TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 42

October 27 & 28, 2026

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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, Sale No.42 was held on October 27(Tue.)/ 28(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 2.4MKgs, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.7MKgs. The Ex Estate category had 0.7MKgs.

Demand in the Ex-Estate catalogues sold today was somewhat similar to the last auction with the exception of price fluctuations seen often following quality. Best and below Western BOP's were dearer by Rs.20-40/- per kg following quality whilst others were firm to lower by a similar margin. Plainer teas were firm to irregularly dearer. Select high priced Western BOPF's of last week were substantially easier whilst others were irregular following quality. Below best select improved teas were Rs.20/- per kg dearer whilst others together with teas at the lower end sold around last levels. Nuwara Eliya's teas were barely steady whilst there were hardly any Uda Pussellawa's on offer this week. Select Uva BOP's were up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer whilst others sold on last levels. Their corresponding BOPF's were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. CTC Teas – PF1's from all elevations were firm on last levels. There were hardly any BP1's from High & Medium areas, but Low Grown BP1's were firm. The better liquoring teas continued to be sought after by shippers to Japan, the Continent and UK whilst the balance were absorbed for by shippers to Russia, CIS and China along with the tea bag sector.

Low Growns met with good demand this week with prices being steady throughout the sale. There was strong demand from most traditional markets.

This week's auction comprised of **11,218** lots with a total quantity of **5,217,518** Kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,005	701,337
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,945	759,684
Low Grown Tippy	2,064	902,949
High & Medium	1,564	659,793
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,105	1,070,305
Dust	473	414,176
Premium Flowery	373	47,530
Ex-Estate	689	661,744
Total	**11,218**	**5,217,518**

In Lighter Vein

A Beer before the Problems

A man walks into a bar and says, "Give me a beer before the problems start!"

He drinks the beer and then orders another saying, "Give me a beer before the problems start!"

The bartender looks confused. This goes on for a while, and after the fifth beer, the bartender is totally confused and asks the man "When are you going to pay for these beers?"

The man answers, "Now the problems start!"

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best invoices maintained last week levels. Balance were irregularly lower.

OP1 : Wiry OP1's held firm. Bolder types too maintained at last week's levels. Stalky invoices declined by Rs.50/- per kg.

OP : Well-twisted OP's held firm. Balance were irregularly lower.

OPA : Generally lower.

PEK/PEK1 : PEK market was generally lower. Well-made PEK1's maintained at last week levels. Balance were irregularly lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP1	OP1	OP	OPA	PEK/PEK1
SELECT BEST	**This Week**	**1850-3150**	**2000-3550**	**1500-2450**	**1500-1850**	**1750-2950**
	Last Week	1900-3100	2000-3500	1550-2000	1550-2250	1750-2850
BEST	**This Week**	**1350-1800**	**1500-1950**	**1250-1450**	**1300-1450**	**1500-1700**
	Last Week	1400-1850	1500-1850	1300-1450	1350-1500	1550-1650
BELOW BEST	**This Week**	**1000-1250**	**1150-1450**	**1050-1200**	**1100-1250**	**1200-1450**
	Last Week	1100-1300	1100-1400	1100-1250	1150-1300	1250-1450
SECONDARIES	**This Week**	**850-950**	**700-1100**	**800-1000**	**850-1050**	**1000-1150**
	Last Week	950-1050	750-1000	850-1050	900-1100	1000-1200
POOR	**This Week**	**700-800**	**500-650**	**450 - 750**	**450 - 800**	**700-950**
	Last Week	700-850	550-650	500 - 700	500 - 700	750-950

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : In general met with a firm market.

BOPF/BOPFSP : A few selected select best and best invoices maintained. Others were irregularly lower.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select best and best FBOP's were easier by Rs.50-100/- per kg whilst below best cleaner teas were irregular following quality. Bolder FBOP's maintained on last levels. FBOP1's were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : A few select best and best FBOPF1's were firm, whilst the Below best and lower end teas were irregular. FBOPF's too were irregular.

FBOPFSP : Overall easier by Rs.500/- per kg.

