

TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 41

October 20 & 21, 2026



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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.41 was held on October 20(Tue.)/ 21(Wed.), 2026. A total weight of 5.0MKgs 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 0.5MKgs. The Ex Estate category had 0.6MKgs.

Overall demand at Ex-Estate sale held today showed no significant change with the exception of the better teas selling at premium levels with buyers following quality closely. Best Western BOP'S/BOPF'S where quality was maintained were firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer with select invoices gaining further. Below best BOP's were irregular and barely steady whilst plainer sorts appreciated upto Rs.50/-. Below best BOPF's select invoices gained Rs.20/- whilst others together with the lower end teas were irregular following quality. Nuwara Eliya's and Udupussellwa's had hardly any offerings this week. Uva BOP's were Rs.20-40/- dearer whilst their corresponding BOPF's were firm to Rs.20-40/- dearer with the poor leaf sorts being barely steady. CTC Teas – High & Medium PF1's were generally firm whilst the poorest on offer barely maintained. Low grown PF1's were firm to marginally easier. There were hardly any BP1's on offer this week. The better liquoring teas continued to be sought after by shipper to Japan, the Continent and UK whilst the balance were accounted for by shippers to Russia, CIS and China along with the tea bag sector.

Low Grown continued to met with good demand for the majority of the grades with prices being steady throughout the auction. There was good demand from most International markets.

This week's auction comprised of **10,700** lots with **In Lighter Vein**
a total quantity of **5,057,362** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	The Student Reply
Low Grown Leafy	1,888	670,225	
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,711	675,700	On the first day of school,
Low Grown Tippy	1,911	854,471	the teacher asked a student, "What are your parents' names?"
High & Medium	1,436	593,306	The student replied,
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,262	1,133,909	"My father's name is Laughing and my mother's name is Smiling."
Dust	524	447,757	The teacher said, "Are you kidding?"
Premium Flowery	306	41,830	The student said, "No, Kidding is my brother. I am Joking." "
Ex-Estate	<u>662</u>	<u>640,164</u>	
Total	<u>10,700</u>	<u>5,057,362</u>	

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Best teas were firm, whilst the balance declined.

OP1 : Select best invoices were firm, below best teas together with the cleaner bold varieties declined by Rs.50/- per kg. Stalky teas too were an easier feature.

OP : In general, were dearer

OPA : Select best together with best category were firm, whilst the balance were irregularly dearer.

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK's were firm, whilst the balance declined. PEK1's in general were dearer.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-3100	2000-3500	1550-2000	1550-2250	1750-2850
	Last Week	1900-3100	2000-3400	1450-1900	1450-2200	1800-3050
BEST	This Week	1400-1850	1500-1850	1300-1450	1350-1500	1550-1650
	Last Week	1450-1850	1550-1950	1250-1400	1350-1500	1550-1750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1100-1300	1100-1400	1100-1250	1150-1300	1250-1450
	Last Week	1150-1400	1200-1450	1100-1200	1150-1300	1300-1500
SECONDARIES	This Week	950-1050	750-1000	850-1050	900-1100	1000-1200
	Last Week	900-1100	800-1000	800-950	900-1100	1000-1200
POOR	This Week	700-850	550-650	500 - 700	500 - 700	750-950
	Last Week	700-850	550-650	500 - 750	500 - 750	750-950

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Firm on last levels.

BOPF/BOPFSP : Well-made cleaner teas maintained on last levels. whilst the others were irregular following quality.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and best FBOP's maintained, others were lower Rs.50-70/-. FBOP1 in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : A few select best invoices maintained, whilst the others were easier by Rs.40-60/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were declined by Rs.50-75/- per kg. FBOPF's in general were firm.

FBOPFSP : A few selected very tippy teas maintained whilst the others held firm.

