



FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS PVT LTD

WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO

02

**12TH/13TH
JANUARY 2026**



Overall Market

	QTY (M/KGS)	DEMAND
Ex Estate	0.74	Fair
High & Medium	0.67	Easier
Leafy	0.79	Less
Semi Leafy	0.65	Fair
Tippy/Small Leaf	0.93	Fair
Premium Flowery	0.05	Less
Off Grade	1.26	Irregular
Dust	0.46	Firm To Easier
Total	5.55	Bearish

ORDER OF SALE

SALE NO : 2

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EX-ESTATE	LG LARGE LEAF LG SMALL LEAF/BOP1A/ PREMIUM	HIGH & MEDIUM/OFF GRADE /DUST
Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	Eastern Brokers Ltd
BPML Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
John Keells PLC	John Keells PLC	Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd
Eastern Brokers Ltd	Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
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Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	BPML Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	John Keells PLC

AUCTION DETAILS

AT THIS WEEK'S SALE 11,404 LOTS TOTALLING 5,554,655 KGS WERE ON OFFER. THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	LOTS	QUANTITY
Ex Estate	773	737,144
High & Medium	1,581	667,214
Low Grown - Leafy	2,117	794,803
Low Grown - Semi Leafy	1,561	646,957
Low Grown - Tippy	2,016	929,335
Premium Flowery	402	55,080
Off Grades	2,409	1,261,546
Dust	545	462,576
Total	11,404	5,554,655
Re - Prints	879	426,348

SETTLEMENT DATES

16/01/2026 19/01/2026 20/01/2026

10% Payment Buyers Prompt Sellers Prompt

Quality

Westerns together with the Nuwara Eliyas were irregular and barely maintained, whilst the Uva/Uda Pussellawas and Low Growns were similar to last.

COMMENTS

Auction offering totalled 6.0 M/Kgs. There was fair demand mostly at easier rates. Less activity from Iran and the Middle Eastern markets following the recent restrictions in trading conditions.

Ex-Estate offerings were fairly similar and totalled 0.74 M/Kgs. Overall quality of teas on offer showed no significant change.

Teas from the Western Slopes - Best Western BOP/BOPF's - A select range of invoices were firm and Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and often easier by a similar margin. In the Below Best category, BOP's - where quality was maintained - were reasonably firm, whilst the others were irregular. Corresponding BOPF's - Clean leaf types sold around last levels, whilst the others declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg. At the lower end, BOP's declined by up to Rs. 50 per kg, whilst the corresponding BOPF's were firm and Rs. 20 per kg easier. Consequently, the price parity between the BOP/BOPF's at the lower end of the market has widened significantly to Rs. 150-200 per kg in favour of the latter. Nuwara Eliya BOP/BOPF's continued to be a weak feature with most invoices remaining unsold due to a lack of suitable bids. Uva/Uda Pussellawa - BOP's, where quality was maintained, were firm and declined by Rs. 20-30 per kg and more for select invoices following quality. Corresponding BOPF's - Uda Pussellawa's were up to Rs. 20 per kg easier, whilst the Uva's gained by a similar margin for select invoices.

High & Medium Grown CTC teas sold around last week's levels, whilst the Low Grown types were up to Rs. 20 per kg easier.

Selective demand from shippers to the UK, the continent and South Africa, whilst shippers to Japan, China, the Middle East and the CIS were reasonably active mostly at lower levels.

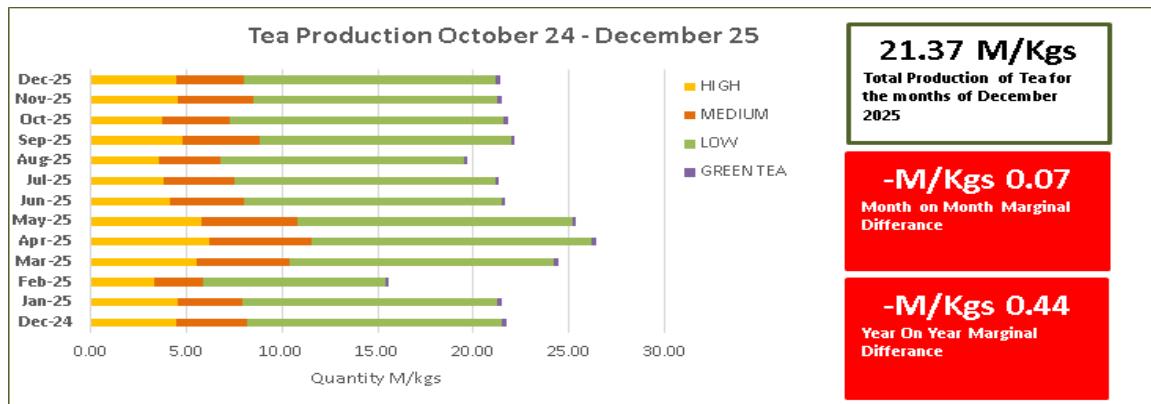
Low Grows totalled approximately 2.4 M/Kgs. The Leafy category met with less demand, whilst the Semi-Leafy category witnessed fair demand although the Tippy category met with fair demand at lower levels.

In the Leafy and Semi-Leafy catalogues, well-made BOP1's together with teas at the bottom were firm, whilst the bolder varieties appreciated. OP1's, in general, were firm. OP/OPA's, in general declined. Select Best and Best PEK's were firm, whilst the Below Best together with the mixed/open varieties declined. Teas at the bottom sold at last levels. High-priced PEK1's maintained, whilst the balance declined.