FFEXSP/SP1 : Except for few selected invoices, others firm to easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)		BOP/ BOPSP	BOPF/ BOPFSP	FBOP/ FBOP1	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	FBOPFSP/ FBOPFEXSP
SELECT BEST	This Week	1900-2800	1750-2650	1900-2850	1700-2250	3650-5250
	Last Week	1850-2650	1750-2550	2000-2950	1700-1950	4000-5150
BEST	This Week	1650-1800	1500-1650	1700-1850	1500-1650	2700-3300
	Last Week	1600-1750	1550-1650	1700-1900	1500-1600	3150-3800
BELOW BEST	This Week	1460-1600	1180-1300	1440-1500	1320-1450	1750-2400
	Last Week	1440-1550	1100-1200	1440-1500	1320-1400	1900-2800
SECONDARIES	This Week	1280-1420	880-1050	1280-1350	1060-1150	1400-1600
	Last Week	1240-1400	840-1000	1280-1350	1060-1200	1450-1700
POOR	This Week	850-1220	620-890	900-1240	800-950	1060-1300
	Last Week	870-1180	600-920	880-1220	780-1000	1000-1340

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : A few select best FBOP's maintained. Others were firm. Poorer sorts declined.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Select best FBOPF/FBOPF1's dearer upon special inquiry. Best and below best firm to easier. Others too easier by Rs.40-80/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1 : Bolder varieties declined sharply. Others maintained. PEK1's too maintained.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
FBOP	**1500 - 2150**	1500 - 2100	**1000 – 1500**	1000 – 1500	**800-900**	750-900
FBOPF/FBOPF1	**1500 - 2300**	1500 - 2250	**1350 - 1450**	1400 - 1500	**900-1040**	920-1080
PEK/PEK1	**1700 - 2400**	1700 - 2200	**900 - 1250**	900 - 1300	**750 - 850**	780 - 880

HIGH GROWN TEAS

MARKET : Showed no significant change with price fluctuations often following quality

BOP : Best and Below Best Western's – Select invoices were Rs.20-40/- per kg dearer following quality, whilst the others were firm and lower by a similar margin. Plainer sorts were firm and irregularly dearer. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's had hardly any offerings. Uva's – Select invoices were up to Rs.50/- per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last.

BOPF : Best Western's – Select high-priced teas of last week were substantially easier, whilst the others were irregular following quality. In the Below Best category, select improved teas were Rs.20/- per kg dearer, whilst the others together with teas at the lower end of the market continued to sell around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's had hardly any offerings. Uva's were Rs.20-40/- per kg easier

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Best Westerns	**1360 – 1650**	1340 – 1600	**1380 – 1550**	1340 – 1650
Below Best Westerns	**1140 – 1340**	1120 – 1320	**1260 – 1360**	1240 – 1320
Plainer Westerns	**1020 - 1120**	850 - 1100	**980 - 1240**	940 - 1220
Nuwara Eliyas	**1060 - 1080**	N/A	**1020 - 1300**	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	**1280 - 1300**	1180 - 1200	**1180 - 1240**	940 - 1200
Other Uda Pussellawas	**1060 - 1180**	N/A	**1020**	720
Best Uva's	**1340 - 1550**	1380 - 1420	**1240 - 1320**	1140 - 1360
Other Uva's	**N/A**	1100 - 1260	**1200**	850 - 1080

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Select large leaf teas were substantially dearer, whilst the others continued to sell at firm to dearer rates.

BOPF : Better sorts gained by Rs.20/- per kg selectively, whilst the others and particularly the poorer sorts were irregular and easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Best Westerns	**900 - 2350**	920 - 2050	**800-1260**	690-1240

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:-

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Firm following quality.

MEDIUM GROWN:-

BP1 - Irregular.

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

LOW GROWN:-

BP1 - Firm and dearer.

PF1 - Mostly sold around last week's levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
High	**550 - 1220**	-	**550 - 1100**	700 - 1140
Medium	**550 - 1060**	660 - 1000	**550 - 1100**	590 - 1120
Low	**760 - 1440**	790 - 840	**570 - 1480**	590 - 1550

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's advanced Rs.25/- per kg whilst select best Low Grown FNGS/FNGs1 appreciated by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Others were irregular. Select best BM's lost Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst others too followed a similar trend.

