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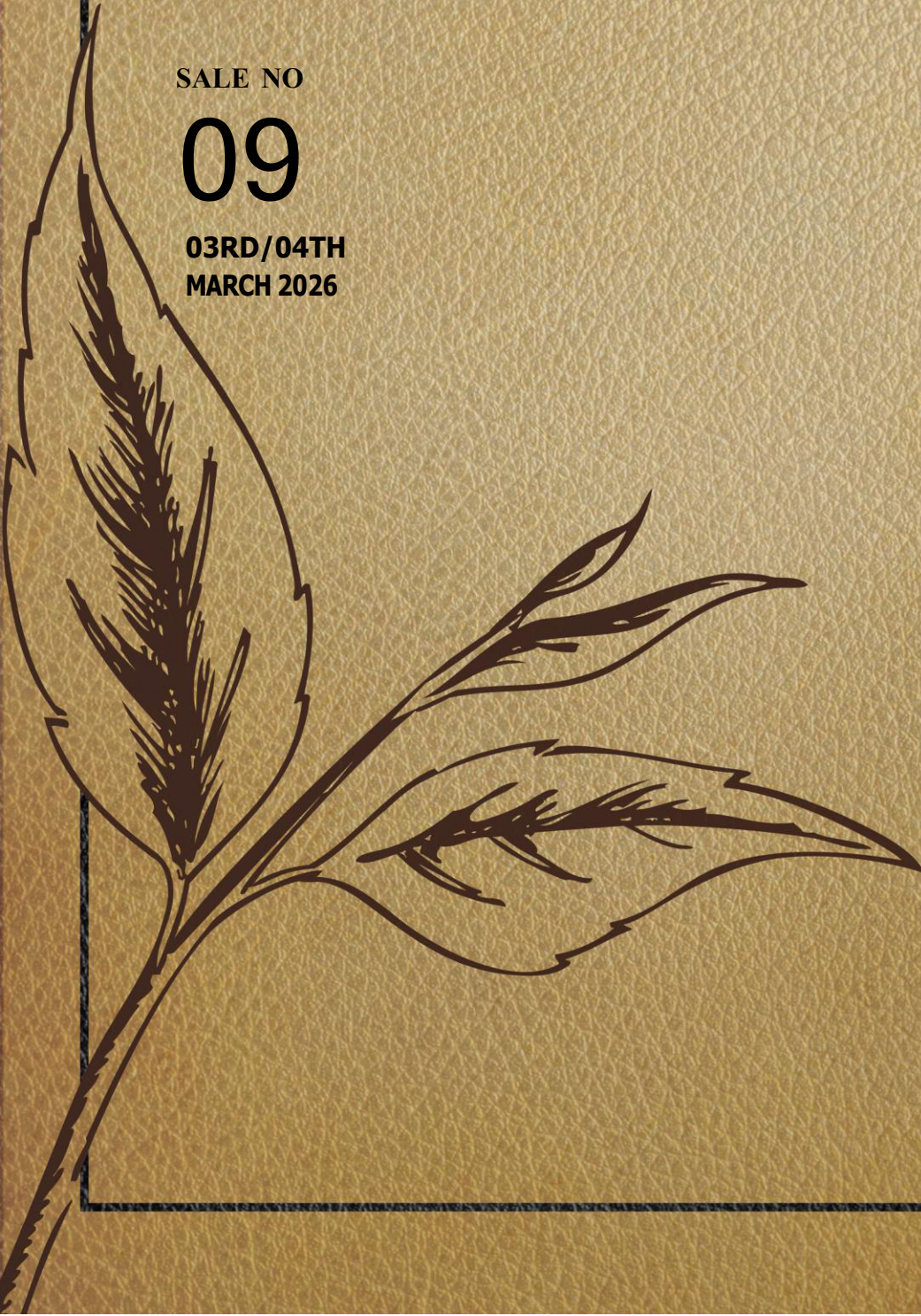
FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS PVT LTD

WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO

09

**03RD/04TH
MARCH 2026**



Overall Market

	QTY (M/KGS)	DEMAND
Ex Estate	0.76	Good
High & Medium	0.44	Easier
Leafy	0.73	Good
Semi Leafy	0.56	Good
Tippy/Small Leaf	0.81	Fair
Premium Flowery	0.03	Less
Off Grade	1.46	Less
Dust	0.51	Less
Total	5.30	Bearish