In the Tippy catalogue, a few well-made FBOP/FF1's sold at last levels, whilst the balance in general declined.

In the Premium catalogue, Tippy teas in general were substantially lower and were mostly unsellable due to a lack of suitable bids.

NATIONAL TEA PRODUCTION



SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION 2025 – 264.12 M/Kgs (↑1.43 M/Kgs)

- Production for the Month of December was recorded at 21.37 M/Kgs (↓ 0.44 M/Kgs)
- The Medium and Low Grown elevations have recorded negative variances against the corresponding month in 2024, whilst the High Grown and Green Tea categories have witnessed an increase vis-à-vis December 2024
- On a cumulative basis, all elevations recorded gains vis-à-vis January-December 2024

December 2025/2024/2023

* Sri Lanka Tea Production for the month of December 2025 totalled 21.37 M/Kgs, witnessing a decline of 0.44 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 21.81 M/Kgs of December 2024. All elevations except for the High Grown elevation witnessed a decline in comparison with the corresponding month of 2024, whilst the Green Tea production has shown a slight increase vis-à-vis December 2024.

* Compared to 19.81 M/Kgs of December 2023, the corresponding month in the year 2025 shows an increase of 1.56 M/Kgs (Refer table below).

ELEVATION	TOTAL		(2025-2024)		TOTAL		(2025-2023)	
	2025	2024	Variance (M/Kg)	%	2023	Variance (M/Kg)	%	
HIGH	4,513,977	4,489,069	0.02	0.55%	4,467,996	0.05	1.03%	
MEDIUM	3,536,135	3,679,790	-0.14	-3.90%	2,902,275	0.63	21.84%	
LOW	13,128,737	13,451,737	-0.32	-2.40%	12,257,920	0.87	7.10%	
GREEN TEA	196,710	190,307	0.01	3.36%	180,806	0.02	8.80%	
TOTAL	21,375,559	21,810,903	-0.44	-2.00%	19,808,997	1.56	7.91%	

JANUARY-DECEMBER 2025/2024/2023

* January-December 2025 cumulative production totalled 264.12 M/Kgs, recording an increase of 1.43 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 262.69 M/Kgs of January-December 2024. All elevations recorded an increase in comparison with the corresponding period of 2024.

* Compared to 256.09 M/Kgs of January-December 2023, cumulative production of 2025 shows an increase of 8.03 M/Kgs. On a cumulative basis, all elevations except for the High Grown Elevation shown positive variances when compared with the same period in the year 2023 (Refer table below).

ELEVATION	TOTAL		(2025-2024)		TOTAL		(2025-2023)	
	2025	2024	Variance (M/Kg)	%	2023	Variance (M/Kg)	%	
HIGH	55,131,648	54,449,560	0.68	1.25%	57,412,052	-2.28	-3.97%	
MEDIUM	47,043,005	46,375,981	0.67	1.44%	41,292,093	5.75	13.93%	
LOW	159,614,225	159,606,846	0.01	0.00%	155,100,919	4.51	2.91%	
GREEN TEA	2,333,577	2,261,443	0.07	3.19%	2,283,582	0.05	2.19%	
TOTAL	264,122,455	262,693,830	1.43	0.54%	256,088,646	8.03	3.14%	

(Refer statistical details on Page No. 13)

CROP AND WEATHER

FOR THE PERIOD 07 - 12 January 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions



Both regions reported bright weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects scattered showers in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions



The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported rain throughout the week. Showers are expected in both regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Growns



Sunny weather and occasional showers were reported in the Low Growns Region throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, misty conditions are expected in the Low Growns Region in the week ahead.

Crop

The Western, Nuwara Eliya, Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions maintained the crop intake, whilst the Low Growns Region reported a slight increase.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

- Incline from last week
- Decline from last week
- Static Market

BOP

Best Western's - A few select invoices gained by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others were irregular and often easier by a similar margin. Teas in the Below Best category, particularly where quality was maintained, were reasonably firm, whilst the others were irregular. Plainer sorts declined by up to Rs. 50 per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's, where quality was maintained, prices were firm and Rs. 20-30 per kg easier, whilst the others declined further.

BOPF

Best Western's - Select invoices were firm and Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer, whilst the others were irregular and up to Rs. 20 per kg easier. Clean leaf teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories sold around last levels, whilst the poor leaf types declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were easier and mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs. 20 per kg lower. Uva's were firm and Rs. 20 per kg dearer selectively.

OP/OPA

Well-made varieties were easier by Rs. 30-50 per kg. Below Best types were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts were firm to dearer by Rs. 20 per kg.

PEKOE/PEKOE1

Flavoury PEK/PEK1's were irregularly lower by Rs. 60-80 per kg, whilst the Orthodox Leafy Best PEK/PEK1's were easier by Rs. 50-80 and more at times. Below Best PEK/PEK1's and the others were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg. Best Rovane PEK's where quality was improved, were dearer by Rs. 40-50 per kg, whilst the others were mostly firm. Below Best and poorer sorts were irregular by Rs. 20-40 per kg.

FBOP/FBOPF1

Flavoury FBOP/FBOPF1's were selectively dearer following special inquiry, whilst the others were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg. Better Orthodox FBOP/FBOPF1's were easier by Rs. 50-100 per kg and more at times, whilst the others and teas at the lower end were irregularly easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg.

