150/-
Miriswatta	OP	1900/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2200/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	3050/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	3050/-
Golden Garden	PEKOE	2950/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2400/-
*Andaradeniya S.	PEKOE1	2950/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*Andaradeniya S.	BOP	2750/-
*Mahaliyadda	BOP	2700/-
*Nawagamuwehena	BOP	2700/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2700/-
*New Laksakanda	BOP	2650/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	2800/-
*Elaine Super	BOPSP	2750/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2750/-
*Andaradeniya S.	BOPSP	2600/-
Kings Bru	BOPF	2000/-
Rajjuruwatta S.	BOPFSP	2500/-
Gunawardana	FBOP	2600/-
*Hedigalla	FBOP	2550/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2550/-
Sunrise	FBOP	2550/-
Kiruwanaaganga	FBOP1	2250/-
Athukorala G.S	FBOP1	2200/-
*Ganganee	FBOP1	2050/-
Wewelkandura S.	FBOPF	2400/-
Danawala	FBOPF	2050/-
*Ganganee	FBOPF	1950/-
*Hedigalla	FBOPF	1950/-
Fortune	FBOPF1	2450/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Fortune	FBOPFSP	4950/-
Yalta	FBOPFEXSP	5900/-
Kings Bru	FBOPFEXSP1	4350/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Dunsinane CTC	BP1	1200/-
*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1160/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC	BP1	940/-
*Kallebokka CTC	BP1	820/-
Delta CTC	PF1	1160/-
*New Peacock CTC	PF1	1120/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	850/-

LOW GROWN

Nelunwatta CTC	BP1	800/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1550/-

OFF GRADES

Kiruwanaganga	BP	1480/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	780/-
Adams View	BM	1300/-
Sachitha	FNGS	960/-
*Wattahena	FNGS	940/-
Wanarajah	FNGS1	1300/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1550/-

BOPA

*New Galagawa	BOPA	2800/-
Lellopitiya Super	BOPA	2800/-
Kings Bru	BOPA	2800/-
*Hedigalla	BOPA	2750/-
Purerich	BOPA	2750/-
Sisiramba Super	BOPA	2750/-
*Green House	BOPA	2650/-

HIGH GROWN

Wattegodde	DUST	1360/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1750/-
Dunsinane CTC	PD	1280/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Demodera S	DUST	820/-
Rozelle	DUST1	1200/-
*New Peacock CTC	DUST1	1140/-
*Rothschild CTC	DUST1	1140/-
Strathdon CTC	PD	1160/-
*New Peacock CTC	PD	1100/-

LOW GROWN

Chandrika Est.	DUST	1040/-
*Chandrika Est.	DUST	1000/-
Ceciliyan CTC	DUST1	1420/-
Ceciliyan CTC	DUST1	1400/-
*Chandrika Est.	DUST1	1040/-
KalubowititiyanaCTC	PD	1460/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.39 OF 07TH OCTOBER, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,040.39	1,060.75	1,026.91	1,060.46	1,041.85
Western High Grown	1,171.65	1,173.11	1,153.03	1,217.43	1,110.38
High Grown	1,130.87	1,137.68	1,113.32	1,176.19	1,088.04
Uva Medium	1,067.99	1,073.25	1,034.63	1,062.19	1,069.09
Western Medium	948.94	955.34	946.56	1,018.06	1,007.00
Medium Grown	978.46	983.31	975.28	1,028.57	1,026.92
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,356.41	1,356.41	1,289.73	1,250.66	1,263.83
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,329.50	1,323.04	1,269.68	1,235.31	1,247.59
Total	1,246.67	1,239.99	1,188.84	1,189.86	1,177.33

Private Sale Figures (01.10.2026 – 07.10.2026)

180,898.00

Cumulative

9,193,725.53

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 41

SALE NO: 42

Sale of 20th /21st Oct. '26

Sale of 27th /28th Oct. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	1,888	670,225	2,005	701,337
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,711	675,700	1,945	759,684
Low Grown Tippy	1,911	854,471	2,064	902,949
High & Medium	1,436	593,306	1,564	659,793
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,262	1,133,909	2,105	1,070,305
Dust	524	447,757	473	414,176
Premium Flowery	306	41,830	373	47,530
Ex-Estate	<u>662</u>	<u>640,164</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>661,744</u>
Total	<u>10,700</u>	<u>5,057,362</u>	<u>11,218</u>	<u>5,217,518</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No.43 of 03rd (Tue.) /04th(Wed.) November, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 15th October, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.44 of 10th (Tue.) /11th(Wed.) November, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.45 of 16th (Mon.) /17th(Tue.) November, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 29th October, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.41