BOP1A : Select best teas firm on last week levels and best and below best teas firm to dearer by Rs.10-30/- per kg. Poor teas held firm.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	**820 - 1250**	800 - 1280	**590-730**	590-710	**620-800**	620-780
Good Fannings (CTC)	**590-630**	590-630	**530-630**	530-630	**560-770**	560-770
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	**530 - 630**	520 - 630	**500-560**	500-560	**500-580**	500-580
Other Fannings (CTC)	**N/A**	N/A	**N/A**	N/A	**N/A**	N/A
Good BM's	**650-820**	670-850	**640-800**	670-840	**650-1150**	730-1150
Other BM's	**540-600**	560-640	**530-620**	530-660	**500-620**	500-680
Best BOP1As	**700-800**	700-820	**720-830**	700-830	**750-1500**	720-1550
Other BOP1As	**580-680**	580-680	**560-680**	560-680	**550-720**	560-720

DUST

DUST/DUST1: High grown teas maintained last levels, whilst their secondaries were irregular and mostly lower. Mid growns sold firm on last levels. Low grown cleaner teas maintained last levels, whilst the others were fully firm to dearer.

PD : High Growns together with Mid Growns were firm to dearer. Low Growns were irregular and mostly lower.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week	This Week	Last Week
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	**720 – 1650**	780 – 1750	**760 - 1240**	760 - 1240	**700 - 1060**	700 - 1140
Good Primary PD (CTC)	**730 – 1260**	700 – 1240	**680 – 1120**	680 – 1160	**720 - 1400**	740 - 1500
Secondary Dust	**730 - 1140**	700 - 1200	**620– 870**	510– 520	**720 - 1060**	720 - 1040

WESTERN MEDIUM

Dartry Valley	BOP	2350/-
Craighead	BOP	2350/-
***Hatale**	**BOP**	**2250/-**
***Ancoombra**	**BOP**	**2200/-**
Dartry Valley	BOPSP	1950/-
***Hatale**	**BOPSP**	**1750/-**
***Ancoombra**	**BOPSP**	**1650/-**
Vellai Oya	BOPF	1260/-
***Vellai Oya**	**BOPF**	**1240/-**
***Ancoombra**	**BOPFSP**	**1400/-**
Dartry Valley	BOPFSP	1400/-
***Galgewatta**	**BOPFSP**	**1380/-**
Dartry Valley	BOP1	2300/-
Dartry Valley	FBOP	2150/-
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1	1600/-
Craighead	FBOPF1	2300/-
Craighead	OP	1320/-
Pupuressa	OP	1220/-
***Galgewatta**	**OP**	**1200/-**
***Hansagiri Kothmale**	**OPA**	**1220/-**
***Ingurugala**	**OPA**	**1120/-**
Craighead	OP1	2300/-
***Hatale**	**PEKOE**	**1750/-**
Castlemilk	PEKOE	1650/-
*** Dartry Valley**	**PEKOE**	**1600/-**
***Galgewatta**	**PEKOE**	**1600/-**
Harangalla	PEKOE1	2400/-
Craighead	PEKOE1	2350/-
***Galgewatta**	**PEKOE1**	**2250/-**

WESTERN HIGH

Frotoft Super	BOP	1650/-
Holyrood	BOPSP	1460/-
Wanarajah	BOPF	1550/-
Torrington	BOP1	1850/-
Venture	FBOP	1700/-
Queensberry	FBOP	1700/-
Torrington	FBOP1	1360/-
Queensberry	FBOPF1	1700/-
Torrington	OP	1320/-
ST.Andrews	OPA	1280/-
Venture	OP1	1600/-
ST.Andrews	OP1	1600/-
Bearwell	PEKOE	1550/-
Frotoft Super	PEKOE1	2050/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Court Lodge	BOP	1160/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF	1300/-
Court Lodge	BOP1	1280/-
Court Lodge	FBOP	1440/-
Kenmare	FBOPF1	1480/-
Kenmare	OP1	1100/-
Court Lodge	PEKOE	1200/-

UVA MEDIUM

***Halpewatta Uva**	**BOP**	**1900/-**
Dickwella	BOPSP	1700/-
Dickwella	BOPFSP	1800/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	1900/-
Aruna Passara	FBOP	1850/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP	1850/-
Dickwella	FBOP1	1650/-
Hindagala	FBOPF	1100/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1	1750/-
New Aruna Passara	OP	1280/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	1280/-
Wewesse	OP	1280/-
New Aruna Passara	OPA	1260/-
Telbedde	OP1	1800/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEKOE	1900/-
Misty Uva	PEKOE1	2300/-

