



SRI LANKA TEA EXPORTS – SEPTEMBER 2025

Key Highlights:

- Ceylon Tea Exports for the month was recorded at 23.78 M/Kgs – (Increase of 3.98 M/Kgs YoY)
- Cumulative Exports totalled 198.33 M/Kgs (Increase of 15.97 M/Kgs YoY) in comparison with January-September 2024 total of 182.36 M/Kgs
- F.O.B Value for the month was recorded at Rs. 1,741.45 (USD 5.76), recording a decline of Rs. 39.02 (USD 0.15) against the corresponding period of 2024
- Cumulative FOB Value declined by Rs. 18.60 in comparison with the corresponding period of 2024, whilst the to-date USD earnings continued to show an overall improvement in all categories except for Packeted Tea
- Iraq continues to maintain top position amongst leading importer countries of Ceylon Tea for the year

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* Tea Exports for the month of September 2025 totalled 23.78M/Kgs, showing an increase of 3.98 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 19.80 M/Kgs of September 2024. All categories record positive variances in comparison with the corresponding period of previous year.

* FOB value in September 2025 was recorded at Rs. 1,741.45, a decrease of Rs. 39.02 YoY compared to Rs. 1,780.47 of September 2024 and a decline of USD 0.15 in USD terms too was recorded in comparison with the corresponding period in the year 2024 (Refer table below).

	Quantity			Approx. FOB per kg Rs			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance
Tea In Bulk	10,036,859	8,376,528	1,660,331	1,468.50	1,510.90	-42.40	4.86	5.02	-0.16
Tea Packets	10,569,015	8,735,945	1,833,069	1,612.87	1,684.45	-71.59	5.34	5.59	-0.26
Tea Bags	2,413,239	2,037,517	375,721	2,796.68	2,812.82	-16.13	9.25	9.34	-0.09
Instant	296,647	199,903	96,744	3,522.44	3,060.95	461.48	11.66	10.16	1.49
Green Tea	460,270	445,960	14,310	3,965.56	3,434.20	531.37	13.12	11.40	1.72
Grand Total	23,776,029	19,795,853	3,980,175	1,741.45	1,780.47	-39.02	5.76	5.91	-0.15

Source – Sri Lanka Customs / Central Bank of Sri Lanka Exchange Rates

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* January-September 2025 cumulative exports totalled 198.33 M/Kgs, recording a positive variance of 15.97 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 182.36 M/Kgs of January-September 2024. All segments, except for Bulk Tea have recorded positive variances against the same period of the previous year.

* FOB value for the period stood at Rs. 1,754.46, a decrease of Rs. 18.60 (increase of USD 0.06) vis-à-vis Rs. 1,773.06 of January-September 2024.

* Bulk and Packeted Tea recorded negative variances, whilst Tea Bags, Instant and Green Tea categories recorded gains in LKR terms in FOB value and gains were recorded in USD terms in all categories except for Tea Packets when compared to the corresponding period in 2024 (Refer table below).

	Quantity			Approx. FOB per kg Rs			Approx. FOB per kg USD		
	2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance	2025	2024	Variance
Tea In Bulk	82,932,991	84,163,043	-1,230,053	1,494.44	1,521.24	-26.80	5.00	4.98	0.01
Tea Packets	89,446,439	74,113,205	15,333,234	1,622.64	1,676.85	-54.22	5.43	5.49	(0.07)
Tea Bags	19,666,898	18,639,874	1,027,024	2,786.73	2,755.05	31.68	9.32	9.02	0.29
Instant	2,540,704	2,028,724	511,980	3,646.05	3,166.82	479.23	12.19	10.37	1.82
Green Tea	3,739,730	3,412,072	327,657	3,959.64	3,880.87	78.77	13.24	12.71	0.53
Grand Total	198,326,762	182,356,919	15,969,843	1,754.46	1,773.06	-18.60	5.87	5.81	0.06

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Iraq ranks at No. 1 amongst major importers of Ceylon Tea with a total of 30.07 M/Kgs, an increase of 24% YoY in January-September 2025 against previous year's 21.16 M/Kgs. Russia ranked in 2nd Place with 16.69 M/Kgs, despite a decline of 10% in comparison with previous year, whilst Libya at 3rd Place recorded 15.94 M/Kgs, an improvement of 154% ahead of Türkiye at 4th place who have witnessed a 14% increase YoY with 15.26 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 13.40 M/Kgs recorded in 2024. U.A.E with 14.27 M/Kgs (18% decline YoY) followed by Iran have recorded 9.0 M/Kgs (11% Increase YoY) surpassing Chile at 8.50 M/Kgs. China has secured 8th place with 7.92 M/Kgs followed by Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia at 6.73 and 6.49M/Kgs respectively.