



FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS PVT LTD

WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO

04

**27TH/28TH
JANUARY 2026**



Overall Market

	QTY (M/KGS)	DEMAND
Ex Estate	0.81	Fair
High & Medium	0.64	Easier
Leafy	0.90	Less
Semi Leafy	0.78	Fair
Tippy/Small Leaf	1.06	Fair
Premium Flowery	0.06	Fair
Off Grade	1.26	Irregular
Dust	0.51	Firm To Easier
Total	6.02	Bearish

ORDER OF SALE

SALE NO : 4

27TH/28TH JANUARY 2026

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

AUCTION DETAILS

AT THIS WEEK'S SALE 12,175 LOTS TOTALLING 6,024,398 KGS WERE ON OFFER. THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	LOTS	QUANTITY
Ex Estate	844	806,690
High & Medium	1,564	642,046
Low Grown - Leafy	2,312	900,019
Low Grown - Semi Leafy	1,794	778,194
Low Grown - Tippy	2,209	1,062,997
Premium Flowery	441	61,812
Off Grades	2,443	1,259,365
Dust	568	513,275
Total	12,175	6,024,398
Re - Prints	2,214	1,039,800

SETTLEMENT DATES

30/01/2026 03/02/2026 05/02/2026

10% Payment Buyers Prompt Sellers Prompt

Quality

A small selection of Westerns were improved, whilst the Nuwara Eliyas together with the Uva/Uda Pussellawas showed no significant change. Low Growns were similar to last.

COMMENTS

The 4th Sale of the year concluded today had a total of 6.0 M/Kgs on offer. There was fair demand mostly at firm to easier rates.

Ex-Estate offerings were barely maintained at 0.81 M/Kgs. Quality - A few select Westerns' showed improvement, whilst the others showed no significant change. Better demand for improved teas, whilst the others met with fair interest mostly selling around last week's levels.

Improved teas were often sort after by interest emanating from shipper to the UK, the continent and perhaps South Africa, China and Japan. Less forceful buying from shippers to the CIS and Middle East, and consequently a bearish trend for teas at the lower end of the market.

Accordingly, improved liquorings teas both in the Best and Below Best categories appreciated by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others were irregular and continued to sell around last week's levels.

CTC teas, in general, too were weaker with only a few select invoices selling around last levels and the trend could be attributed to the slack demand from shippers to the CIS and Middle East, in general.

Auction volumes in the forthcoming sale are likely to record a decline following current climatic conditions in the plantations which perhaps is not unusual for the time of year.

Similarly, liquorings teas particularly from the Western slopes are seen to improve from Sale No. 5 onwards.

Renewed interest for liquorings FBOP's, PEK's and PEK1's which were often selling between Rs. 1,400-1,600 per kg.

Low Growns totalled approximately 2.7 M/Kgs. The Leafy category witnessed less demand, whilst the Semi-Leafy, Tippy and Premium categories met with fair demand.

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

In the Tippy catalogue, well-made FBOP's were firm, whilst the Below Best together with the bolder varieties declined. Select Best FF1's were firm, whilst the Best together with the cleaner Below Best were firm to dearer. The balance were irregular following quality.

In the Premium catalogue, very Tippy teas were firm, whilst the balance in general were firm to dearer following quality.

Following the weak marketing conditions, unsold volumes are likely to show an increase accumulating teas more at the lower end of the market.

NOTE

Next week's Auction (Sale No. 5) is scheduled for Monday, 2 February and Tuesday, 3 February 2026

CROP AND WEATHER

FOR THE PERIOD 20 - 27 January 2026

Western/Nuwar Eliya Regions



Both regions experienced bright weather conditions throughout the week. Frost was reported in parts of the Nuwara Eliya Region during the early morning hours. According to the Department of Meteorology, showers are expected in both the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions during the forthcoming week.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions



The Uva Region experienced sunny weather conditions throughout the week. Rain is expected in the Uva Region in the week ahead, according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Growns



Sunny weather conditions were recorded in the Low Growns Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology anticipates misty weather conditions in the Low Growns Region in the week ahead.

Crop

Crop intake levels in the Nuwara Eliya and Western regions remained stable during the reporting period. The Low Growns Region recorded a decline in the crop intake, while the Uva and Udu Pussellawa regions maintained consistent intake levels.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

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

BOP

Best Western's - Improved teas gained by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Corresponding BOPSp invoices continued to sell at a premium. In the Below Best category too, select improved teas gained by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others were irregular. At the lower end of the market, clean leaf teas were Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uda Pussellawa's declined by Rs. 50 per kg and more. Uva's - Select Best were Rs. 20 per kg dearer, whilst the others were firm around last week's levels.

BOPF

Best Western's - Select invoices gained by Rs. 20-40 per kg and more following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, select improved teas appreciated by Rs. 20-40 per kg and more, whilst the others were irregular. At the lower end, clean leaf types were Rs. 20 per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last levels. Nuwara Eliya's had hardly any offerings and were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs. 20 per kg lower. Uva's - Select invoices were Rs. 20 per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last levels.

OP/OPA

Well-made varieties were easier by Rs. 50-70 per kg. Below Best types and poorer sorts declined by Rs. 40-60 per kg and more, at times.