AUCTION OF 20th /21st OCTOBER, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 06th October to 12th October, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Bright mornings and evening showers were reported in both regions throughout the week. Heavy showers are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead, according to the Department of Meteorology.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions experienced sunny mornings and 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 occasional showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects misty conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

The Western, Nuwara and Low Grown regions maintained the crop intake, whilst the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions 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	Aug.	19.70	19.00	-0.7	177.00	172.20	-4.8
BANGLADESH	July	13.50	12.40	-1.1	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

LIMBE MARKET REPORT SALE 39 HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2026

There was less interest for the small quantity on offer of 1500 that were all taken out, some under bids.

1500 tea packages were offered and 1500 were sold.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

It was warm to hot during the day with isolated cloud cover, the nights were cool.
No rainfall activity reported.

Green leaf intakes still low.

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.41 of 12TH OCTOBER, 2026

There was Good general demand for the 111,040 packages (7.375m/kgs) available in the market with 18.23% unsold.

MARKET:

Pakistan Packers and **Bazaar** were active with strong enquiry from **Egyptian Packers, Yemen** and **other Middle Eastern countries. Kazakhstan** and **other CIS states** showed less interest with reduced support from **Afghanistan. UK** and **Russia** were selective with some activity from **South Sudan. Local Packers** were less active while **Somalia** maintained interest at the lower end of the market

OFFERINGS :-

Leaf Grades - 54,440 packages (3.566m/Kgs) - 23.44% unsold.
 Dust Grades - 39,360 packages (2.928m/Kgs) - 13.41% unsold.
 Secondary Grades - 17,240 packages (0.880m/kgs) - 12.76% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : Were easier by up to USC20 however select invoices held firm to USC8 above last levels.

Brighter: Irregularly shed by up to USC15.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC10 with Plantation Mediums up to USC10 below previous levels where sold.

Lower Medium: Met irregular enquiry ranging between USC11 above last rates to easier by a similar margin.

Plainer: Irregular interest and varied between firm to USC10 dearer.

PF1:

Best : Were irregular and ranged between steady to USC20a above previous rates but some teas shed by up to USC5.

Brighter : Firm to mostly dearer by up to USC9m with select lines easier by up to USC7.

Mediums : KTDA mediums held value to USC13 dearer for most offers however some teas lost by up to USC4 while plantation mediums were firm to USC13 dearer to easier by up to USC9.

Lower Medium : Saw irregular enquiry and varied between mostly steady to USC8 above last levels to easier by up to USC12.

Plainer : Mostly gained by up to USC10 for better sorts with select invoices easing by up to USC5.

DUST GRADES (M1)

PDUST:

- Best:** Gained by up to USC15.
- Brighter:** Advanced by up to USC10.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums with Plantation mediums steady to USC2 above previous levels.
- Lower Medium:** Firm to USC4 dearer to irregularly easier by up to USC6.
- Plainer:** Held value to USC5 dearer to USC8 below previous levels.

DUST1:

- Best:** Were firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC4.
- Brighter:** Steady to USC7 above previous levels, however select lines were USC3 easier.
- Mediums:** KTDA mediums were up to USC6 dearer to USC9 below previous rates. Plantation Mediums were steady to USC 3 dearer.
- Lower Medium:** Held value to USC6 dearer.
- Plainer:** Met more irregular enquiry and varied between USC7 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, **BPs** were about firm with **PFs** dearer. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** were discounted while **similar DUSTs** gained. **Other Fannings** held value with **DUSTs** steady. **BMFs** were well absorbed.

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FOR THE WEEKENDING – 10TH OCTOBER, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: All grades sold at dearer levels by Rs.2/-

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : All whole leaves sold irregularly around last levels. Primary brokenes were dearer upto Rs.5 and more. Secondary brokenes were fully firm and fannings were steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold lower by Rs.1 to 2. Medium and plainer sort bolder grades prices were fully firm to occasionally dearer by Rs.2 to 3, whilst the finer grades sold irregularly around last levels.

Market : Major Packeteers were active, Exporters extended fair support on plainer bolder Grades. Internal buyers operated cautiously.

