



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – JUNE 2026

Key Highlights:

- Sri Lanka Tea Exports for the month of June 2026 was recorded at 21.25 M/Kgs – (Decrease of 2.02 M/Kgs YoY)
- Exports during January-June 2026 totalled 123.10 M/Kgs (decrease of 3.71 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison to the same period in 2025
- F.O.B. Value for the month was recorded at Rs. 1,871.14 (USD 5.60), recording a positive variance of Rs. 157.06 (negative USD 0.12) against the corresponding month of 2025
- Cumulative FOB value increased by Rs. 65.18 (negative USD 0.16) in comparison with the corresponding period of 2025
- Türkiye continues to maintain the top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea in June 2026

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* Tea Exports for the month of June 2026 totalled 21.25 M/Kgs, showing a decline 2.02M/Kgs vis-à-vis 23.27 M/Kgs of June 2025. All categories except for Bulk Tea showed negative variances against the corresponding period of the previous year.

* FOB value in June 2026 was recorded at Rs. 1,871.14, a significant increase of Rs. 157.06 YoY compared to Rs. 1,714.08 of June 2025. In LKR terms, all other categories except for Instant Tea witnessed an increase in comparison with the corresponding period in the year 2025. In USD terms, all categories recorded negative variances vis-à-vis June 2025 except for the Tea Bags category which witnessed an increase (Refer table below).

	Quantity			Approx. FOB per kg Rs.			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance
Tea In Bulk	8,876,536	8,569,783	306,753	1,583.37	1,460.65	122.72	4.73	4.87	-0.14
Tea Packets	9,659,265	11,833,155	-2,173,890	1,725.77	1,580.65	145.12	5.16	5.27	-0.11
Tea Bags	1,971,834	2,086,653	-114,819	3,144.31	2,752.01	392.30	9.40	9.18	0.23
Instant	295,443	322,637	-27,194	3,602.27	4,010.71	-408.43	10.77	13.37	-2.60
Green Tea	447,749	453,969	-6,220	3,963.08	3,573.01	390.06	11.85	11.91	-0.06
Grand Total	21,250,827	23,266,197	-2,015,370	1,871.14	1,714.08	157.06	5.60	5.72	-0.12

Source - Sri Lanka Customs

Currency conversion – Central Bank June 2026 Spot Rate

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* January-June 2026 cumulative exports totalled 123.10 M/Kgs, recording a negative variance of 3.71 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 126.81 M/Kgs of January-June 2025. All segments except for Instant Tea recorded negative variances against the same period of the previous year.

* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,810.28 (USD 5.70), an increase of Rs. 65.18 (declined of USD 0.16) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,745.10 (USD 5.86) of January-June 2025.

* All segments except for Instant Tea recorded gains in FOB value in LKR terms. In USD terms, Tea Bags and Green Tea recorded increases, whilst Tea in Bulk, Tea Packets and Instant Tea segments recorded negative variances compared to the corresponding period in 2025 (Refer table below).

	Quantity		Variance	Approx. FOB per kg Rs.			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2026	2025		2026	2025	Variance	2026	2025	Variance
Tea In Bulk	51,334,746	52,488,300	-1,153,554	1,528.80	1,497.12	31.67	4.81	5.03	-0.22
Tea Packets	54,971,776	57,814,080	-2,842,304	1,666.07	1,623.36	42.71	5.24	5.45	-0.21
Tea Bags	12,431,757	12,543,345	-111,588	2,909.40	2,714.88	194.52	9.16	9.12	0.04
Instant	2,081,276	1,653,923	427,353	3,498.64	3,634.00	-135.36	11.01	12.20	-1.19
Green Tea	2,281,680	2,308,934	-27,254	4,088.96	3,808.94	280.03	12.87	12.79	0.08
Grand Total	123,101,235	126,808,582	-3,707,347	1,810.28	1,745.10	65.18	5.70	5.86	-0.16

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Türkiye was ranked at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 19.71 M/Kgs, an increase of 149% YoY in comparison with June 2025 (7.90 M/Kgs), surpassing Iraq who at 2nd place has witnessed a 28% decline YoY with 13.42 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 18.71M/Kgs recorded in 2025. Russia is at 3rd place having recorded 11.60 M/Kgs, a marginal 3% increase vis-à-vis 11.20 M/Kgs in June 2025. Azerbaijan is at 4th place having imported 6.55 M/Kgs (72% increase YoY) followed by China with 4.89 M/Kgs (4% decrease YoY) having overtaken Libya with 4.57 M/Kgs (60% decrease YoY). Jordan secured 7th place with 4.33 M/Kgs followed by Saudi Arabia with 4.13 M/Kgs at 8th position. Syria and Chile complete the list of the top 10 importers of Ceylon Tea ranking at 9th and 10th positions respectively with 4.08 M/Kgs and 4.07 M/Kgs in the month of June 2026.