FFEXSP/SP1 : A few select best invoices maintained whilst the other held firm.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1850-2650	1750-2550	2000-2950	1700-1950	4000-5150
	Last Week	1850-2750	1650-2500	2000-2600	1700-2450	4000-5500
BEST	This Week	1600-1750	1550-1650	1700-1900	1500-1600	3150-3800
	Last Week	1650-1750	1400-1600	1650-1900	1550-1650	3000-3750
BELOW BEST	This Week	1440-1550	1100-1200	1440-1500	1320-1400	1900-2800
	Last Week	1450-1600	1140-1280	1450-1550	1380-1460	1800-2600
SECONDARIES	This Week	1240-1400	840-1000	1280-1350	1060-1200	1450-1700
	Last Week	1240-1400	860-1020	1320-1400	1100-1220	1420-1660
POOR	This Week	870-1180	600-920	880-1220	780-1000	1000-1340
	Last Week	900-1180	570-820	960-1240	810-1060	1000-1360

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : A few select best FBOP's were firm to easier whilst the others declined.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : A limited selections of best FBOPF1's were dearer on special inquiry whilst the others declined

PEK/PEK1 : Best PEK's were firm whilst the others were firm to easier. Best PEK1's were firm whilst the poorer sorts declined.

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 - 2100	1500 - 2150	1000 - 1500	1000 - 1550	750-900	800-950
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1500 - 2250	1500 - 1900	1400 - 1500	1400 - 1600	920-1080	950-1100
PEK/PEK1	1700 - 2200	1750 - 2450	900 - 1300	1000 - 1350	780 - 880	800 - 900

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Showed no significant change and the better teas continued to sell at a premium

BOP : Best Western's - were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer with a few select invoices gaining further, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were irregular and barely steady, whilst the Plainer sorts appreciated by Rs.50/- per kg and more for teas at the lower end of the market. Nuwara Eliya/Uda Pussellawa's had hardly any offerings. Uva's were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer.

BOPF : Best Western's, where quality was maintained, gained by a further Rs.20-40/- per kg and more for a few select invoices, whilst the others were irregular following quality. In the Below Best category, select invoices gained by Rs.20/- per kg, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market were irregular following quality. Nuwara Eliya/Uda Pussellawa's had hardly any offerings. Uva's - Select coloury invoices were firm and Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer, whilst the others were barely steady.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1340 - 1600	1320 - 1650	1340 - 1650	1380 - 1550
Below Best Westerns	1120 - 1320	1140 - 1300	1240 - 1320	1260 - 1360
Plainer Westerns	850 - 1100	840 - 1100	940 - 1220	900 - 1240
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	1120 - 1160	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1180 - 1200	840 - 980	940 - 1200	1120 - 1260
Other Uda Pussellawas	N/A	N/A	720	700 - 1020
Best Uva's	1380 - 1420	1340 - 1380	1140 - 1360	1240 - 1420
Other Uva's	1100 - 1260	1220	850 - 1080	850 - 1040

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : The limited volume of Large Leaf teas on offer sold well, whilst the others were firm and tended dearer.

BOPF : Better sorts were irregular, whilst the others poorer varieties sold at firm to dearer rates.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	920 - 2050	840 - 2250	690-1240	690-1280

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Generally firm.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Select Best tended easier. Other improved sorts were firm and marginally dearer, whilst the poorest were barely maintained.

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Firm and marginally easier mainly following quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	-	1200	700 - 1140	700 - 1160
Medium	660 - 1000	510 - 940	590 - 1120	570 - 1160
Low	790 - 840	510 - 800	590 - 1550	590 - 1550

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's advanced Rs.25-50/- 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.25-50/- per kg and others too followed a similar trend.

BOP1A : Select best teas firm on last week and best and below best teas firm on last. 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)	800 - 1280	750 - 1300	590-710	590-700	620-780	620-730
Good Fannings (CTC)	590-630	600-630	530-630	580-630	560-770	600-720
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	520 - 630	530 - 630	500-560	520-570	500-580	500-580
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	670-850	670-870	670-840	660-860	730-1150	760-1300
Other BM's	560-640	550-630	530-660	540-660	500-680	520-660
Best BOP1As	700-820	700-820	700-830	700-830	720-1550	720-1550
Other BOP1As	580-680	580-680	560-680	560-680	560-720	560-720

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown liquoring teas maintained last levels, whilst their secondaries and poorer types were irregular and mostly lower. Mid Grown teas sold firm on last levels. Low Growns were fully firm to dearer.