PEKOE/PEKOE1

Flavoury PEK/PEK1's were irregularly lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg, whilst the select Best Orthodox Leafy PEK's were easier by Rs. 40-60 per kg and PEK1's declined by Rs. 50-100 per kg. Below Best PEK/PEK1's were lower by Rs. 30-50 per kg. A few Select Best Rotovane PEK's gained by Rs. 50 per kg following special inquiry, whilst the others sold at last levels. Below Best gained by Rs. 50-100 per kg following quality, whilst the others and poorer sorts were barely steady.

FBOP/FBOPF1

Flavoury FBOP/FBOPF1's met with better demand following special inquiry. The Better Orthodox FBOP/FBOPF1's were firm to dearer by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the Below Best varieties and poorer sorts were irregularly lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg.

SALE DTE	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE/FBOP		OP	
	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan
Best Westerns	1380-1420	1400 - 1500	1280-1440	1320 - 1480	1240-1650	1240 - 1650	1020-1180	1000 - 1180
Below Best Westerns	1260-1360	1280 - 1380	1200-1260	1220 - 1300	1020-1220	980 - 1160	980	920 - 960
Plainer Westerns	1100-1240	1120 - 1260	1140-1180	1100 - 1200	780-1000	730 - 940	860-900	650 - 810
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1160	870 - 1420	N/A	810 -
Brighter Udapussellawas	1080-1120	1120 - 1180	1120-1180	1160 - 1200	1180-1320	1180 - 1500	980	940 - 1000
Other Udapussellawas	1000-1040	1040 - 1080	1040-1080	1040 - 1100	1000-1160	880 - 1140	750-780	710 - 730
Best Uvas	1200-1240	1200 - 1240	1180-1260	1220 - 1280	1220-1600	1180 - 1600	980-1060	740 - 1000
Other Uvas	N/A	1160 - 1180	N/A	1160 - 1200	720-1200	830 - 1160	780-960	650 - 920

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

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

BOP	Generally firm.
BOPF	Mostly sold around last week's levels.
OP/OPA	Well-made teas were easier by Rs. 60-80 per kg and more at times, whilst the Below Best types were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg. Teas at the lower end declined by Rs. 50-70 per kg and were mostly unsold due to poor demand.
PEKOE/PEKOE1	Select Best and Best PEK/PEK1's were easier by Rs. 50-80 per kg, whilst the Below Best and the others declined by Rs. 40-60 per kg.
FBOP/FBOPF1	Select Best FBOP/FBOPF1's were firm to selectively dearer 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 easier by Rs. 30-50 per kg.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE/FBOP		OP	
	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan
Good Mediums	1180-1850	1180 - 1700	1220-1280	1220 - 1260	1260-1800	1220 - 1900	1020-1240	980 - 1180
Other Mediums	800 - 960	820 - 1060	830-1040	800 - 1060	750-1240	740 - 1200	510-1000	650 - 960

UNORTHODOX / CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN	BP1s - Hardly any offerings. PF1s - Better sorts were Rs. 20 per kg easier, whilst the others sold around last.
MEDIUM GROWN	BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Better sorts - A few select invoices sold around last, whilst the others were irregular.
LOW GROWN	BP1s - Sold around last. PF1s - Better sorts were Rs. 20 per kg easier, whilst the others were irregular.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BP1		PF1	
	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan
High Grown	N/A	N/A	1000-1160	1020 - 1160
Medium Grown	N/A	1080 - 1100	1020-1120	1020 - 1140
Low Grown	1160-1420	1360 -	1160-1360	1040 - 1360

OFF GRADES

 Incline from last week
 Decline from last week
 Static Market

FGS1/FGS

Select Best sorts together with the Best varieties gained by Rs. 20 per kg and more following quality, whilst the Below Best sorts were firm to easier. Teas at the lower end of the market declined sharply. Low Growns - Clean leaf varieties together with the Below Best sorts which commenced firm, declined as the sale progressed. Poorer sorts were easier. CTC - In general were lower.

BROKENs

Reducer varieties in the Best category appreciated by Rs. 20-40 per kg. Clean leaf sorts gained by Rs. 20 per kg. Cleaner Below Best sorts were irregularly lower, whilst others where quality was not maintained declined sharply. Poorer sorts were easier.

BOP1A

Main Grade reducer varieties in the Best category declined by Rs. 40-60 per kg. Below Best varieties maintained around last week's closing levels, whilst the poorer sorts in general were easier.

QUOTATIONS LKR

SALE DTE	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan
Better Fannings (Orthodox)	880-1240	860 - 1340	840-1180	830 - 1140	840-1000	830 - - 940
Better Fannings (CTC)	790	N/A	820-850	N/A	840-1080	800 - 1020
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	600-870	520 - 850	520-830	560 - 820	550-830	500 - 820
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	600-720	610 - 770	590-770	560 - 740
Good Brokens	760-980	750 - 1000	750-1300	750 - 1280	770-1280	760 - - 1200
Other Brokens	450-750	490 - 740	450-740	480 - 740	440-760	450 - 750
Better BOP1As	740-870	740 - 830	740-1020	740 - 1020	750-1340	750 - - 1260
Other BOP1As	610-720	600 - 720	620-720	610 - 720	600-720	500 - 720

DUSTS

DUST1

Teas in the Select Best category were firm to irregularly dearer by Rs. 20-40 per kg. Improved teas in the Best category, where quality was maintained, were dearer by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the others remained firm. The Below Best varieties were firm to dearer by Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts remained firm. A few select Low Grown varieties appreciated on special inquiry, whilst the others were easier by Rs. 20 per kg. The High and Medium Grown CTC's declined substantially by Rs. 60-80 per kg, whilst the Low Grown CTC's remained firm.