SALE DTE	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE/FBOP		OP	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan
Best Westerns	1280-1400	1340 - 1440	1260-1400	1300 - 1480	1280-1600	1260 - 1550	1060-1200	1020 - 1220
Below Best Westerns	1220-1260	1200 - 1320	1220-1240	1220 - 1280	1120-1260	1080 - 1240	1000-1020	920 - 980
Plainer Westerns	1140-1200	1080 - 1180	1160-1200	1140 - 1200	880-1020	900 - 980	850-920	710 - 860
Nuwara Eliyas	1200	N/A	N/A	N/A	870-1300	890 - 1650	900-940	890 -
Brighter Udapussellawas	1120-1140	1060 - 1100	1160-1200	1140 - 1160	1240-1460	1240 - 1440	1000-1040	940 - 1000
Other Udapussellawas	1020-1080	1020 - 1040	1100-1140	1100 - 1120	860-1180	940 - 1140	920-960	780 - 830
Best Uvas	1100-1220	1180 - 1280	1160-1260	1200 - 1260	1280-1650	1240 - 1600	1020-1120	1000 - 1200
Other Uvas	N/A	1120 -	900 - 920	890 -	710-1260	720 - 1220	700-980	800 - 960

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

- █ Incline from last week
- █ Decline from last week
- █ Static Market

BOP	Large Leaf teas declined by Rs. 50-100 per kg, whilst the others were generally firm.							
BOPF	Better sorts were firm, whilst the poorer powdery types were neglected.							
OP/OPA	Well-made teas were easier by Rs. 30-50 and more at times, whilst the Below Best types were lower by Rs. 20-40 per kg. Teas at the lower end were firm to dearer by Rs. 20 per kg.							
PEKOE/PEKOE1	Select Best and Best PEK/PEK1's were easier by Rs. 50-80 per kg and more, whilst the Below Best and others were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg.							
FBOP/FBOPF1	Select Best FBOP/FBOPF1's declined by Rs. 50-80 per kg. Best and Below Best FBOP/FBOPF1's were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg, whilst the FBOP/FBOPF1's at the bottom end were firm to easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg.							

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE/FBOP		OP	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan
Good Mediums	1200-1900	1200 - 1800	1240-1260	1200 - 1260	1300-1750	1260 - 1850	1080-1240	1040 - 1240
Other Mediums	790 - 860	830 - 920	820-1020	840 - 1060	750-1280	800 - 1240	610-1060	570 - 1020

UNORTHODOX / CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN	BP1s - Hardly any offerings. PF1s - Generally firm.
MEDIUM GROWN	BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Generally firm.
LOW GROWN	BP1s - Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer. PF1s - Rs. 20 per kg lower.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BP1		PF1	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan
High Grown	N/A	N/A	1040-1200	1040 - 1180
Medium Grown	N/A	N/A	1080-1140	1060 - 1160
Low Grown	1340-1360	1360 -	1200-1400	1180 - 1400

OFF GRADES

 Incline from last week
 Decline from last week
 Static Market

FGS1/FGS

Select Best varieties together with the Best and the Below Best sorts were easier by Rs. 50-70 per kg and Rs. 50-100 per kg and more following quality respectively. Teas at the lower end of the market maintained. Low Growns - Clean leaf varieties together with the Below Best sorts were firm, whilst the poorer sorts were easier. CTC - In general were firm to selectively dearer.

BROKENs

Reducer varieties in the Best category were firm around last week's levels. Clean leaf varieties together with the cleaner Below Best sorts were firm to dearer by Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts declined sharply due to lack of suitable bids.

BOP1A

Main Grade reducer varieties in the Best category declined substantially, whilst the Below Best varieties which commenced easier by Rs. 20-30 per kg, declined as the sale progressed. Poorer sorts were irregularly easier by Rs. 20 per kg and more, on occasion.

QUOTATIONS LKR

SALE DTE	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan
Better Fannings (Orthodox)	850-1200	860 - 1220	840-1120	830 - 900	850-940	840 - 920
Better Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	810-860	790 -	800-1180	870 - 1260
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	680-840	570 - 850	550-830	500 - 820	520-840	540 - 830
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	640-770	600 - 780	620-690	640 - 790
Good Brokens	740-1040	750 - 1020	730-1220	750 - 1220	750-1360	760 - 1200
Other Brokens	600-730	510 - 740	510-720	470 - 740	450-740	400 - 750
Better BOP1As	750-880	740 - 860	750-1140	740 - 1080	760-1500	750 - 1200
Other BOP1As	650-740	670 - 720	650-730	620 - 720	550-740	520 - 720

DUSTS

DUST1

Teas in the Select Best category declined by Rs. 50 per kg. Teas in the Best category where quality was maintained, remained firm, whilst the others were irregularly lower by Rs. 20-40 per kg. The Below Best varieties declined by Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts remained firm. Low Grown varieties sold at last week's price levels together with the High and Medium Grown CTC's, whilst the Low Grown CTC's followed a similar trend.

DUST

Clean leaf secondaries together with the poorer sorts appreciated by Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the Low Grown varieties remained firm.