PD : High Growns were substantially lower to last levels whilst the Mid grown teas showed a upwards trend. Low growns 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)	780 - 1750	780 - 1750	760 - 1240	730 - 1200	700 - 1140	640 - 1040
Good Primary PD (CTC)	700 - 1240	700 - 1280	680 - 1160	680 - 1160	740 - 1500	700 - 1460
Secondary Dust	700 - 1200	700 - 1360	510- 520	730 - 820	720 - 1040	720 - 1040

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Ancoombra	BOP	2050/-
*Hatale	BOP	2050/-
*Hatale	BOPSP	1800/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1700/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1240/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1220/-
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1480/-
*Ancoombra	BOPFSP	1460/-
*Ancoombra	BOP1	1950/-
Craighead	FBOP	2100/-
*Ancoombra	FBOP	1950/-
Doombagastalawa	FBOP	1950/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1600/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	2250/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	2200/-
*Ancoombra	FBOPF1	1850/-
Cooroondoowatte	OP	1320/-
*Hatale	OP	1280/-
*Hatale	OP	1220/-
Greenwood	OPA	1200/-
Inguruwatte Sup.	OP1	1600/-
*Hatale	OP1	1550/-
*Harangalla	OP1	1480/-
*Galgewatta	PEKOE	1750/-
Harangalla	PEKOE	1750/-
*Hatale	PEKOE	1700/-
*Ancoombra	PEKOE	1700/-
*Meezan	PEKOE	1650/-
*Harangalla	PEKOE1	2200/-
Dartry Valley	PEKOE1	2200/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	2200/-
*Ancoombra	PEKOE1	2150/-

WESTERN HIGH

Bearwell	BOP	1600/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	1600/-
Dessford	BOPF	1650/-
New Meddecombra	BOP1	1800/-
St. Andrews	FBOP	1800/-
Cymru	FBOP1	1460/-
Bogahawatte	FBOPF	1020/-
Queensberry	FBOPF1	1650/-
Torrington	FBOPF1	1650/-
Venture	FBOPF1	1650/-
Glenloch	FBOPF1	1650/-
New Meddecombra	FBOPF1	1650/-
Venture	OP	1280/-
Cymru	OPA	1160/-
Glenloch	OP1	1650/-
St. Andrews	PEKOE	1700/-
Proft Super	PEKOE1	1950/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Kenmare	BOP	1260/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1550/-

UVA MEDIUM

*Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1800/-
Hindagala	BOPSP	1600/-
Dickwella	BOPSP	1600/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1700/-
Wewesse	BOP1	1800/-
Telbedde	FBOP	1900/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1550/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1320/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1900/-
Wewesse	OP	1280/-
Glen Alpin	OP	1260/-
*Roseland Uva	OP	1240/-
New Aruna Passara	OPA	1300/-
Telbedde	OP1	1700/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE	1750/-
Wewesse	PEKOE	1700/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE	1650/-
Aruna Passara	PEKOE1	2100/-
Aruna Keppetipola	PEKOE1	2100/-
Telbedde	PEKOE1	2000/-
*Roseland Uva	PEKOE1	1950/-

UVA HIGH

Uvakellie	BOP	1500/-
Spring Valley	BOPSP	1600/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1360/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1600/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1750/-
Ellatota Uva	FBOP	1700/-
Spring Valley	FBOP1	1400/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1800/-
Aislaby	OP	1220/-
Craig	OPA	1120/-
Aislaby	OP1	1550/-
Oodoowerre	PEKOE	1750/-
Spring Valley	PEKOE1	2050/-
*Ellathota Uva	PEKOE1	2000/-

UDAPUSSELLAWA

*Mooloya	BOP	1200/-
*Mooloya	BOPF	1200/-
Gonapitiya	BOP1	1300/-
Delmar	FBOP	1600/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP1	1200/-
Blairlomond	FBOPF1	1650/-
Delmar	OP	1280/-
Gampaha	OPA	1120/-
High Forest	OP1	1280/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE	1650/-
High Forest	PEKOE1	1850/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

Susantha	BOP1	3100/-
*Makandura	BOP1	2900/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3500/-
Miriswatta	OP	2000/-
Miriswatta	OPA	2250/-
*Makandura	PEKOE	2550/-
Danlanda watta	PEKOE	2350/-
*New Deraniyagala	PEKOE	2250/-
Lumbini	PEKOE1	2850/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

