



NATIONAL TEA SALE AVERAGES – MAY 2026

Key Highlights:

- Sale Average of May 2026 records Rs. 1,184.56 (USD 3.65), an increase of Rs. 4.86 (negative USD 0.04) vis-à-vis April 2026
- Low Grown elevation recorded a positive variance in both LKR and USD terms, whilst the High Grown and Mid Grown elevations recorded decreases both in LKR and USD terms against the previous month
- Cumulatively, all elevations except for the High Grown elevation witnessed a decline in LKR terms, whilst in USD terms all elevations saw a negative variance in comparison with the corresponding month in the year 2025

In Sri Lankan Rupees								
	26-May	26-Apr	MOM Variance	25-May	YOY Variance	To date 2026	To date 2025	YOY Variance
High Grown	1,113.89	1,161.94	-48.05	1,038.64	75.25	1,144.45	1,097.04	47.41
Medium Grown	1,010.30	1,031.79	-21.49	1,024.08	-13.78	998.57	1,040.40	-41.83
Low Grown	1,272.02	1,229.77	42.25	1,240.70	31.32	1,218.03	1,237.54	-19.51
Total	1,184.56	1,179.70	4.86	1,151.32	33.24	1,163.93	1,170.73	-6.80
In U.S. Dollars								
	26-May	26-Apr	MOM Variance	25-May	YOY Variance	To date 2026	To date 2025	YOY Variance
High Grown	3.43	3.64	-0.21	3.47	-0.04	3.64	3.69	-0.05
Medium Grown	3.11	3.23	-0.12	3.42	-0.31	3.18	3.50	-0.32
Low Grown	3.91	3.85	0.06	4.14	-0.23	3.87	4.16	-0.29
Total	3.65	3.69	-0.04	3.85	-0.20	3.70	3.94	-0.24

Source - Sri Lanka Tea Board (For statistical purposes only)

Currency conversion – Central Bank May 2026 Spot Rate

* National tea sales average for the month of May 2026 recorded Rs. 1,184.56 (USD 3.65), showing an increase of Rs. 4.86 and a decline of USD 0.04 in comparison with the April 2026 average of Rs. 1,179.70 (USD 3.69).

* In comparison to the May 2025 average of Rs. 1,151.32 (USD 3.85), shows an increase of Rs. 33.24 and a decline of USD 0.20 YOY.

* Total National Sale Average for the year 2026 (to-date) was recorded at Rs. 1,163.93 (USD 3.70), a negative variance of Rs. 6.80 (USD 0.24) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,170.73 (USD 3.94) recorded in the corresponding period of the year 2025.

Elevation-Wise Summary: May 2026

- * High Grown average for the month recorded a decline of 48.05 and USD 0.21 month on month, whilst an increase of Rs. 75.25 and decline of USD 0.04 was witnessed against the corresponding month in 2025.
- * Medium Grown average for the month recorded a negative variance of Rs. 21.49 and USD 0.12 month on month. In comparison to the corresponding monthly average last year, shows a decrease of Rs. 13.78 and USD 0.31.
- * Low Grown average for the month recorded an increase Rs. 42.25 and USD 0.06 month on month, whilst against the corresponding average of May 2025, shows a positive variance of Rs. 31.32 and a decrease of USD 0.23.
- * The High Grown elevation recorded a positive variance and the Mid Grown and Low Grown elevations recorded negative variances during the period January-May 2026 in LKR terms, whilst all elevations recorded negative variances in USD terms in comparison to the cumulative corresponding period of 2025.