ORDER OF SALE

SALE NO : 9

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

AT THIS WEEK'S SALE 10,717 LOTS TOTALLING 5,301,543 KGS WERE ON OFFER. THE BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	LOTS	QUANTITY
Ex Estate	789	760,627
High & Medium	1,084	437,979
Low Grown - Leafy	2,027	733,484
Low Grown - Semi Leafy	1,440	557,215
Low Grown - Tippy	1,812	811,342
Premium Flowery	266	35,139
Off Grades	2,711	1,456,832
Dust	588	508,925
Total	10,717	5,301,543
Re - Prints	1,659	839,717

SETTLEMENT DATES

06/03/2026	10/03/2026	11/03/2026
10% Payment	Buyers Prompt	Sellers Prompt

Quality

Westerns had on offer a fair selection of seasonal teas. Nuwara Eliyas were maintained, whilst the Uva/Uda Pussellawas and Low Grown were similar to last.

COMMENTS

Total Auction offerings showed a further decline and totalled 5.3 M/Kgs. Less demand and an easier trend in prices for select Low Grown grades following the tension in the Middle Eastern Region. High Grown liquoring teas continued to sell well with a selection of seasonal Westerns continuing to realise premium prices.

Ex-Estate offerings were fairly similar and totalled 0.8 M/Kgs. There was good general demand. Once again, seasonal BOPSp and PEK invoices continued to sell at a premium vis-à-vis the corresponding BOP/BOPF's.

Better Western BOP/BOPF's, where quality was maintained, sold around last week's levels, whilst the others were irregular. In the Below Best category, select improved BOP invoices gained substantially following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. Corresponding BOPF's were firm and Rs. 20 per kg easier. At the lower end of the market, BOP's appreciated by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the corresponding BOPF's which commenced by Rs. 20 per kg easier firmed up towards the close. Nuwara Eliyas' continued to sell well following quality. Uda Pussellawa BOP's were firm and dearer. Uva - Select Best BOP's gained by up to Rs. 50 per kg, whilst the others sold around last levels. Corresponding Uva/Uda Pussellawa BOPF's were mostly firm.

High & Mid Grown CTC teas - PF1's continued to sell around last levels. Corresponding Low Grown types - Select invoices were barely steady, whilst the other declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg and more. BP1's had hardly any offerings.

Low Grown totalled approximately 2.1 M/Kgs. Leafy and Semi-Leafy categories met with good demand, whilst the Tippy/Small Leaf category witnessed fair demand at easier rates. Premium teas met with less demand.

In the Leafy and Semi-Leafy catalogues, BOP1's together with the Select Best OP1's were firm, whilst the Best were easier. The balance sold around last levels. OP's together with OPA's in general were firm, whilst the teas at the bottom declined. PEK/PEK1's, in general, were firm to easier.

In the Tippy catalogue, a few Select Best FBOP's were firm, whilst the balance were easier. Best, cleaner Below Best and better bold varieties sold around last levels, whilst the others were easier. A selection of high-priced FF1's were firm, whilst the balance were easier.

In the Premium catalogue, Tippy teas, in general, declined substantially at times and were unsellable due to a lack of suitable bids, whilst a few leafier varieties were firm following special inquiry.

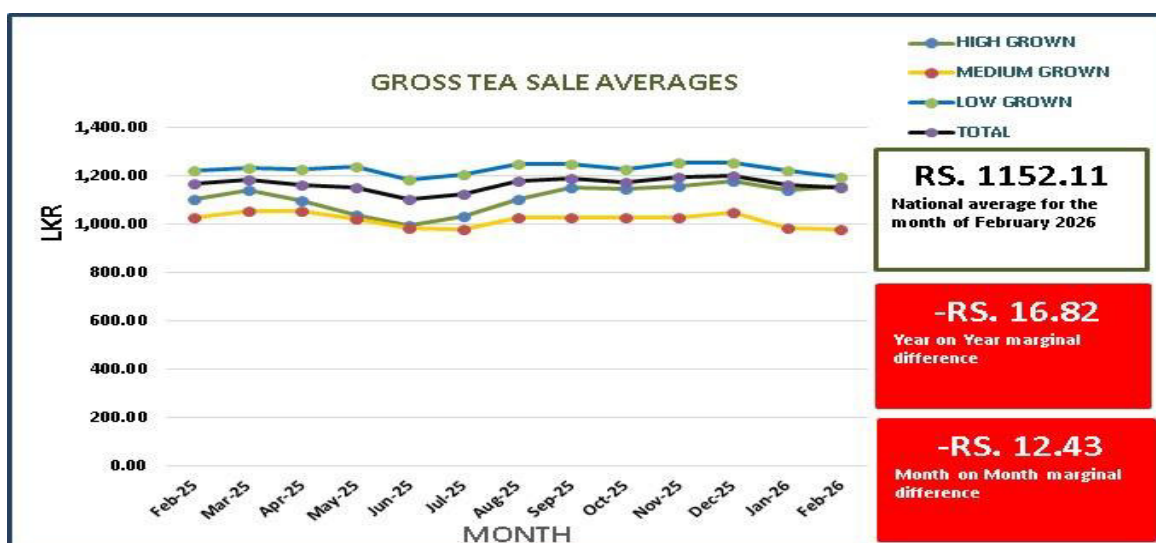
Amidst the unrest in the Middle Eastern Region and the prevailing shipping constraints, shippers to the Middle East were less active, whilst there was improved activity from shippers to Russia.