UVA HIGH

Nayabedde	BOP	1550/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1650/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	1320/-
Spring Valley	BOPFSP	1480/-
Aislaby	BOP1	1500/-
***Ellathota Uva**	**BOP1**	**1480/-**
Ellathota Uva	FBOP	1800/-
***Battawatte**	**FBOP1**	**1420/-**
Uva Highlands	FBOPF1	1600/-
Spring Valley	FBOPF1	1600/-
Oodoowerre	FBOPF1	1600/-
Aislaby	FBOPF1	1600/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	1600/-
Aislaby	OP	1240/-
***Ellathota Uva**	**OP**	**1140/-**
Ranaya	OPA	1140/-
***Battawatte**	**OPA**	**1100/-**
***Ellathota Uva**	**OP1**	**1550/-**
Oodoowerre	PEKOE	1850/-
Ranaya	PEKOE1	2150/-
***Ellathota Uva**	**PEKOE1**	**2000/-**

UDAPUSSELLAWA

***Mooloya**	**BOP**	**1300/-**
***Mooloya**	**BOP**	**1280/-**
Mooloya	BOPSP	1180/-
***Mooloya**	**BOPF**	**1240/-**
Delmar	FBOP	1550/-
Gonapitiya	FBOP1	1320/-
Blairlimond	FBOPF	1120/-
Delmar	FBOPF1	1650/-
Maha Uva	OP	1240/-
Gampaha	OPA	1120/-
Delmar	OP1	1550/-
High Forest	PEKOE	1440/-
Maha Uva	PEKOE1	1950/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

***Makandura**	**BOP1**	**3150/-**
Dampahala	OP1	3550/-
Miriswatta	OP	2450/-
Miriswatta	OPA	1850/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2900/-
Liyonta	PEKOE1	2950/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

***Andaradeniya S.**	**BOP**	**2800/-**
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2700/-
***Mahaliyadda**	**BOP**	**2650/-**
***Elaine Super**	**BOPSP**	**2850/-**
***New Nivithigala**	**BOPSP**	**2500/-**
Kamarangapitiya	BOPSP	2500/-
Wewelkandura S.	BOPF	2650/-
***Sithaka**	**BOPF**	**1650/-**
Rajjuruwatta S.	BOPFSP	2450/-
***Sithaka**	**FBOP**	**2850/-**
Kiruwanaganga	FBOP1	2450/-
New Batuwangala	FBOP1	2250/-
***Karawita**	**FBOP1**	**2150/-**
Wewelkandura S.	FBOPF	2000/-
Sisiramba Super	FBOPF	2000/-
Ransavi	FBOPF	1950/-
Danawala	FBOPF	1950/-
***Ganganee**	**FBOPF**	**1900/-**
***Hedigalla**	**FBOPF**	**1900/-**
Sineth	FBOPF1	2250/-
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	2000/-
***Sithka**	**FBOPF1**	**1900/-**

PREMIUM FLOWERY

New Deniyaya	FBOPFSP	3650/-
Kiruwanaganga	FBOPFSP	3550/-
***Maleesha Group**	**FBOPFSP**	**3500/-**
Morawakkorale	FBOPFEXSP	5250/
Ceyenta	FBOPFEXSP1	4050/-

*** Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd / +++All Time Record Price / ++ Equal All Time Record Price**

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN

Dunsinane CTC	BP1	1220/-
***Dunsinane CTC**	**PF1**	**1100/-**

MEDIUM GROWN

Delta CTC	BP1	1060/-
***New Peacock CTC**	**PF1**	**1100/-**
New Peacock CTC	PF1	1100/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	1100/-
***Birchwood CTC**	**BPS**	**840/-**
Birchwood CTC	BPS	840/-

LOW GROWN

Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1440/-
***Kalubowitiyana CTC**	**PF1**	**1480/-**
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1480/-
***Lantern Hill CTC**	**BPS**	**850/-**

OFF GRADES

Wewelkandura S	BP	1340/-
***Kothmale Hills**	**BP**	**1160/-**
***Laksakanda**	**BP**	**1140/-**
Hingalgoda CTC	PF	1280/-
Chandrika CTC	PF	800/-
***Chandrika CTC**	**PF**	**800/-**
Ranmeer	BM	1160/-
Liyonta	FNGS	960/-
Wanarajah	FNGS1	1320/-
Liyonta	BOP1A	1650/-

BOPA

Makandura	BOPA	2900/-
***Green House**	**BOPA**	**2850/-**
***Hedigalla**	**BOPA**	**2800/-**