QUOTATIONS LKR

SALE DTE	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan
Better Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1220-1850	1200 - 1750	1120-1200	1120 - 1260	940-960	950 - 1020
Better Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	1180-1220	1150 - 1200	1150-1220	1160 - 1240	1160-1480	1140 - 1440
Below Best Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1120-1200	1040 - 1180	860-1100	870 - 1100	760-920	770 - 940
Other Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	N/A	1080 - 1140	1000-1150	940 - 1140	860-1140	860 - 1120
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1080-1100	830 - 1020	690-850	790 - 860	630-750	630 - 760
Better Secondary Dust	1060-1200	1050 - 1180	N/A	1000 - 1060	960-980	960 - 980
Other Secondary Dust	680-1040	640 - 1040	530-880	610 - 980	590-940	580 - 950

LOW GROWN TEAS

█ Incline from last week
█ Decline from last week
█ Static Market

FBOP/FBOP1	A few well-made FBOP's were firm, whilst the balance together with the FBOP1's declined.							
BOP	BOP's, in general, were easier.							
BOP1	Well-made BOP1's together with teas at the bottom were firm, whilst the bolder varieties appreciated.							
OP1	OP1's, in general, were firm.							
OP	OP's, in general, were lower.							
OPA	OPA's, in general, declined.							
PEKOE	Select Best and Best PEK's were firm, whilst the Below Best together with the mixed/open varieties declined. Teas at the bottom sold at last levels. High-priced PEK1's maintained, whilst the balance declined.							
BOPF	Well-made BOPF's together with the cleaner Below Best were firm, whilst the balance were irregular following quality.							
FBOPF/FBOPF1	Tippy teas, in general, were substantially lower and mostly unsellable due to a lack of suitable bids. A few high-priced FF1's were firm following special inquiry, whilst the balance in general declined.							

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan	06/07 Jan	12/13 Jan
FBOP 1	1600-1900	1600 - 1800	1450-1500	1400 - 1450	1200-1300	1200 - 1300	950-1000	900 - 950
FBOP	1700-2400	1700 - 2400	1500-1550	1500 - 1550	1300-1350	1250 - 1300	1000-1100	900 - 950
BOP 1	2400-3000	2400 - 3100	1800-2300	1800 - 2300	1360-1600	1400 - 1600	900-1300	900 - 1380
BOP	1700-2100	1600 - 2000	1450-1500	1400 - 1500	1200-1300	1150 - 1250	900-1000	900 - 1000
BOPF	1300-1700	1300 - 1600	900-1000	900 - 1000	850-880	850 - 880	800-850	800 - 850
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	5200-6200	4000 - 5000	3550-4500	3000 - 3800	2750-3000	2500 - 2900	1000-1100	1000 -
FBOPF 1	1600-1800	1550 - 1650	1500-1550	1460 - 1500	1300-1350	1300 - 1350	1000-1100	1000 - 1100
FBOPF	1700-1900	1600 - 1900	1450-1500	1400 - 1500	1200-1300	1200 - 1300	900-950	900 - 950
OP 1	2950-3600	2950 - 3600	2600-2900	2600 - 2900	1650-2550	1650 - 2550	900-1600	900 - 1600
OP	1480-1650	1440 - 1650	1380-1460	1340 - 1420	1200-1360	1160 - 1320	850-1180	850 - 1140
OPA	1420-2000	1380 - 1850	1280-1400	1240 - 1360	1180-1260	1140 - 1220	850-1160	850 - 1120
PEKOE	1480-2700	1460 - 2700	1300-1440	1280 - 1420	1200-1280	1180 - 1260	850-1180	850 - 1160
PEK 1	1750-2400	1700 - 2650	1500-1700	1440 - 1650	1300-1460	1280 - 1420	900-1280	900 - 1260

TOP PRICE

WESTERN MEDIUM				WESTERN HIGH			
Ancoombra	BOP		1800	Glenloch	OP	@	1100
Harangalla	BOP	@	1600	Cymru	OPA		1160
Dartry Valley	BOP	@	1600	Torrington	OP1	@	1300
Craighead	BOPSp	@	1280	Annfield	PEK	@	1500
Dartry Valley	BOPSp	@	1240	Somerset	PEK	@	1500
Ancoombra	BOPSp		1240	Norwood	PEK	@	1280
Vellai Oya	BOPF	@	1260	Inverness	PEK1		1650
Harangalla	BOPFSp	@	1100	Queensberry	PEK1	@	1600
Hatale	BOP1		1900	NUWARA ELIYAS			
Craighead	FBOP	@	1850	Kenmare	BOP		880
Doombagastalawa	FBOP	@	1750	Kenmare	BOPSp		940
Harangalla	FBOP1		1260	Kenmare	BOPF	@	780
Dartry Valley	FBOP1	@	1040	Court Lodge	FBOP		1650
Greenwood	FBOPF		1380	Kenmare	FBOP	@	1280
Cooroondoowatte	FBOPF	@	920	Kenmare	FBOP1		1200
Craighead	FBOPF1	@	1550	Court Lodge	FBOPF1	@	1120
Harangalla	FBOPF1	@	1550	Court Lodge	OP	@	890
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	@	1500	Kenmare	OPA		890
Dartry Valley	OP	@	1220	Court Lodge	PEK	@	890
Imboolpittia	OP	@	1180	UDAPUSSELLAWAS			
Hatale	OP		1180	High Forest	BOP		1100
Orange Field	OP		1180	Mooloya	BOP		1100
Craighead	OP	@	1140	Luckyland	BOPF		1160
Harangalla	OPA		1200	Liddesdale	BOPF		1160
Dartry Valley	OPA	@	1180	High Forest	BOPF	@	1120
Craighead	OP1	@	1600	Kirklees	BOPF		1120
Orange Field	OP1		1550	Brookside	BOPF		1100
Harangalla	OP1	@	1500	Ragalla	BOPF		1100
Dartry Valley	PEK	@	1440	Delmar	FBOP	@	1440
Harangalla	PEK	@	1400	Maha Uva	FBOPF1	@	1480
Meezan	PEK		1400	Blairlomond	OP	@	1120
Craighead	PEK1	@	1850	Maha Uva	OP	@	1060
Dartry Valley	PEK1	@	1850	Delmar	OP	@	1000
WESTERN HIGH				Blairlomond	OPA		1060
Ingestre	BOP	@	1440	Delmar	OPA	@	940
Ingestre	BOPSp	@	1550	Blairlomond	OP1	@	1440
Holyrood	BOPSp	@	1500	Maha Uva	OP1	@	1340
Alton	BOPF	@	1480	Blairlomond	PEK		1300
Inverness	BOP1		1800	Delmar	PEK	@	1280
Glenloch	BOP1	@	1300	Blairlomond	PEK1	@	1700
Venture	FBOP		1550	Maha Uva	PEK1	@	1650
New Meddecombra	FBOP1		1260	Delmar	PEK1	@	1650
Cymru	FBOPF1		1440	FORBES & WALKER WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT 12TH/13TH JANUARY 2026			
Bambrakelly	OP		1220	@ - SOLD BY FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD. ** - ALL TIME RECORD PRICE. * - EQUAL ALL TIME RECORD PRICE			