*Mahaliyadda	BOP	2650/-
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2650/-
Golden Garden	BOP	2600/-
*Nawagamuwehena	BOP	2550/-
*Andaradeniya S.	BOP	2550/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	2650/-
Kamarangapitiya	BOPSP	2600/-
*New Nivithigala	BOPSP	2500/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	2500/-
Wewelkandura S.	BOPF	2550/-
*Sithaka	BOPF	2000/-
Rajjuruwatta S.	BOPFSP	2550/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2950/-
Kiruwanaganga	FBOP1	2250/-
Kolonna Super	FBOP1	2050/-
*Andaradeniya S.	FBOP1	2000/-
*New Galagawa	FBOPF	2300/-
Sineth	FBOPF1	1950/-
Kingsbru	FBOPF1	1900/-
*Makandura	FBOPF1	1850/-
*Sithaka	FBOPF1	1850/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Renukanda	FBOPFSP	5150/-
*New Galagawa	FBOPFEXSP	4750/-
Miriswatta	FBOPFEXSP1	3700/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Mount Vernon CTC	PF1	1140/-
*Ulugedara CTC	PF1	1120/-
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1120/-
Ulugedara CTC	PF1	1120/-
Florence CTC	PF1	1120/-
*Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1100/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC	BP1	1000/-
Rothschild CTC	PF1	1120/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1120/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	880/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	870/-
*Birchwood CTC	BPS	840/-

LOW GROWN

Lantern Hill CTC	BP1	840/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1550/-
*Lantern Hill CTC	BPS	870/-

OFF GRADES

Galatara	BP	1480/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PF	1140/-
*Chandrika CTC	PF	790/-
Sachitha	BM	1160/-
*Chandrika Est.	FNGS	1000/-
Gouravilla	FNGS1	1280/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1600/-

BOPA

Danawala	BOPA	3000/-
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HIGH GROWN

Wattegodde	DUST	1200/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1750/-
Dunsinane CTC	PD	1240/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Rozella	DUST	510/-
Rozelle	DUST1	1240/-
*Vellai Oya	DUST1	1220/-
New Rothschild CTC	PD	1160/-
Strathdon CTC	PD	1160/-

LOW GROWN

*Chandrika Est.	DUST	1040/-
Ceciliyan CTC	DUST1	1420/-
*Wattahena	DUST1	1140/-
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1500/-

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.40 OF 14TH OCTOBER, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,091.29	1,074.20	1,028.05	1,053.47	1,042.06
Western High Grown	1,179.49	1,170.89	1,153.65	1,196.00	1,112.48
High Grown	1,156.69	1,143.42	1,114.25	1,158.15	1,089.62
Uva Medium	1,112.92	1,097.48	1,035.94	1,067.92	1,069.06
Western Medium	989.87	971.32	947.55	1,022.86	1,007.41
Medium Grown	1,021.83	1,002.03	976.26	1,034.80	1,027.11
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,363.59	1,359.98	1,291.60	1,255.35	1,263.64
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,342.12	1,328.76	1,271.50	1,241.09	1,247.44
Total	1,261.66	1,245.07	1,190.57	1,187.46	1,177.57

Private Sale Figures (08.10.2026 – 14.10.2026)

266,078.00

Cumulative

9,459,803.93

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

SALE NO: 42

SALE NO: 43

Sale of 27th /28th Oct. '26

Sale of 03rd /04th Nov. '26

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,005	701,337	1,936	677,914
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,945	759,684	1,785	699,893
Low Grown Tippy	2,064	902,949	1,944	862,475
High & Medium	1,564	659,793	1,596	700,330
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,105	1,070,305	2,493	1,226,849
Dust	473	414,176	538	450,005
Premium Flowery	373	47,530	313	40,177
Ex-Estate	689	661,744	682	658,461
Total	<u>11,218</u>	<u>5,217,518</u>	<u>11,287</u>	<u>5,316,104</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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.46 of 23rd (Mon.) /25th(Wed.) November, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 05th November, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.42

AUCTION OF 27th /28th OCTOBER, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 13th October to 19th October, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions experienced sunny mornings and evening showers during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in both regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Uda Pussellawa Regions

Both regions reported bright mornings and evening showers throughout the week. Rain is 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	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 41 HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2026

1500 tea packages were offered and 1100 were sold.

Fair demand at generally firm rates for 1500 packages on offer.

BP1 were firm on last to 1USC easier.