DUST

Clean leaf secondaries together with the poorer sorts sold around last week's levels, whilst the Low Grown varieties were easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg.

QUOTATIONS LKR

SALE DTE	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan
Better Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1200-1700	1200 - 1700	1100-1200	1080 - 1140	N/A	1060 - 1120
Better Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	1140-1220	1100 -	1150-1220	1150 - 1240	1150-1460	1160 - 1420
Below Best Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1020-1180	1040 - 1180	850-1080	830 - 1060	750-890	790 - 1040
Other Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	730-1120	690 - 1080	940-1140	850 - 1140	940-1140	920 - 1140
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	730-1000	840 - 1020	650-840	630 - 820	590-740	690 - 780
Better Secondary Dust	1060-1240	1060 - 1220	940	N/A	980-1100	960 - 1000
Other Secondary Dust	670-1040	690 - 1040	570-920	590 - 860	630-960	620 - 940

LOW GROWN TEAS

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

FBOP/FBOP1	Well-made FBOP's were firm, whilst the Below Best together with the bolder varieties declined. Teas at the bottom were firm, whilst the FBOP1's too followed a similar trend.
BOP	BOP's, in general, were easier.
BOP1	Select Best BOP1's together with teas at the bottom were firm, whilst the Best and bolder varieties were easier.
OP1	Select Best and the Below Best together with teas at the bottom maintained, whilst the Best varieties declined.
OP	OP's, in general, declined.
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 were easier. Teas at the bottom sold at last levels. High-priced PEK1's were firm, whilst the balance were irregularly lower.
BOPF	Well-made BOPF's together with the cleaner Below Best were firm, whilst the balance were irregular following quality.
FBOPF/FBOPF1	Very Tippy teas were firm, whilst the balance in general were firm to dearer following quality. Select Best FF1's were firm, whilst the Best together with the clean Below Best were firm to dearer. The balance were irregular following quality.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan	20/21 Jan	27/28 Jan
FBOP 1	1500-1800	1600 - 1900	1400-1450	1400 - 1450	1200-1300	1200 - 1300	900-950	900 - 950
FBOP	1700-2400	1800 - 2400	1480-1550	1480 - 1550	1250-1300	1200 - 1300	900-950	900 - 950
BOP 1	2400-3000	2300 - 3000	1700-2300	1600 - 2250	1340-1550	1300 - 1500	900-1300	900 - 1280
BOP	1500-1800	1500 - 1800	1400-1450	1400 - 1450	1100-1200	1100 - 1200	900-1000	900 - 1000
BOPF	1300-1500	1300 - 1400	900-1000	900 - 1000	850-880	850 - 880	800-850	800 - 850
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	4000-5000	4000 - 5000	3000-3800	3000 - 3800	2500-2900	2500 - 2900	1000	1000 -
FBOPF 1	1500-1650	1550 - 1650	1440-1480	1450 - 1500	1300-1350	1340 - 1380	950-1000	950 - 1000
FBOPF	1400-1600	1400 - 1600	1300-1350	1300 - 1350	1200-1300	1200 - 1300	900-950	900 - 950
OP 1	3000-3700	3050 - 3750	2500-2900	2400 - 2950	1650-2450	1650 - 2350	900-1600	900 - 1600
OP	1480-1600	1440 - 1600	1360-1460	1320 - 1420	1180-1340	1140 - 1300	850-1160	800 - 1120
OPA	1400-1850	1360 - 1700	1260-1380	1220 - 1340	1160-1240	1120 - 1200	850-1140	800 - 1100
PEKOE	1460-2250	1480 - 2300	1280-1420	1300 - 1460	1180-1260	1200 - 1280	850-1160	850 - 1180
PEK 1	1700-2350	1700 - 2350	1400-1650	1400 - 1650	1280-1380	1240 - 1380	900-1260	900 - 1220