LOW GROWNS			UVA HIGH		
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP	2150	Pitaratmalie	BOP	1280
Elaine Super	BOPSp	2150	Ranaya	BOPSp	1380
Hedigalla	BOPA	2050	Bandaraeliya	BOPF	@ 1260
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF	1800	Nayabedde	BOPF	@ 1240
Bulathsinghala Tea	BOPFSp	1950	Pitaratmalie	BOPF	1240
Sithaka	FBOP	2550	Kelliebedde	BOPF	@ 1220
New Deniyaya	FBOP1	@ 2000	Uva Highlands	BOP1	@ 1850
Kiruwanaganga	FBOP1	@ 1800	Glenanore	BOP1	@ 1600
Lellopitiya Super	FBOPF	2250	Aislaby	BOP1	@ 1480
Stream Line	FBOPF	2150	Aislaby	FBOP	1600
Gunawardana	FBOPF	@ 1900	Battawatte	FBOP1	1120
Lumbini	FBOPF1	2100	Uvakellie	FBOPF	1100
Rajjuruwatta Super	FBOPF1	1750	Aislaby	FBOPF1	1460
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	@ 1600	Ellathota Uva	OP	@ 1200
Adams View	FBOPF1	@ 1600	Ranaya	OPA	1020
Kings Bru	FBOPF1	1600	Glenanore	OPA	1020
Makandura	FBOPF1	1600	Uva Highlands	OPA	1020
Pothotuwa	BOP1	@ 3100	Uvakellie	OPA	1020
Gunawardana	OP1	@ 3600	Uva Highlands	OP1	1380
Mulatiyana Hills	OP1	3600	Needwood Super	PEK	1380
Pothotuwa	OP1	@ 3500	Ellathota Uva	PEK	@ 1340
Kiruwanaganga	OP1	@ 3500	Uva Highlands	PEK	@ 1320
Miriswatta	OP	1650	Ellathota Uva	PEK1	@ 1700
Miriswatta	OPA	1850	Gonamotawa	PEK1	@ 1650
Berubeula	OPA	1850	Aislaby	PEK1	@ 1650
Adams View	PEK	@ 2700	Uva Highlands	PEK1	@ 1600
Lumbini	PEK	2700	Ampittiakande	PEK1	1600
Liyonta	PEK	2700	Craig	PEK1	1600
New Batuwangala	PEK1	2650	UNORTHODOX HIGH		
UVA MEDIUM			Dunsinane CTC	PF1	@ 1180
Dickwella	BOP	1420	UNORTHODOX MEDIUM		
Demodera 'S'	BOP	1420	Strathdon CTC	PF1	1160
Hindagala	BOPSp	1380	Delta CTC	BP1	1020
El Teb	BOPF	@ 1200	UNORTHODOX LOW		
Dickwella	BOPFSp	@ 1440	Liyonta CTC	PF1	@ 1400
Sarnia Plaiderie	BOP1	@ 1550	Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	@ 1360
Dickwella	BOP1	1550	PREMIUM FLOWERY		
Dickwella	FBOP	1550	Kurunduwatta	FBOPFSp	3900
High Spring	FBOP	1550	Ivy Hills	FBOPFExSp	3950
Dickwella	FBOP1	1300	Madampe Super	FBOPFExSp1	6450
Misty-Uva	FBOP1	@ 1200	DUSTS		
Hindagala	FBOPF	1020	Mattakelle	DUST1	1750
Misty-Uva	FBOPF	@ 830	Ceciliyan CTC	PD	@ 1440
Aruna Passara	FBOPF1	1420	Adisham	DUST	@ 1180
Halpewatte Uva	OP	1240	Mattakelle	DUST	1180
Hindagala	OPA	1120	OFF GRADES		
Pettiagalla	OP1	1500	Dessford	FGS1	1220
Dickwella	OP1	@ 1460	Court Lodge	FGS	@ 920
High Spring	OP1	1460	Renukanda	FGS	920
Misty-Uva	OP1	@ 1400	Makandura	FGS	920
High Spring	OP1	1400	Hingalgoda CTC	PF	1260
Sarnia Plaiderie	PEK	@ 1440	Avissawella	BM	1080
Aruna Passara	PEK1	1800	Kothmale Hills	BP	@ 1220
Misty-Uva	PEK1	@ 1750	New Deniyaya	BP	@ 1200
Aruna Keppetipola	PEK1	1750	Kiruwanaganga	BP	@ 1180
UVA HIGH			Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	@ 1200
Nayabedde	BOP	1280			