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Generally, a firm to dearer market prevailed on the major quantity that was traded inspite of a major technical snag. This had affected the bidding process for many buyers which caused price difference between categories which sold at forenoon and afternoon sessions.

The overall sale percentage was 98% at an average of Rs. 131.86.

Buying Pattern: The Major Blenders and Packeteers have continued to show their patronize. The Exporters were lending fairly good support majorly operating on the Larger brokenes and on the Fannings. The Internal operation was rather price cautious.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Generally an irregular and mostly dearer market across all grades and categories with the Whole leaf grades trading at fully firm to dearer alongwith the Brokenes whilst the Fannings were rather trading at irregularly lower sometimes.

The overall sale percentage was 99% at an average of Rs. 153.91.

Buying Pattern: Strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with the CIS and Middle east countries were operating whilst Internal was rather selective.

Demand : Fairly strong.

Market : Market opened with the brighter liquoring teas have had an irregularly easier trend whilst the Mediums and common teas were ruling at barely steady levels. Hover the fairly blacker and cleaner sorts were selling at dearer levels at times. The later part of the sale had witnessed some withdrawals.
The overall sale percentage was 85% at an average of Rs. 133.24.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export operation was witnessed with the Internal lending some support operating on the brighter liquoring teas.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Strong.

Market: The comparatively strong enquiry had not reflected on the price levels as it had witnessed an irregularly easier trend. The primary dust and the Secondaries have had lower levels whilst the finer and Tertiaries were trading at firm to occasionally dearer levels.
The overall sale percentage was 96% at an average of Rs. 119.90.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with equally good internal participation.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Better medium and popular brokenes were firm. Medium and plainer teas were firm to dearer by Re.1- to Rs.2/-.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Whole leaf were barely steady. Medium brokenes were irregular and lower. BOPF not quotable.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

CTC DUST

Demand : Good general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular teas were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more. As sale progressed market was improved for blacker and grainy teas. Medium teas were irregular with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were dearer by Rs.3/- to Rs.8/- sometimes more.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good demand.

Market : Fully firm to dearer.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

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TEA NEWS – INTERNATIONAL

Ceylon Tea in decline as replanting slows, bushes age: World Bank



ECONOMYNEXT — Sri Lanka's most famous export is facing a long-term decline, with tea bush replanting running at just a fraction of the level required to keep estates productive, the World Bank said in its latest Sri Lanka Development Update October 2026, titled "From Recovery to Transformation".

In a special chapter on agribusiness in its October Development Update, the lender noted that tea production has fallen by around 25 percent since peaking in 2013. The crop still brings in about 1.5 billion US dollars a year, accounting for roughly 9 percent of national export earnings and supporting some 418,000 smallholders along with an estimated one million livelihoods.

"Tea shows how insufficient reinvestment erodes a competitive position," the report said.

Replanting covered just 912 hectares in 2022, representing only 17 percent of the recommended annual replacement rate of 2 percent. As a result, at least half of smallholder fields have passed their prime productive age, and 20 percent of tea bushes are now classified as senile or unproductive. High upfront costs and delayed returns continue to discourage growers from renewing their crops.

"Replanting costs about LKR 4.5 million per hectare and earns nothing for at least three

years,” the World Bank noted.

For Regional Plantation Companies (RPCs), which manage 26 percent of the country’s tea land, state leases are set to expire in 2045. With replanting investments carrying an eight to 10-year payback period, justifying these capital outlays becomes harder with each passing year.

Domestic policy has added further pressure on growers. Between 2013 and 2022, farmgate nominal rates of protection averaged around minus 33 percent for tea—functioning as an effective tax—even while local crops like potatoes and onions enjoyed protection rates above 50 percent.

These structural challenges have eroded Sri Lanka’s global market standing over the past two decades. The country lost its spot as the world’s top tea exporter by volume to Kenya in 2004, and fell behind China in both volume and value in 2015. In July 2026, tea export volumes dropped 17.2 percent year-on-year.

Despite the headwinds, the island retains a pricing advantage. Value-added, packaged Ceylon Tea commands an average free-on-board (FOB) price 37 percent higher than bulk auction prices, yet approximately 45 percent of exports are still shipped in bulk.

To reverse the slide, the World Bank pointed to specialty and single-origin teas as significant untapped opportunities, while urging authorities to extend plantation company leases beyond 2045 and channel export levies back into dedicated replanting funds. (Colombo/Oct6/2026)