HIGH GROWN

Mattakelle	DUST	1140/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1650/-
Dunsinane CTC	PD	1260/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Demodera S	DUST	870/-
Vellai Oya	DUST1	1240/-
***Vellai Oya**	**DUST1**	**1200/-**
Strathdon CTC	PD	1120/-
Delta CTC	PD	1120/-
***Rothschild CTC**	**PD**	**1100/-**
***Kallebokka CTC**	**PD**	**1080/-**

LOW GROWN

Chandrika Est.	DUST	1060/-
***Andaradeniya Hills**	**DUST**	**1020/-**
Wewelkandura	DUST1	1060/-
***Chandrika Est.**	**DUST1**	**1060/-**
***Wattahena**	**DUST1**	**1040/-**
***Chandrika Est.**	**DUST1**	**1020/-**
Ceciliyan CTC	PD	1400/-

*** Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd / +++All Time Record Price / ++ Equal All Time Record Price**

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.41 OF 21ST OCTOBER, 2026

	2026			2025	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,101.68	1,083.65	1,029.36	1,056.55	1,042.34
Western High Grown	1,197.22	1,181.84	1,154.69	1,195.53	1,114.49
High Grown	1,172.96	1,155.73	1,115.54	1,156.95	1,091.15
Uva Medium	1,087.32	1,095.60	1,036.83	1,079.26	1,069.23
Western Medium	962.70	970.11	947.90	1,032.63	1,008.04
Medium Grown	995.75	1,001.16	976.67	1,045.02	1,027.53
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,313.04	1,345.15	1,292.08	1,267.45	1,263.72
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,291.73	1,314.98	1,271.96	1,255.54	1,247.62
Total	1,221.10	1,235.81	1,191.25	1,197.62	1,178.03

Private Sale Figures (15.10.2026 – 21.10.2026)	220,689.00
Cumulative	9,680,492.93

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	SALE NO: 43		SALE NO: 44	
	Sale of 03rd/04th Nov. '26		Sale of 10th/11th Nov. '26	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,936	677,914	1,915	665,962
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,785	699,893	1,829	737,906
Low Grown Tippy	1,944	862,475	2,097	931,899
High & Medium	1,596	700,330	1,869	823,391
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,493	1,226,849	2,332	1,134,953
Dust	538	450,005	515	439,868
Premium Flowery	313	40,177	348	46,374
Ex-Estate	682	658,461	687	658,970
Total	11,287	5,316,104	11,592	5,439,323

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

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

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues which were scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 29th October, 2026 at 04.30 p.m** has now being extended until **Friday 30th October, 2026at 4.30 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.47 of 01st (Tue.) /02nd (Wed.) December, 2026

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **Thursday, 12th November, 2026 at 04.30 p.m.**

SALE NO.43

AUCTION OF 03rd/04th NOVEMBER, 2026

BROKERS' SELLING ORDER

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 20th October to 26th October, 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

Both regions reported heavy rain 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

Rain was experienced in the Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions during the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Growns

The Low Grown Region reported rain throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects thunder showers in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop Intake

All regions maintained the crop intake.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	*Month*	*2025*	*2026*	*Difference +/-*	*To-date 2025*	*To-date 2026*	*Difference +/-*
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

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 26 OF MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 2026

CTC LEAF: 49,689 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand.

BROKENS: Well-made good liquoring varieties continued to meet with a fairly good demand and prices eased only slightly. Medium sorts also met with a fairly good demand but were easier following quality. Plainer types met with a fair demand and were easier. BLF teas met with a fairly good demand but prices eased further.

FANNINGS: Well-made good liquoring Fannings were again a good market but were slightly easier over last. Mediums were a fairly good market and were mostly a little easier. Plainer varieties met with a fair demand at easier rates. BLF teas met with a fairly good demand but prices eased further

DUST: 11,027 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at around last levels. Mediums saw fair demand but were easier by Tk.6/- to Tk.8/- following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts again were in less demand and witnessed fair withdrawal. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Blenders continued to provide good support for all varieties especially for brighter liquoring types which were about steady. Loose tea buyers were selective this week. Dusts were an easier market.

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Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	**290-295**	290-297	Best	**290-295**	293-298	PD	**265-325**	265-314
Good	**275-282**	277-285	Good	**277-283**	278-288	RD	**245-318**	262-316
Medium	**260-270**	265-272	Medium	**263-273**	265-275	D	**250-323**	250-318
Plain	**250-255**	255-260	Plain	**250-255**	255-260	CD	**250-320**	254-320
BLF	**230-255**	236-254	BLF	**233-260**	238-259	BLF	**222-238**	230-241

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Sale No.42 of 19TH OCTOBER, 2026

Good general demand prevailed for the 110,289 packages (7,214,664.00 kilos) on offer; 12.49% was unsold.