NOTE

The Ex-Estate catalogue will be sold in an Outcry Auction on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 (Sale No. 10) commencing 8.30 a.m. at the 2nd Floor Auditorium of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

NATIONAL TEA SALES AVERAGES

(FEBRUARY 2026)



Key Highlights:

- Sale Average of February 2026 records Rs. 1,152.11 (USD 3.72), a decline of Rs. 12.43 (USD 0.04) vis-à-vis January 2026
- Cumulatively, all elevations except for the High Grown elevation witnessed a decline in LKR terms. In USD terms, all elevations saw a negative variance in comparison with the corresponding month in the year 2025

In Sri Lankan Rupees								
	26-Feb	26-Jan	MOM Variance	25-Feb	YOY Variance	To date 2026	To date 2025	YOY Variance
High Grown	1,159.02	1,143.12	15.90	1,105.71	53.31	1,151.19	1,105.68	45.51
Medium Grown	981.37	987.40	-6.03	1,028.28	-46.91	984.43	1,033.51	-49.08
Low Grown	1,195.25	1,221.63	-26.38	1,225.50	-30.25	1,208.34	1,240.63	-32.29
Total	1,152.11	1,164.54	-12.43	1,168.93	-16.82	1,158.29	1,177.35	-19.06
In U.S. Dollars								
	26-Feb	26-Jan	MOM Variance	25-Feb	YOY Variance	To date 2026	To date 2025	YOY Variance
High Grown	3.75	3.69	0.06	3.74	0.01	3.72	3.73	-0.01
Medium Grown	3.17	3.19	-0.02	3.48	(0.31)	3.18	3.49	-0.30
Low Grown	3.86	3.95	-0.08	4.15	(0.28)	3.91	4.18	-0.28
Total	3.72	3.76	-0.04	3.96	(0.24)	3.74	3.97	-0.23

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

Currency conversion - Central Bank February 2026 Spot Rate

* National tea sales average for the month of February 2026 recorded Rs. 1,152.11 (USD 3.72), showing a decrease of Rs. 12.43 and USD 0.04 in comparison with the January 2026 average of Rs. 1,164.54 (USD 3.76).

* In comparison to the February 2025 average of Rs. 1,168.93 (USD 3.96), shows a decline of Rs. 16.82 and USD 0.24 YOY.

Elevation-Wise Summary: February 2026

* High Grown average for the month recorded an increase of Rs. 15.90 and USD 0.06 month on month, whilst an increase of Rs. 53.31 and USD 0.01 was witnessed against the corresponding month in 2025.

* Medium Grown average for the month recorded a negative variance of Rs. 6.03 and USD 0.02 month on month. In comparison to the corresponding monthly average last year, shows a decrease of Rs. 46.91 and USD 0.31.

* Low Grown average for the month recorded a decline of Rs. 26.38 and USD 0.08 month on month, whilst against the corresponding average of January 2026, shows a negative variance of Rs. 30.25 and USD 0.28.

(Refer statistical details on Page No. 14)

World Tea News

India Recorded its Highest-Ever Tea Exports in 2025

January-December 2025 period shows that India exported 280.40 million kilograms of tea, up from 256.17 million kilograms in the same period of 2024. Export earnings also rose significantly to Rs 8,488.43 crore (US\$ 102.3 million), compared with Rs 7,167.41 crore (US\$ 86.4 million) a year earlier. This is the highest level of tea exports recorded by India.

The growth was largely driven by the gain in orthodox exports, with CTC exports remaining stagnant.

Exports to Iraq rose to 52.59 million kilograms in 2025 from 40.47 million kilograms in 2024. Shipments to the UAE increased to 50.71 million kilograms from 43.48 million kilograms. China emerged as a major surprise market. Indian tea exports to China surged to 16.13 million kilograms in 2025, compared with just 6.24 million kilograms in 2024.