TOP PRICE

WESTERN MEDIUM				WESTERN HIGH			
Dartry Valley	BOP	@	1700	Venture	FBOP		1600
Harangalla	BOP	@	1600	St Andrews	FBOP		1600
Craighead	BOP	@	1500	Inverness	FBOP		1600
Craighead	BOPSp	@	1440	Ingestre	FBOP	@	1550
Kenilworth	BOPSp		1400	Inverness	FBOP1		1200
Windsorforest	BOPSp	@	1360	Queensberry	FBOPF1	@	1420
Vellai Oya	BOPF	@	1260	Torrington	FBOPF1	@	1400
Windsorforest	BOPF	@	1060	Torrington	OP	@	1180
Craighead	BOPF	@	1060	Venture	OPA		1160
Doombagastalawa	BOPF	@	1040	St Andrews	OPA		1060
Dartry Valley	BOPFSp	@	1080	Torrington	OPA	@	1020
Harangalla	BOPFSp	@	1060	Cymru	OPA		1020
Harangalla	BOP1	@	1850	Cymru	OP1		1480
Dartry Valley	BOP1	@	1850	Dessford	PEK	@	1650
Imboolpittia	FBOP	@	1900	Annfield	PEK		1650
Dartry Valley	FBOP	@	1900	Somerset	PEK	@	1550
New Rothschild	FBOP		1900	Robgill	PEK	@	1500
Craighead	FBOP	@	1850	Bambrakelly	PEK1		1700
Doombagastalawa	FBOP	@	1850	NUWARA ELIYAS			
Harangalla	FBOP	@	1850	Kenmare	BOP		1000
Hansagiri Kothmale	FBOP1		1380	Lovers Leap	BOPF		1120
Craighead	FBOP1	@	1340	Kenmare	FBOP	@	1440
Werallakanda	FBOPF		1060	Court Lodge	FBOP	@	1180
Ancoombra	FBOPF1		1650	Court Lodge	FBOPF1	@	1440
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1	@	1600	Court Lodge	OP	@	810
New Rothschild	FBOPF1		1600	Court Lodge	OPA	@	780
Craighead	FBOPF1	@	1550	Court Lodge	OPA	@	780
Doombagastalawa	FBOPF1	@	1550	Court Lodge	OP1	@	1300
Imboolpittia	FBOPF1	@	1550	UDAPUSSELLAWAS			
New Baddegama Super	OP		1180	Mooloya	BOP		1180
Hansagiri Kothmale	OPA		1260	Blairlomond	BOPSp	@	810
Craighead	OP1	@	1700	Luckyland	BOPF		1200
Hatale	PEK		1500	Delmar	FBOP		1500
Dartry Valley	PEK1	@	1850	Delmar	FBOPF1		1400
Uplands	PEK1		1850	Blairlomond	FBOPF1	@	1240
Craighead	PEK1	@	1800	Maha Uva	OP	@	1040
Doombagastalawa	PEK1	@	1800	Delmar	OP	@	1000
WESTERN HIGH				Delmar	OPA		820
Tillyrie	BOP	@	1500	Maha Uva	OPA	@	790
Ingestre	BOPSp		1500	Delmar	OP1	@	1200
Wattegodde	BOPSp		1500	Blairlomond	PEK	@	1200
Dessford	BOPF	@	1480	Delmar	PEK	@	1180
Inverness	BOP1		1700	Maha Uva	PEK	@	1100
Bambrakelly	FBOP		1650	Delmar	PEK1	@	1400
Torrington	FBOP	@	1600				

LOW GROWNS				UVA MEDIUM		
New Laksakanda				Aruna Keppetipola	PEK1	1750
New Laksakanda				Ellathota Uva	BOP	1320
Elaine Super				Nayabedde	BOP	@ 1240
Galaxy				Pitaratmalie	BOP	1240
Selna				Kelliebedde	BOP	@ 1200
Green House				Bandaraeliya	BOP	@ 1200
Navinda				Ranaya	BOPSp	1360
Gunawardana				Aislaby	BOPSp	@ 1340
Sisiramba Super				Bandaraeliya	BOPF	@ 1280
Kings Bru				Nayabedde	BOPF	@ 1260
Rajjuruwatta Super				Kelliebedde	BOPF	@ 1240
Ayagama				Uva Highlands	BOP1	@ 1340
Sithaka				Aislaby	FBOP	@ 1600
Kiruwanaganga				Craig	FBOP	1600
Gunawardana				Uva Highlands	FBOP	@ 1550
Pothotuwa				Battawatte	FBOP1	890
New Vithanakande				Aislaby	FBOP1	@ 840
Galatara				Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	@ 1480
Dellawa				Craig	OP	1000
Adams View				Needwood Super	OPA	1080
Kolonna Super				Aislaby	OP1	1440
Pothotuwa				Craig	PEK	1300
Pothotuwa				Ranaya	PEK1	1650
Susantha				UNORTHODOX HIGH		
Kiruwanaganga				Dunsinane CTC	PF1	1160
Miriswatta				UNORTHODOX MEDIUM		
Liyonta				Strathdon CTC	PF1	1140
Golden Garden				Delta CTC	BP1	1100
Dampahala				Aultmore CTC	BPS	1000
Demodera 'S'				UNORTHODOX LOW		
Halpewatte Uva				Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1380
El Teb				Ceciliyan CTC	BP1	1360
Dickwella				PREMIUM FLOWERY		
Wewesse				Rasa	FBOPFSp	5000
Aruna Passara				Adams View	FBOPFSp	@ 4900
Aruna Keppetipola				New Batuwangala	FBOPFExSp	5200
Shawlands				Kings Bru	FBOPFExSp1	5000
Demodera 'S'				Muswenna	FBOPFExSp1	@ 4200
Sarnia Plaiderie				DUSTS		
Halpewatte Uva				Mattakelle	DUST1	1700
Cecilton				Ceciliyan CTC	PD	@ 1420
Pettiagalla				Hingalgoda CTC	PD	1420
Sarnia Plaiderie				Wattegodde	DUST	1220
Dickwella				OFF GRADES		
High Spring				Wattegodde	FGS1	1340
Aruna Passara				Wanarajah	FGS1	@ 1280
Pettiagalla				Wattahena	FGS	940
Aruna Passara				Liyonta CTC	PF	1020
Sarnia Plaiderie				Magedara	BM	1200
Aruna Passara				Gunawardana	BM	@ 1060
Sarnia Plaiderie				Kothmale Hills	BP	1280
				Liyonta	BOP1A	1260