QUANTITY SOLD

DURING THE PERIOD 01ST-07TH JANUARY 2026	WEEKLY (KGS)		TODATE (KGS)	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
PRIVATE SALES	174,966	77,364	174,966	77,364
PUBLIC AUCTION	4,751,955	5,287,479	4,751,955	5,287,479
FORWARD CONTRACTS	22,000	15,000	22,000	15,000
DIRECT SALES	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	4,948,921	5,379,843	4,948,921	5,379,843
BMF EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE	NIL	14,400	NIL	14,400

(QUANTITY SOLD AND THE AVERAGE PRICE PER AUCTION)

	Quantity (M/kgs)			AVG Price (LKR)			Avg Price (USD)		
	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023
30TH DECEMBER 2025	3.51	4.86	4.50	1207.29	1188.02	1214.89	3.95	4.15	3.77
07TH JANUARY 2026	4.75	5.29	4.51	1183.95	1177.71	1177.71	3.87	4.04	3.66

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

RATES OF EXCHANGE

SRI LANKA RUPEE APPROX PER UNIT OF CURRENCY

YEAR	2026	2025	2024
USD	305.53	290.74	291.32
STG.PD	408.91	352.54	363.13
EURO	354.82	297.76	300.65
YEN	1.92	1.83	1.83

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

PUBLIC AUCTION/GROSS SALES AVERAGE

SALE NO 1 06TH/ 07TH JANUARY 2026	WEEKLY(LKR)			TODATE (LKR)			WEEKLY(USD)			TODATE(USD)		
	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024
Uva High Grown	1056.68	1040.94	1002.47	1056.68	1040.94	1002.47	3.45	3.57	3.11	3.43	3.56	3.12
Western High Grown	1194.86	1145.92	1083.19	1194.86	1145.92	1083.19	3.90	3.93	3.36	3.88	3.92	3.37
CTC High Grown	1122.05	1103.87	1041.02	1122.05	1103.87	1041.02	3.66	3.79	3.23	3.64	3.77	3.24
High Grown (Summary)	1145.14	1106.59	1055.76	1145.14	1106.59	1055.76	3.74	3.80	3.28	3.71	3.78	3.28
Uva Medium Grown	982.60	1064.95	1061.36	982.60	1064.95	1061.36	3.21	3.66	3.30	3.19	3.64	3.30
Western Medium Grown	1001.18	997.45	1030.78	1001.18	997.45	1030.78	3.27	3.42	3.20	3.25	3.41	3.21
CTC Medium Grown	1003.08	913.77	934.17	1003.08	913.77	934.17	3.28	3.14	2.90	3.25	3.12	2.91
Medium Grown (Summary)	994.84	1022.28	1041.27	994.84	1022.28	1041.27	3.25	3.51	3.23	3.23	3.50	3.24
Orthodox Low Grown	1263.98	1263.67	1338.50	1263.98	1263.67	1338.50	4.13	4.34	4.16	4.10	4.32	4.16
CTC Low Grown	959.15	908.23	1115.57	959.15	908.23	1115.57	3.13	3.12	3.47	3.11	3.11	3.47
Low Grown(Summary)	1243.94	1245.25	1328.37	1243.94	1245.25	1328.37	4.06	4.27	4.13	4.03	4.26	4.13
Total	1183.95	1177.71	1177.71	1183.95	1177.71	1223.25	3.87	4.04	3.66	3.84	4.03	3.80

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates

Source: MSL - Averages



SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION (M/KGS)

DECEMBER 2024 - 2025

Elevation	CTC		CHANGE 24/25		ORTHODOX		CHANGE 24/25		TOTAL		CHANGE 24/25	
	2025	2024	Actual	%	2025	2024	Actual	%	2025	2024	Actual	%
HIGH	485,599	435,446	0.05	11.52	4,028,378	4,053,623	-0.03	-0.62	4,513,977	4,489,069	0.02	0.55
MEDIUM	860,015	654,955	0.21	31.31	2,676,120	3,024,835	-0.35	-11.53	3,536,135	3,679,790	-0.14	-3.90
LOW	868,965	846,843	0.02	2.61	12,259,772	12,604,894	-0.35	-2.74	13,128,737	13,451,737	-0.32	-2.40
GREEN TEA	000	000	0.00	N/A	000	000	0.00	N/A	196,710	190,307	0.01	3.36
T/B Adjustment	000	000	0.00	N/A	000	000	0.00	N/A	00	00	00	00
TOTAL	2,214,579	1,937,244	0.28	14.32	18,964,270	19,683,352	-0.72	-3.65	21,375,559	21,810,903	-0.44	-2.00

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2024 - 2025

Elevation	CTC		CHANGE 24/25		ORTHODOX		CHANGE 24/25		TOTAL		CHANGE 24/25	
	2025	2024	Actual	%	2025	2024	Actual	%	2025	2024	Actual	%
HIGH	5,193,917	5,095,615	0.10	1.93	49,937,731	49,353,945	0.58	1.18	55,131,648	54,449,560	0.68	1.25
MEDIUM	9,135,197	7,722,915	1.41	18.29	37,907,808	38,653,066	-0.75	-1.93	47,043,005	46,375,981	0.67	1.44
LOW	10,380,441	10,869,290	-0.49	-4.50	149,233,784	148,737,556	0.50	0.33	159,614,225	159,606,846	0.01	0.00
GREEN TEA	000	000	0.00	N/A	000	000	0.00	N/A	2,333,577	2,261,443	0.07	3.19
T/B Adjustment	000	000	0.00	N/A	000	000	0.00	N/A	00	00	00	00
TOTAL	24,709,555	23,687,820	1.02	4.31	237,079,323	236,744,567	0.33	0.14	264,122,455	262,693,830	1.43	0.54