PF1/PD/D1 – N/A

PF1SC – Sold 5USC below valuation.

Secondary F2 were firm on last.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11TH OCTOBER, 2026

It was hot during the day and with warm nights. No rainfall activity reported during the reporting period.

Green leaf intakes improving gradually.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 25 OF MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2026

CTC LEAF: 51,530 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand.

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DUST: 10,451 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at slightly easier rates. Mediums met with a good demand but were easier by Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts met with less demand and witnessed fair withdrawal. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: In view of the impending holidays, market met with a little less demand with prices easing further particularly for the Medium and plainer varieties. Blenders were again active with some support from the Loose tea buyers.] It was noticeable throughout the sale that select well made good liquoring varieties were well competed for with prices generally being firm.

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	290-297	293-298	Best	293-298	295-300	PD	265-314	265-310
Good	277-285	280-287	Good	278-288	282-290	RD	262-316	260-321
Medium	265-272	268-275	Medium	265-275	266-277	D	250-318	250-310
Plain	255-260	258-265	Plain	255-260	260-265	CD	254-320	260-323
BLF	236-254	232-262	BLF	238-259	236-261	BLF	230-241	235-265

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SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 17TH OCTOBER, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: Broken sold at dearer levels by Rs.1/- to 2/-. Fannings were steady

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : All whole leaves sold irregularly and lower over last levels, heavy withdrawals were seen especially on the OP varieties. Primary and Secondary broken were fully firm. Fannings were steady.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Good Demand.

Buying Pattern : -

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

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : The market opened on a steady to firm and occasionally dearer levels. As the sale progressed, it gained momentum, with prices surging across all grades and categories by Rs.2/- to Rs.5/-, and up to Rs.8/- sometimes, following quality.

The overall sale percentage was 97% at an average of Rs.135.33.

Buying Pattern: The major blenders and regional packeteers were the mainstay, whilst the Karnataka and Andhra buyers were lending fair support. Export operation was mainly concentrated on the larger broken and on the fannings.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : An irregular trend, with the whole-leaf grades trading at steady to firm and occasionally dearer, whilst the broken were rather easier with some withdrawals. The secondaries and the fannings were steady to firm, selling around last levels.

The overall sale percentage was 86% at an average of Rs.152.47.

Buying Pattern: Fairly strong export enquiry was forthcoming, with very selective or subdued internal participation.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Fairly strong.**Market :** Generally, a steady market, with the brighter-liquoring teas trading at mostly easier levels, whilst the medium categories were trading at almost last levels. The common and plainer types have sold at fully firm to dearer levels.**The overall sale percentage was 89% at an average of Rs.132.82.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly strong export enquiry was forthcoming, with the Regional Packeteers lending good support. Internal was rather price-cautious, whilst M/s. Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea Produce Co.) continued to absorb the major quantity of the brighter liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Strong.**Market:** Generally, A Dearer Trend Across All Grades And Categories. The Primary Popular Dust Products Were Trading At Irregular Levels, Whilst The Medium Primaries, Secondaries And Tertiaries Were Selling At Fully Firm To Dearer Levels By Rs.2/-, And Sometimes More Following Quality.**The Overall Sale Percentage Was 95% At An Average Of Rs.123.86****Buying Pattern:** Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with equally good support from Anjaneya Enterprises (Devagiri Tea Produce Co.), absorbing most of the primary, cleaner teas. The internal market was lending fair support to the finer grades and tertiaries.**COIMBATORE****CTC Leaf****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular brokenes were lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Medium teas were dearer by Rs.2/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more, however BOPF's were fully firm to occasionally dearer by Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were firm to dearer by Rs.2/- sometimes more.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Fair demand.**MARKET :** Whole leaf were lower. Medium brokenes were barely steady to lower.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.**CTC Dust****Demand :** Fair general demand.**MARKET :** Better medium and popular teas were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- sometimes more. Medium teas were irregular and dearer by Rs.2/- with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/- 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.**October 21, 2026****-/ra.**

TEA NEWS - LOCAL

Publication – Daily Mirror

Headline – Tea production hits decade low as September output slides

Journalist – N/A

Page No – 07/09

Summary - Sri Lanka's tea production declined 3.28% to 192.62 million kilograms during January–September 2026, its lowest nine-month output since at least 2016, according to Forbes & Walker Research. September production fell 8.58% to 20.28 million kilograms, with High Grown and Medium Grown output declining 29.79% and 26.33%, respectively. Low Grown production increased 4.77% in September, while cumulative green tea production rose 6.75%.