QUANTITY SOLD

DURING THE PERIOD 14TH-21ST JANUARY 2026	WEEKLY (KGS)		TODATE (KGS)	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
PRIVATE SALES	244,652	261,282	607,658	728,708
PUBLIC AUCTION	5,191,743	5,989,404	14,406,293	14,872,929
FORWARD CONTRACTS	45,800	92,420	109,800	275,180
DIRECT SALES	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	5,482,195	6,343,106	15,123,751	15,876,817
BMF EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE	49,000	109,100	59,000	241,853

(QUANTITY SOLD AND THE AVERAGE PRICE PER AUCTION)

	Quantity (M/kgs)			AVG Price (LKR)			Avg Price (USD)		
	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024
13TH JANUARY 2026	4.46	3.59	4.62	1159.13	1209.18	1274.74	3.79	4.16	4.38
21ST JANUARY 2026	5.19	5.99	4.64	1178.86	1217.13	1291.19	3.85	4.16	4.07

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

RATES OF EXCHANGE

SRI LANKA RUPEE APPROX PER UNIT OF CURRENCY

YEAR	2026	2025	2024
USD	305.83	294.18	317.35
STG.PD	417.42	364.60	400.88
EURO	362.28	305.15	344.85
YEN	1.97	1.88	2.16

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

PUBLIC AUCTION/GROSS SALES AVERAGE

SALE NO 3 20TH/ 21ST 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	1015.51	1040.42	1043.90	1033.60	1046.42	1026.12	3.32	3.55	3.29	3.36	3.57	3.20
Western High Grown	1189.88	1156.10	1134.91	1187.82	1145.81	1109.47	3.89	3.95	3.58	3.86	3.91	3.46
CTC High Grown	1108.99	1082.64	1154.53	1117.45	1089.44	1088.17	3.62	3.70	3.64	3.63	3.71	3.39
High Grown (Summary)	1135.52	1118.14	1109.16	1135.85	1111.08	1084.03	3.71	3.82	3.49	3.69	3.79	3.38
Uva Medium Grown	961.02	1075.60	1119.56	964.95	1067.70	1087.31	3.14	3.67	3.53	3.13	3.64	3.39
Western Medium Grown	992.52	1037.62	1101.38	990.56	1011.73	1064.70	3.24	3.54	3.47	3.22	3.45	3.32
CTC Medium Grown	998.46	981.53	898.37	1005.04	945.04	905.88	3.26	3.35	2.83	3.26	3.22	2.83
Medium Grown (Summary)	982.22	1052.34	1106.70	982.10	1032.69	1071.99	3.21	3.59	3.49	3.19	3.52	3.34
Orthodox Low Grown	1259.91	1296.81	1420.93	1256.63	1287.07	1390.50	4.12	4.43	4.48	4.08	4.39	4.34
CTC Low Grown	957.54	969.41	1112.93	953.36	932.98	1103.89	3.13	3.31	3.51	3.09	3.18	3.44
Low Grown(Summary)	1239.12	1285.54	1400.46	1235.21	1272.34	1373.52	4.05	4.39	4.41	4.01	4.34	4.28
Total	1178.86	1217.13	1291.19	1174.49	1201.19	1263.41	3.85	4.16	4.07	3.81	4.09	3.94

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates
 Source: MSL - Averages



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								
Bangladesh	11.6	9.9	10.2	95.1	86.7	85.7	-8.4	-1
Malawi	2.7	3.2	0.9	39.3	44.8	39.3	5.5	-5.5
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								
Kenya	52.8	50.1	49.7	465	495.2	451.4	30.2	-43.8

DETAILS OF AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 5

Scheduled for 02ND/03RD FEBRUARY 2026

	LOTS	QUANTITY
ExEstate	801	784,524
High & Medium	1,629	654,744
Leafy	2,505	962,061
Semi Leafy	1,839	798,991
Tippy	2,104	1,013,558
Premium Flowery	458	62,362
OffGrades	2,593	1,309,972
Dust	564	503,510
Total	12,493	6,089,722
RePrint	1,645	717,593

09/02/2026

Buyers Prompt

10/02/2026

Sellers Prompt

This sale last year
Sale No. 5 | 03RD/05TH FEBRUARY 2025

Lots	:12,610
Re-print Lots	:622
Quantity	:6,467,059 kgs
Re-print Quantity	:307,514 kgs