WORLD TEA PRODUCTION (M/KGS)

	2023	2024	2025	TODATE			DIFFERENCE +/-	
				2023	2024	2025	2023 vs 2024	2024 vs 2025
Dec								
Sri Lanka	19.8	21.8	21.4	256.1	262.7	264.1	6.6	1.4

	2023	2024	2025	TODATE			DIFFERENCE +/-	
				2023	2024	2025	2023 vs 2024	2024 vs 2025
Nov								
North India	109.4	128.4	104.7	1090.7	1064.4	1074.8	-26.3	10.4
South India	21.4	19.9	19.5	218.6	208.5	215.8	-10.1	7.3

	2023	2024	2025	TODATE			DIFFERENCE +/-	
				2023	2024	2025	2023 vs 2024	2024 vs 2025
Oct								
Bangladesh	14.6	14.9	14.6	83.6	76.7	75.5	-6.9	-1.2
Kenya	52.8	50.1	49.7	465	495.2	451.4	30.2	-43.8
Malawi	2.1	2.6	2.2	36.7	41.5	38.4	4.8	-3.1



DETAILS OF AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 3

Scheduled for 20TH/21ST JANUARY 2026

	LOTS	QUANTITY
ExEstate	860	822,654
High & Medium	1,625	701,393
Leafy	2,207	903,311
Semi Leafy	1,865	843,481
Tippy	2,277	1,123,548
Premium Flowery	453	63,785
OffGrades	2,567	1,330,190
Dust	618	561,246
Total	12,472	6,349,608
RePrint	480	229,010

27/01/2026

Buyers Prompt

28/01/2026

Sellers Prompt

This sale last year
Sale No. 3 | 21ST/22ND JANUARY 2025

Lots	:12,643
Re-print Lots	:879
Quantity	:6,830,987 kgs
Re-print Quantity	:438,289 kgs

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Violations Excluded

02/01/2026

LEAFY	SEMI-LEAFY	TIPPY
Closed	Closed	Closed

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

02/01/2026

HIGH & MEDIUM	PREMIUM FLOWERY	OFF GRADES
Closed	Closed	Closed

NO .OF PKGS

170,765

CTC

10,830 Pkgs - 574,893 kgs

ORDER OF SALE

Ex-Estate	LG Large Leaf//Semi Leafy/LG Small Leaf/BOP1A/ Premium	High & Medium/Off Grade /Dust	Approx Selling time of F&W Catalogues
JK	AS	FW	20TH
MB	JK	MB	JANUARY 2026
EB	LC	LC	8.30am Main Sale - High & Medium
AS	FW	AS	11.30am Semi - Leafy Teas
FW	EB	BC	12.00pm Low Grown - Leafy Teas
LC	MB	CTB	12.30pm Low Grown - Tippy Teas
BC	BC	JK	4.30pm BOP1A
CTB	CTB	EB	4.30pm Off Grade

BC - BPML Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd FW - Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

LC - Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd AS - Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC

EB - Eastern Brokers Ltd JK - John Keells PLC

CTB - Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC MB - Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt)Ltd

21ST

JANUARY 2026

10.00am Premium Flowery

10.45am Ex-Estate

12.45am Dust

DETAILS OF AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 4

Scheduled for 27TH/28TH JANUARY 2026

	LOTS	QUANTITY
ExEstate	844	806,690
High & Medium	1,564	642,046
Leafy	2,312	900,019
Semi Leafy	1,794	778,194
Tippy	2,209	1,062,997
Premium Flowery	441	61,812
OffGrades	2,443	1,259,365
Dust	568	513,275
Total	12,175	6,024,398
RePrint	2,214	1,039,800

03/02/2026

Buyers Prompt

05/02/2026

Sellers Prompt

This sale last year
Sale No. 1 | 28TH/29TH JANUARY 2025

Lots	:12,452
Re-print Lots	:606
Quantity	:6,432,470 kgs
Re-print Quantity	:294,666 kgs

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Violations Excluded

08/01/2026

LEAFY	SEMI-LEAFY	TIPPY
Closed	Closed	Closed

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

08/01/2026

HIGH & MEDIUM	PREMIUM FLOWERY	OFF GRADES
Closed	Closed	Closed

NO .OF PKGS

163,000

CTC

9,762 Pkgs - 519,774 kgs

CATALOGUE CLOSURE DETAILS

27/28

JANUARY 2026

Sale No. 4

The Ex-Estate catalogue closed on 08th January 2026, excluding violations. The Main Sale catalogues too closed on 08th January 2026, excluding violations.

02/03

FEBRUARY 2026

Sale No. 5

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 16th January 2026.

10/11

FEBRUARY 2026

Sale No. 6

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 22nd January 2026.



TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

BANGLADESH AUCTION

12TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.36)

CTC LEAF: 46,769 packages of tea on offer met with less demand.

BROKENS: Well made good liquorering smaller Brokens continued to meet with a fairly strong demand and sold at around last levels. However, larger varieties were less in demand and prices eased with a little more withdrawals. Medium varieties were a fair market at slightly easier rates. Plainer types once again, met with less demand and were easier. BLF teas continued to meet with good demand at around last levels.