Source: Africa Business News (Extracts), Courtesy: Tea Exporters' Association Sri Lanka



23rd Inter Plantation Cricket Tournament 2026 **Celebrating unity & sportsmanship in the plantation sector**

The Dimbula Athletic & Cricket Club successfully conducted the 23rd Inter Plantation Cricket Tournament 2026 on 27 and 28 February 2026 at the Radella Cricket Ground, a unique venue situated approximately 4,000 feet above sea level. This tournament continues to bring together Regional Plantation Companies, reinforcing the long-standing sporting tradition and camaraderie within Sri Lanka's plantation sector.

This year's tournament saw the participation of Bogawantalawa Tea Estates PLC, Chilaw Plantations Limited, Elpitiya Plantations PLC, Horana Plantations PLC, Janatha Estates Development Board (JEDB), Kahawatte Plantations PLC, Kelani Valley Plantations PLC, Kotagala Plantations PLC, Maturata Plantations Limited, Pussellawa Plantations PLC and Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC.

After two days of spirited cricket, Talawakelle Tea Estates PLC emerged as Cup Champions, with Elpitiya Plantations PLC finishing as Runners-Up, marking the fourth consecutive year these two companies met in the final. Chilaw Plantations Limited secured the Bowl Championship, while Horana Plantations PLC claimed the Plate Championship.

The tournament stands as a testament to the unity and enduring camaraderie within the plantation sector.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

CROP AND WEATHER

FOR THE PERIOD 24 February - 03 March 2026

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions



Bright weather was reported in both regions throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, dry weather conditions are expected in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions in the week ahead.

Uva/Udapussellawa Regions



Both regions reported sunny weather throughout the week. Misty conditions are expected in the Uva Region during the early hours of the morning in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Low Grown



The Low Grown Region experienced bright mornings and occasional evening showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects dry weather conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

Crop

All regions reported a decrease in the crop intake during the week.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

■	Incline from last week
■	Decline from last week
■	Static Market

BOP Best Western's, where quality was maintained, continued to sell well around last week's levels, whilst the others were irregular and easier. In the Below Best category, a few select invoices appreciated substantially following special inquiry, whilst the others were irregular. Teas at the lower end of the market appreciated by Rs. 20-40 per kg, particularly for the poorer sorts. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were firm and dearer. Uva's - Select Best gained by Rs. 50 per kg and more, whilst the others sold around last week's levels.

BOPF Best Western's, where quality was maintained, continued to sell well around last week's levels, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs. 20 per kg easier. Teas at the lower end commenced Rs. 20 per kg easier and firmed up towards the close. Nuwara Eliya's sold well following quality. Uva/Uda Pussellawa's were mostly firm.

OP/OPA Well-made varieties were firm to easier by Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the Below Best types and poorer sorts were lower on last levels.

PEKOE/PEKOE1 Flavoury PEK/PEK1's were mostly unsellable due to a lack of suitable bids, whilst the Select Best Orthodox Leafy PEK/PEK1's declined by Rs. 50-100 per kg and more at times. Below Best PEK/PEK1's were easier by Rs. 40-60 per kg. Few Select Best Rotovane PEK's gained considerably following special inquiry, whilst the others sold at last levels. Below Best varieties which were of good standard gained by Rs. 50 per kg, whilst the others sold at last week's closing levels. Poorer sorts were irregular and mostly lower.

FBOP/FBOPF1 Flavoury FBOP/FBOPF1's declined sharply by Rs. 80-100 per kg and more. Orthodox FBOP/FBOPF1's were easier by Rs. 50-100 per kg, whilst the Below Best varieties were lower by Rs. 30-50 per kg. Poorer sorts were irregularly lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE/FBOP		OP	
	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar
Best Westerns	1460-2050	1420 - 2250	1400-1650	1360 - 1600	1260-1700	1260 - 1500	1020-1140	1140 -
Below Best Westerns	1280-1420	1300 - 1400	1280-1380	1260 - 1340	1000-1240	1080 - 1220	920-1000	N/A
Plainer Westerns	1060-1240	1100 - 1240	1160-1260	1140 - 1240	610-960	800 - 850	680-900	N/A
Nuwara Eliyas	1500-1900	1700 - 1750	1360-1420	1380 -	680-1480	N/A	820-890	N/A
Brighter Udapussellawas	1080-1120	1100 - 1120	1120-1160	1120 - 1220	1280-1600	1300 -	1140-1200	N/A
Other Udapussellawas	N/A	1020 - 1080	1020-1080	1000 - 1100	980	N/A	960	N/A
Best Uvas	N/A	1340 - 1380	1220-1280	1200 - 1260	1260-1600	1200 - 1500	980-1220	1080 - 1120
Other Uvas	1120	1040 - 1140	1100-1180	1100 - 1160	710-1240	780 - 1180	640-960	N/A