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Violations Excluded

16/01/2026

LEAFY	SEMI-LEAFY	TIPPY
Closed	Closed	Closed

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

16/01/2026

HIGH & MEDIUM	PREMIUM FLOWERY	OFF GRADES
Closed	Closed	Closed

NO .OF PKGS

165,083

CTC

9,560 Pkgs - 512,006 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
MB	LC	LC	02ND
JK	FW	AS	JANUARY 2026
LC	EB	BC	9.45am Semi - Leafy Teas
CTB	MB	CTB	10.15am Low Grown - Leafy Teas
EB	BC	JK	10.30am Low Grown - Tippy Teas
FW	CTB	EB	1.30pm Main Sale - High & Medium
BC	AS	FW	4.00pm BOP1A
AS	JK	MB	5.00pm Premium Flowery

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

03RD

JANUARY 2026

10.30am Ex-Estate

11.00am Off Grade

2.30pm Dust

DETAILS OF AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 6

Scheduled for 10TH/11TH FEBRUARY 2026

	LOTS	QUANTITY
ExEstate	748	729,368
High & Medium	1,394	556,400
Leafy	2,551	959,969
Semi Leafy	1,723	696,649
Tippy	2,290	1,058,442
Premium Flowery	253	34,822
OffGrades	2,761	1,449,665
Dust	532	464,532
Total	12,252	5,949,847
RePrint	2,604	1,265,688

17/02/2026

Buyers Prompt

18/02/2026

Sellers Prompt

This sale last year
Sale No. 6 | 10TH/11TH FEBRUARY 2025

Lots	:11,619
Re-print Lots	:1,030
Quantity	:5,896,636 kgs
Re-print Quantity	:552,027 kgs

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Violations Excluded

22/01/2026

LEAFY	SEMI-LEAFY	TIPPY
Closed	Closed	Closed

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

22/01/2026

HIGH & MEDIUM	PREMIUM FLOWERY	OFF GRADES
Closed	Closed	Closed

NO .OF PKGS

162,119

CTC

9,600 Pkgs - 507,882 kgs

CATALOGUE CLOSURE DETAILS

10/11

FEBRUARY 2026

Sale No. 6

The Ex-Estate catalogue closed on 22nd January 2026, excluding violations. The Main Sale catalogues too closed on 22nd January 2026, excluding violations

17/18

FEBRUARY 2026

Sale No. 7

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 29th January 2026.

24/25

FEBRUARY 2026

Sale No. 8

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 06th February 2026.



TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

MOMBASA AUCTION

26TH, 27TH AND 28TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.04)

There was good general demand for the 192,819 packages (12,799,963.00 kilos) available in the market; 19.79% was unsold.

MARKETS

Pakistan Packers and Bazaar were strong with Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries active. Kazakhstan and other CIS states were active but a little more selective with more enquiry from Afghanistan. Egyptian Packers lent more support while UK maintained selective participation. Russia were operating with some interest from South Sudan. Local Packers were less active with Somalia maintaining support at the lower end of the market.

OFFERINGS

Orthodox Grades - 3,600 packages (136,640.00 kilos) - 62.22% unsold.

Leaf Grades - 94,460 packages (6,231,933.00 kilos) - 27.78% unsold.

Dust Grades - 66,981 packages (5,002,911.00 kilos) - 13.92% unsold.

Secondary Grades - 27,778 packages (1,428,479.00 kilos) - 9.36% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best - Some enquiry but at easier levels with a few teas discounted by up to USC38, USC46 and USC80.

Brighter - Eased further by up to USC22 with some lines shedding USC40.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were steady to USC8 above last levels to easier by up to USC9 while plantation mediums lost by up to USC13.

Lower Medium - Irregular interest varying between USC5 dearer to mostly easier by up to USC14.

Plainer - Gained by up to USC11.

PF1:

Best - Were firm to mostly dearer by up to USC10 but select lines shed by up to USC4.

Brighter - Irregular and mostly held value with some invoices up to USC5 above previous rates to USC10 below last levels.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were steady to dearer by up to USC13 while plantation mediums met strong absorption gaining up to USC15 but select teas eased by up to USC8.

Lower Medium - Met more irregular interest and varied between firm to USC10 above previous rates for some lines to mostly easier by up to USC7.

Plainer - Saw strong enquiry advancing by up to USC14 but select teas shed by up to USC5.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
<i>Best</i>	265 - 486	292 - 372
<i>Good</i>	250 - 299	300 - 340
<i>Good Medium</i>	225 - 296	275 - 322
<i>Medium (KTDA)</i>	170 - 211	249 - 297
<i>Medium (Plantations)</i>	167 - 209	195 - 245
<i>Lower Medium</i>	140 - 173	150 - 226
<i>Plainer</i>	098 - 162	088 - 160

DUST GRADES (M1)

PDUST:

Best - Were dearer by up to USC34.

Brighter - Advanced further by up to USC17.

Mediums - KTDA mediums met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC16 dearer for most offers to easier by up to USC12. Plantation mediums irregularly shed by up to USC8.

Lower Medium - Irregular and were mostly discounted by up to USC8 but some teas held steady to USC12 above last levels.

Plainer - More irregular interest at firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

DUST1:

Best - Steady to USC7 dearer to easier by up to USC9.