MARKET:

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

OFFERINGS :-

Orthodox Grades - 4,210 packages (157,460.00 kilos) – 69.83% unsold.
Leaf Grades - 53,640 packages (3,539,798.00 kilos) – 14.17% unsold.
Dust Grades - 36,360 packages (2,709,156.00 kilos) – 7.37% unsold.
Secondary Grades - 16,079 packages (792,254.00 kilos) – 3.48% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best : More irregular interest varying between USC15 dearer to easier by a similar margin.

Brighter: Saw good absorption at irregular levels ranging between USC14 dearer for most offers, however some teas lost by up to USC10.

Mediums: KTDA mediums were steady to USC3 below previous rates while plantation mediums were irregular and ranged between firm to USC10 dearer for some lines to USC2 easier with a number of teas remaining unsold.

Lower Medium: Firm to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC10.

Plainer: Were steady to USC7 dearer to USC6 below last rates.

PF1:

Best : Firm to mostly dearer by up to USC12 to irregularly easier by up to USC4.

Brighter : Were steady to USC4 above last levels to easier by a similar margin.

Mediums : KTDA mediums saw good enquiry and varied between firm to dearer by up to USC10, however some teas shed by up to USC3. Plantation mediums saw irregular support and ranged between USC8 dearer to USC3 below previous rates.

Lower Medium : Saw improved enquiry and varied between firm to USC7 dearer to easier by up to USC5.

Plainer : Saw irregular support and ranged between firm to easier by up to USC2.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 – USC	PF1 – USC
Best	310- 398	311 – 360
Good	304 – 354	313 – 340
Good Medium	292 – 329	292 - 335
Medium (KTDA)	244 – 262	232 – 281
Medium (Plantations)	194 - 245	210- 231
Lower Medium	164 – 234	162 – 236
Plainer	121 - 155	120 - 157

DUST GRADES (M1)

PDUST:

Best: Were more irregular ranged between USC13 dearer to easier by up to USC11.

Brighter: Tended easier by up to USC8 with some lines about steady.

Mediums: KTDA mediums irregularly gained by up to USC10 with plantation mediums dearer by up to USC5 to USC3 below previous rates.

Lower Medium: Saw irregular interest varying between firm to USC4 above last rates to easier by up to USC3.

Plainer: Met steady interest for better types with others irregular ranging between USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC3.

DUST1:

Best: Some teas advanced by up to USC5 with others easier by up to USC3.

Brighter: Firm to mostly dearer by up to USC4 to easier by up to USC2.

Mediums: KTDA mediums mostly gained by up to USC9 while plantation mediums were steady to USC4 above previous levels.

Lower Medium: Were up to USC2 dearer to easier by up to USC5.

Plainer: Were irregular ranging between USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC4.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST – USC	DUST1 – USC
Best	347 – 367	300 - 380
Good	345 – 355	300 - 308
Good Medium	275 – 356	245- 305
Medium (KTDA)	237 - 259	200 – 276
Medium (Plantati ons)	209 – 224	206 – 218
Lower Medium	165 – 210	165 – 194
Plainer	121 - 167	127 - 174

SECONDARY GRADES(S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, best **BPs** were dearer while others held value; **PF**s appreciated. Clean well sorted coloury **Fannings** gained while similar **DUST**s were dearer. **Other Fannings** were firm to irregularly dearer with **DUST**s selling at about previous levels. **BMF**s were readily absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP / BP2	PF / PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST / DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	318 – 357	-	191 – 218	191 - 333	-
Good Medium /Medium	-	-	178 – 210	150 - 233	-
Lower Medium	170 – 212	140 – 170	134 – 174	130 - 177	122 –141
Plainer	131 – 137	113 - 146	103 - 146	114 - 140	110 - 127

COURTESY: AFRICA TEA BROKERS LIMITED

SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEKENDING – 24TH OCTOBER, 2026

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good Demand: Brokens were steady to dearer, while the Fannings were irregular around last week.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Less Demand.

Buying Pattern : All whole leaves were easier and had heavy withdrawals. Primary and Secondary Brokens were fairly steady to easier. Fannings were irregular.