FANNINGS: Well made good liquorering Fannings were a strong market and were mostly firm. Medium types were a good market and were easier following quality. Plainer types again met with less demand and were easier. BLF teas continued to meet with good demand at around last levels.

DUST: 10,623 packages of tea on offer met with good demand. Good liquorering Dusts sold well at around last levels. Their Mediums had fair demand and sold Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- easier than last. Plain/BLF Dusts met with fair demand and had more withdrawals than last. Blenders lent good support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Well made good liquorering varieties particularly the Fannings were again a good market and prices for these were mostly firm. Blenders were the mainstay of the market whilst Loose tea buyers were selective. It was evident that buyers were strictly following quality in their purchase.

Dusts met with fair demand with less withdrawals than last.

Our Catalogue: (Sale 36) Avg : Tk 261.25, Sold 78.83% , (Sale 35) Avg : Tk 265.73, Sold 79.00%

QUOTATIONS	BROKENS	QUOTATIONS	FANNINGS
<i>Best</i>	2.18-2.24	<i>Best</i>	2.22-2.30
<i>Good</i>	2.11-2.15	<i>Good</i>	2.14-2.18
<i>Medium</i>	2.05-2.09	<i>Medium</i>	2.05-2.09
<i>Plain</i>	2.01-2.04	<i>Plain</i>	2.01-2.05
<i>BLF</i>	1.95-2.04	<i>BLF</i>	1.97-2.05

Courtesy - National Brokers Limited.

COCHIN AUCTION

07TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.01)

	2026 kgs	2025 kgs
ORX LEAF	2,83,917	
CTC LEAF	31,617	NO SALE
TOTAL	3,15,534	

COCHIN LEAF

Market Report - Orthodox Teas

Market Overview

Orthodox teas opened to a steady but selective tone. CIS and Middle East buyers were active on quality teas while the rest of the catalogue met irregular demand. HUL was selective.

Whole leaf grades attracted moderate export competition, maintaining steady levels with brighter lines occasionally dearer. Liquoring grades held around last sold levels, though improved makes were firm in tone. Medium and plainer teas faced weaker interest and were occasionally easier.

Unsold volumes were slightly higher among medium and plain teas, mainly due to quality variation. Brighter lots cleared well.

Market Report - CTC Teas

Market Overview

CTC teas witnessed fair and widespread demand across most categories. Blenders and Internal packeteers were active while the Exporters operated selectively. Steady buying interest supported overall absorption. Brighter grades drew strong competition, realising firm to occasionally dearer levels. Medium teas maintained steady prices, with improved lines selling readily and plainer sorts tending slightly easier. Fannings showed fair enquiry, trading mostly at firm rates.

Unsold quantities were limited and confined mainly to plain and secondary grades where quality was below average or reserves were high.

Courtesy - J.T. COCHIN

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

COONOOR AUCTION

09TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.02)

CTC LEAF

DEMAND: Good Demand.

MARKET: This week saw a sale percentage of 81.05(1.09Mkg) on a modest offering of 1.35Mkg for the CTC leaf. Continued irregular to dearer prices were witnessed on the best teas with select improved invoices fetching handsome gains. Good teas sold at irregular levels for the larger & medium broken grades, smaller broken sold easier whilst the fanning settled at last levels. Better medium & medium category teas sold irregularly around last levels. The larger broken in medium & plainer types selectively sold at last levels whilst a sizable quantum remained unsold. Other grades in these categories sold a couple of rupees dearer.

BUYING PATTERN: Major blenders absorbed 43.43% of the total CTC leaf sold. The western India packager was a little more active and purchased slightly higher volume than previous weeks. Up country, CIS, Russia, Iraq and the middle east were fairly active.

ORTHODOX LEAF

DEMAND: Good demand.

MARKET: High grown whole leaf grades saw a slight surge in prices following quality whilst the others settled at steady prices. High grown brokens sold firm to dearer & the others sold steadily. Fanning sold at irregular levels.

BUYING PATTERN: CIS, ME & Russia were fairly active. Upcountry & internal buyers were selective.

CTC DUST

DEMAND: Strong demand especially on finer dust.

MARKET: CTC dust offer this week was at 331493.87Kgs of which 318317.07kgs were sold (96.03%). Best & good category teas sold at dearer prices with few winter character invoices fetching handsome gains. Good & better medium teas fetched substantially dearer prices in line with competition. Medium & plainer teas sold dearer by Rs 2 to 3.

BUYING PATTERN: Major blenders continued to be active. The up-country buyers were active on good and better medium teas. Regional and local packers came in strongly for the finer dust. Exporters to CIS & Russia continued to be active on the medium & plainer blacker sorts.

ORTHODOX DUST

DEMAND: Good demand.

MARKET: High grown primary sold at irregular levels. There were few out lots as upcountry buyers were less or rather subdued. Secondaries dust sold at firm prices.

BUYING PATTERN: Internal & regional packers were selective. Exporters were choosy on the secondary dust.

Courtesy - J.Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

GUWAHATI AUCTION 06TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.02)

Final Market Report

Market: CTC

There was good demand for the cleaner better liquor sorts at around last levels. Remainder met with fair demand and tended easier in line with quality. Bottom of the market was about firm.

Buying Pattern: CTC

Western India, North India, other internal destinations were the mainstay of the market. There was fair enquiry from HUL. Exporters operated selectively on the larger brokens.

Market: DUST

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Buying Pattern: DUST

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Courtesy - ASSOCIATED BROKERS PVT. LTD.

MOMBASA /MALAWI /KOLKATA / SILIGURI AUCTION

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