Brighter - Met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC18 above previous rates to easier by up to USC13.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were more irregular and varied between USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC18. Plantation mediums met steady support and ranged between USC15 above previous levels to easier by up to USC7.

Lower Medium - Gained up to USC10 to easier by up to USC6.

Plainer - Mostly advanced by up to USC13 but some lines were discounted by up to USC7.

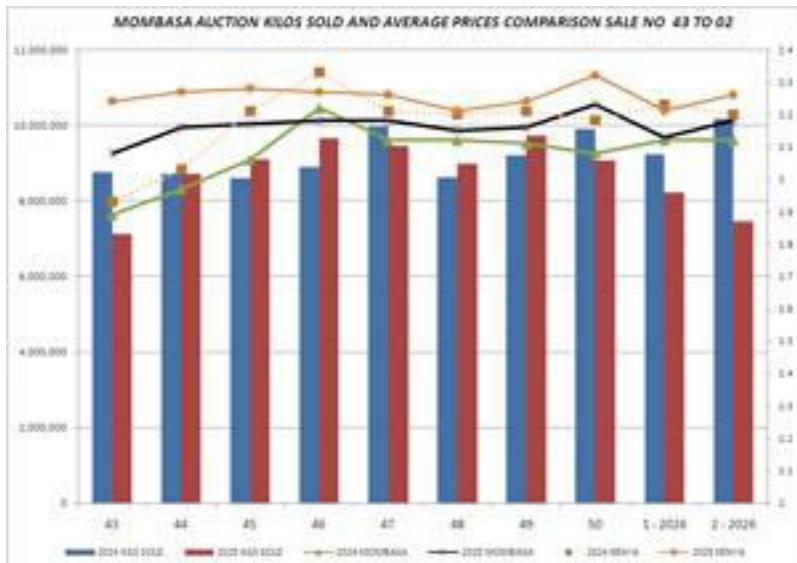
CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
<i>Best</i>	300 - 360	292 - 365
<i>Good</i>	290 - 349	274 - 312
<i>Good Medium</i>	245 - 348	240 - 308
<i>Medium (KTDA)</i>	170 - 240	170 - 255
<i>Medium (Plantations)</i>	180 - 214	168 - 193
<i>Lower Medium</i>	142 - 206	144 - 165
<i>Plainer</i>	094 - 140	105 - 134

SECONDARY GRADES (S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs were steady to dearer while PFs were firm. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings tended dearer with similar DUSTs selling at last levels. Other Fannings held value while DUSTs were about firm. BMFs were well absorbed.



SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP/BP2	PF/PF2	FNGS1/ FNGS	DUST/ DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	242-316	218 - 243	150 - 227	132 - 269	-
Good Medium / Medium	-	-	120 - 177	117 - 190	-
Lower Medium	134 - 170	122 - 152	106 - 147	090 - 132	100 - 114
Plainer	087 - 150	085 - 136	088 - 119	082 - 120	085 - 099



Courtesy - Africa Tea Brokers Limited.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

26TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.38)

CTC LEAF: 46,608 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly strong demand.

BROKENS: Well made good liquor Brokens were a good market and mostly sold at around last levels. Mediums were a good market and were mostly firm in line with quality. Plain varieties met with a little less demand and witnessed more withdrawals. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand and were fully firm over last.

FANNINGS: Well made good liquor Fannings once again met with a strong market and were fully firm to slightly dearer. Medium types met with a good demand and sold at around last levels. BLF teas continued to meet with a good demand and were fully firm over last.

DUST: 10,590 packages of tea on offer met with a good demand. Select few well made good liquor teas met with good competition and fetched attractive price. Other good liquor teas and Medium teas also sold well at around last levels. Plain/BLF Dusts were an easier market with fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Well made good liquor types continued to attract good competition and were well absorbed at firm to dearer rates. However, some end of season quality teas on offer met with a limited demand and witnessed heavy withdrawals. Blenders once again operated in good strength for all varieties. Loose tea buyers operated selectively.

Good liquor Dusts were a strong feature of the sale.

Our Catalogue: (Sale 38) Avg : Tk 260.05, Sold 71.69%, (Sale 37) Avg : Tk 260.08, Sold 83.04%

QUOTATIONS	BROKENS	QUOTATIONS	FANNINGS
Best	2.22-2.26	Best	2.22-2.30
Good	2.09-2.14	Good	2.14-2.18
Medium	2.04-2.07	Medium	2.04-2.08
Plain	2.01-2.03	Plain	2.03-2.04
BLF	1.93-2.05	BLF	1.95-2.01

Courtesy - National Brokers Limited.

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

COONOOR AUCTION

24TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.04)

CTC LEAF

DEMAND: Good Demand.

MARKET: 86.35%(728477.82Kgs) were sold on an offering of 843664.22Kg for the CTC leaf. Limited offerings on the best teas saw a steady market. Good teas offerings too were lower compared to last week and the prices for these teas saw a dearer level following quality and competition. Better medium teas at the lower end were steady whilst select broken grades saw a slight increase in prices due to competition. Medium & Plainer teas sold at barely steady levels except for few blacker sorts fetching firm to occasionally dearer prices.