Market : CIS & Middle East Buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : Popular marks and better mediums sold irregularly and easier by Rs.1. Medium teas sold easier with some withdrawals. Plainer sort bolder grades prices were steady, whilst the finer grades sold easier by Rs.2 with some withdrawals.

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

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Strong.

Market : Barely a steady market for the maximum quantity that was traded. However, some of the high-priced brighter liquoring teas have held their levels. The better mediums and the BOPF's have had an irregular trend of either sold low or being outlisted.
The overall sale percentage was 95% at an average of Rs. 135.33.

Buying Pattern: The major blenders were the mainstay yet again sharing the major quantity among themselves, whilst the export buying was mainly confined to the larger brokens and fannings. On the Internal front Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka buyers were seen lending fair support.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Market was irregular and mostly easier by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/-, and up to Rs. 10/- following quality. A few select lines of whole leaf grades have held on to their levels or dearer by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 5/-.
The overall sale percentage was 87% at an average of Rs. 154.18.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming, with equally good support from the Internal buyers.

CTC DUST

Demand : Only fair.

Market : Generally, an easier trend across all grades and categories by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/-, with fair withdrawals and mostly on the better mediums.
The overall sale percentage was 71% at an average of Rs. 130.79.

Buying Pattern: Fair support was forthcoming from the major blenders and regional packeteers. Export was lending some support with internal being selective or rather subdued.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Less.

Market: In spite of the less demand, the market was trading at steady to firm and occasionally dearer levels across grades.
The overall sale percentage was 66% at an average of Rs. 125.68.

Buying Pattern: Fair export enquiry was witnessed, with very selective internal participation.

COIMBATORE

CTC Leaf

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Better medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Medium and plainer teas were barely steady to occasionally dearer.

Buying Pattern : Blenders and packeteers were active. Exporters and internal were selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Fair demand.

MARKET : Whole leaf were barely steady with few withdrawals. Well made medium brokens were fully firm with few withdrawals. Medium brokens were irregular. BOPF not quotable.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were active.

CTC Dust

Demand : Less demand.

MARKET : Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- and suffered heavy withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.4/- sometimes more with heavy withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more.

Buying Pattern : All sections were selective.

Orth Dust

Demand : Less demand.

Market : Lower by Rs.3/- to Rs.5/- with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective.

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TEA NEWS - LOCAL

Publication – Daily Mirror
Headline – Sri Lanka's exports reach US$ 13.61 Bn in first nine months of 2026

Summary - Sri Lanka's exports reached US$13.61 billion during January–September 2026, up 5.04%. Rubber and rubber-based product exports increased 8.44% to US$773.88 million, supported by tyres and gloves. Tea exports declined 6.83% to US$1.08 billion, mainly due to weaker Middle Eastern demand. September rubber exports grew 33.68%, while tea earnings fell 1.38%. Tea exports to Turkey increased significantly.

Publication – Sunday Times
Headline – Dilmah wins at presidential Environment awards

Summary - Dilmah Ceylon Tea received the Gold Award in the Tea Processing category at the Presidential Environmental Awards 2026, held on October 19 at BMICH. The award recognised Dilmah's commitment to environmental sustainability across its tea processing operations and supply chain, including energy efficiency, engineering improvements, sustainable packaging, responsible waste management and ecosystem protection. Chairman Dilhan C. Fernando reaffirmed the company's commitment to conservation, ecosystem restoration and environmental education

Publication – Sunday Morning
Headline – Iran tea-for-oil scheme: Tea Board rules out new barter deals

Summary - The Sri Lanka Tea Board ruled out new barter agreements following difficulties with the Iran tea-for-oil scheme. Approximately US$235 million in Ceylon Tea exports have been completed, with US$15 million awaiting reconciliation. Administrative delays and liquidity problems discouraged exporters from further State-managed arrangements. Tea export earnings declined to US$1.083 billion during January–September 2026, despite rupee earnings increasing to Rs.350 billion.

Publication – Lanka News Papers
Headline – Sri Lankan Exporters Set for Cost Advantage as China Market Opens Wider

Summary - Sri Lankan exporters, including tea and rubber-based product manufacturers, are expected to benefit from reduced tariffs and streamlined trade arrangements when entering China's market. Improved access could lower export costs, strengthen competitiveness and create new revenue opportunities. The development is expected to support Sri Lanka's economic recovery, export diversification and foreign reserves. Trade bodies may introduce awareness programmes and logistical support for smaller exporters.

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