Publication – The Leader

Headline – Tea Export Earnings under Pressure as Volumes Fall and Markets Shift

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka's tea exports declined 4.7% to 166.32 million kilograms during January–August 2026, while dollar earnings fell to approximately US\$948 million. Average export prices dropped to US\$5.70 per kilogramme, with higher freight costs and market disruptions affecting exporters. Türkiye became the largest Ceylon tea importer, followed by Iraq and Russia. The article highlights declining production, challenges faced by plantation workers and smallholders, and the need for market diversification, value-added exports, plantation rehabilitation and improved competitiveness.

Publication – Ada Derana

Headline – Tea Export Earnings Cross the US\$ 1 Billion Mark by September 2026

Journalist – N/A

Summary - Sri Lanka's tea export earnings reached US\$1.083 billion during January–September 2026, declining from US\$1.163 billion in 2025, according to Customs data analysed by Siyaka Research. Export volumes fell 4% to 189.4 million kg, while rupee earnings increased to Rs.350 billion. Value-added tea accounted for approximately 58% of exports. Shipments to Turkey rose 134%, while Iraq, China and Libya recorded declines amid Middle Eastern disruptions.

TEA NEWS – INTERNATIONAL

Elevating Vietnamese tea from a heritage to a new value



Beyond simply seeking individuals with the ability to create innovative tea-based beverages, World Master Tea Vietnam 2026 aims to connect tea culture with technology, business, and tourism. Within the framework of the Thai Nguyen International Tea Festival 2026, the competition opens up a new approach to promoting the value of tea plants, showcasing the unique identity of Thai Nguyen tea, and bringing traditional products closer to modern consumers.

World Master Tea Vietnam 2026 is a reality game show about the world of tea, where contestants go through a series of challenges testing their knowledge, skills, creativity, and tea culture. Through the journey of competition, experience, and discovery, World Master Tea seeks individuals with competence, confidence, and creative thinking, while also creating new approaches to bring tea closer to life, the younger generation, and the international community.

The program consists of 6 rounds of competition, implemented through 3 stages, from online selection to tea culture experience, product development, and business challenges.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Vinh, General Director of Quan Chu Tea Joint Stock Company and Head of the Organizing Committee of the competition, said: "The goal of the competition is not only to find the best tea brewer, but also to create a practical playground about the world of tea, where contestants can explore ingredients, culture, art, create products, and experience business challenges. What we hope is that tea, in addition to being mentioned as a traditional product, will also be recognized as a source of creative inspiration, a tourism product, and an economic sector with great potential for development."



Through online selection and interviews, 20 contestants were chosen to participate in the next rounds. The Organizing Committee divided them into 4 teams, each with 5 members. The teams researched, developed recipes, created menus, and selected products to participate in the business challenge. Each team could propose a maximum of 3 products, meeting requirements regarding quality, origin, technical specifications, and food safety.

Notably, in the business challenge, teams had 4 hours to organize a sales activity. Actual revenue accounted for 50% of the team's ranking score, with the remaining 50% coming from the judges' scores. Evaluation criteria included product quality, operational efficiency, teamwork, product presentation, customer experience, and compliance with hygiene and safety requirements.

Including actual revenue as a scoring criterion is a way to verify the applicability of a creative idea. A product may be appealing during a presentation, but to survive in the market, it must meet real needs, maintain consistent quality, and be commercially viable. This is also a practical lesson for those who want to develop tea products into a startup or expand their business operations.

Following the business challenge, 10 contestants advanced to the Tea and Cuisine round; the top 3 contestants competed in the Tea and Style round, creating a tea experience for special guests. The Grand Prize included a total of 100 million VND; the title of Tea Culture Ambassador was awarded 20 million VND in cash along with gifts.

World Master Tea Vietnam 2026 cannot replace the long-term efforts in improving the quality of raw materials, building brands, and expanding markets for Thai Nguyen tea. However, through cultural connections, creativity, and business challenges, the competition creates another approach to promoting the value of traditional products.