BUYING PATTERN: Major blenders purchased 39.17% of the total CTC leaf sold. Improved demand from few Up-country buyers was witnessed this week. CIS, Russia and the middle continued to be fairly active. A marginal increase in buying was seen from the exporter to Iraq.

ORTHODOX LEAF

DEMAND: Good improved demand.

MARKET: The well-made whole leaf & broken grades saw an increment in prices whilst the stalky teas continue to ease, fanning grades on the high grown category saw a decline in prices whilst the medium grown continue to sell at barely steady levels.

BUYING PATTERN: CIS, ME & Russia were active on improved invoices. Upcountry & internal buyers were selective.

CTC DUST

DEMAND: Good demand.

MARKET: CTC dust offer this week was at 200699.50Kgs of which 164690.87kgs were sold (82.06%). Best teas sold at irregular prices with few improved invoices fetching dearer prices following competition. Good category bolder dust sold irregularly easier whilst the finer dust at the top end sold dearer on competition and the lower end settled at steady prices to easier prices. Better medium, medium & plainer teas sold at barely steady levels.

BUYING PATTERN: Major blenders were fairly active especially on finer dust. The up-country buyers were active on good and better medium teas along with the regional and local packers. Exporters to CIS & Russia continued to be active on the medium & plainer blacker sorts.

ORTHODOX DUST

DEMAND: Fair demand.

MARKET: Select high grown primary dust sold firm to dearer with few invoices facing out lots. Secondaries dust sold at steady prices.

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

Courtesy - J.Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

KOLKATA AUCTION

28TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.04)

	2025	2024	DIFFERENCE
CTC	48,890	1,13,086	-64,196
ORTHODOX	46,980	33,945	13,035
DUST	20,844	41,753	-20,909

KOLKATA SALE CTC MARKET

MARKET REPORT:

Market opened to good demand. Medium and plainer sorts seen so far irregular and tending easier. Good and best sorts yet to be seen.

BUYING PATTERN:

HUL: Fair Support

West Bengal: Selective

Western India : Fair Support

Exporters : Operating

Other Internal/Local: Good support

KOLKATA SALE ORTHODOX MARKET

MARKET REPORT:

Market opened to good demand. Nominal quantity of well made whole leaf & brokens on offer irregular around last. Ramainder whole leaf and brokens irregularly lower and selling in line with quality. Secondaries following a similar trend.

BUYING PATTERN:

Middle East : Active

CIS: Good Support

HUL: Operating

Courtesy - J.Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd

COCHIN AUCTION

27TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.04)

QUANTITY	2026 kg.	2025 Kg.	Difference
ORX LEAF	2,19,672	2,69,073	(49,401)
CTC LEAF	33,863	43,769	(9,906)
TOTAL	2,53,535	3,12,842	(59,307)

COCHIN LEAF

Orthodox Market

Orthodox teas were easier overall.

Exporters to CIS and Middle East remained active but limited their bids to select bright leaf and well-made lots. Whole-leaf grades held steady; medium and plain types sold irregularly at lower levels. Plain lines saw weak demand with several remaining unsold.

Noticeably higher outlots this week, particularly in the plain category.

CTC Market

CTC teas met good overall demand.

Brighter teas attracted strong competition from HUL and major internal packeteers, while liquorings dusts also found fair enquiry. Medium and plainer teas sold irregularly, often at easier levels. Fannings saw limited activity and was mostly steady.

Unsold teas were mostly confined to fibrous and mixed invoices.

Courtesy - J.T. COCHIN

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

SILIGURI AUCTION

28 JANUARY 2026

	2025-2026	2024-2025	DIFFERENCE
CTC	104,915	119,905	-8,354
DARJEELING	-	-	-
GREEN	-	-	-
DUST	13,227	23,140	-3,358
TOTAL	118,142	143,045	-24,903

CTC LEAF MARKET REPORT

STAC OFFERINGS IN PACKAGES (SALE NO 05)

DEMAND / MARKET DETAILS: Market opened to good demand. Medium and Plainer teas are irregular following quality. Good and Best sorts are yet to be seen.

BUYING PATTERN:

Internal/ Local Packeteers: Mainstay

HUL/TCPL: Operating

W.I: Selective

Courtesy - J. THOMAS & CO. PVT. LTD, SILIGURI

MALAWI AUCTION

28TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.04)

There was fair interest for the 5980 packages on offer at generally firm rates where sold.

BP1 tended firm.

PF1- Bright well made invoices held firm, lesser sorts sold 5-10USC below valuation with some taken out.

PD were not supported

D1 were up to 4USC dearer on last.

PF1SC - One invoice sold 5USC below valuation, balance were taken out.

Secondaries were well supported at irregular rates.

Courtesy - TEA BROKERS CENTRAL AFRICA LIMITED

GUWAHATI AUCTION

28TH JANUARY 2026 (SALE NO.04)

Guwahati Opening CTC Market Report

Market:

Good demand for select cleaner, better liquorering Assams at around last level. Fair demand for the remainder at steady to easier rates following quality. (ATB- 63%, ETB- 83%)

Buying Pattern:

HUL selective. Western India/ North India/ Other domestic destinations operating. Exporters quiet for far.

Courtesy - ASSOCIATED BROKERS PVT. LTD.