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

■	Incline from last week
■	Decline from last week
■	Static Market

BOP	Select Leafy Large Leaf types continued to sell well, whilst the others were irregular and barely steady.
BOPF	Sold around last.
OP/OPA	Well-made teas were easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the Below Best types were lower by Rs. 30-50 per kg. Teas at the lower end declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg.
PEKOE/PEKOE1	Select Best and Best PEK/PEK1's declined by Rs. 50-100 per kg, whilst the Below Best and poorer sorts were easier by Rs. 30-50 per kg.
FBOP/FBOPF1	Select Best FBOP/ FBOPF1's were easier by Rs. 50-100 per kg, whilst the others declined by Rs. 40-60 per kg. Below Best FBOP/FBOPF1's were easier by Rs. 40-60 per kg, whilst the FBOP/FBOPF1's at the bottom end were lower by Rs. 30-50 per kg.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BOP		BOPF		PEKOE/FBOP		OP	
	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar
Good Mediums	1400-1950	1300 - 1600	1220-1240	1220 - 1240	1360-1950	1320 - 2000	1160-1280	1080 - 1200
Other Mediums	940-1200	860 - 1100	800-1000	820 - 1160	800-1340	800 - 1300	590-1140	820 - 1040

UNORTHODOX / CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN	BP1s - Hardly any offerings. PF1s - Mostly firm.
MEDIUM GROWN	BP1s - Hardly any offerings. PF1s - Sold around last week's levels.
LOW GROWN	BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Select invoices were barely steady, whilst the others declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg and more.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	BP1		PF1	
	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar
High Grown	N/A	N/A	1000-1160	960 - 1100
Medium Grown	1020-1100	1020 - 1060	1000-1120	980 - 1160
Low Grown	N/A	1320 - 1340	1020-1360	1020 - 1340

OFF GRADES

■	Incline from last week
■	Decline from last week
■	Static Market

FGS1/FGS

Select Best sorts maintained, whilst the Best varieties together with the Below Best sorts which commenced irregularly lower were firm to dearer following quality as the sale progressed. Teas at the lower end of the market were firm to easier. Low Grows - In general declined. CTC - In general were firm to lower.

BROKENS

Reducer varieties together with the clean leaf sorts in the Best category maintained. Flaky Below Best sorts together with the poorer sorts declined sharply and mostly met with unsellable bids towards the closure.

BOPIA

Main Grade reducer varieties in the Best category declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg. Below Best varieties declined by Rs. 30-40 per kg and more as the sale progressed, whilst the poorer sorts were easier by Rs. 40-50 per kg.

QUOTATIONS LKR

SALE DTE	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar
Better Fannings (Orthodox)	840-1300	820 - 1260	810-1160	790 - 1140	810-940	800 - - 940
Better Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	760-1160	820 - 1060
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	550-820	460 - 800	570-790	460 - 760	530-800	440 - 780
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	590-740	580 - 730	560-660	540 - 650
Good Brokens	730-1080	720 - 1100	730-1200	710 - 1200	740-1280	730 - - 1240
Other Brokens	470-720	490 - 660	520-720	450 - 680	450-730	400 - 680
Better BOP1As	760-900	700 - 960	760-1120	700 - 980	770-1360	740 - 1300
Other BOP1As	670-740	600 - 680	650-750	580 - 680	550-740	500 - 720

DUSTS

DUST1

Teas in the Select Best category declined by Rs. 50 per kg. A few select invoices in the Best category remained firm, whilst the others were lower by Rs. 40-60 per kg. The Below Best varieties together with the poorer sorts were firm to easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg. The Low Grown varieties were firm to easier by Rs. 20-30 per kg. The High and Medium Grown CTC's were easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the Low Grown CTC's sold around last week's price levels.

DUST

Clean Leaf secondaries remained firm, whilst the poorer sorts were firm to dearer by Rs. 20-30 per kg. The Low Grown varieties declined by Rs. 20-30 per kg.

QUOTATIONS LKR

SALE DTE	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar
Better Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1180-1600	1180 - 1650	1080-1220	N/A	960-1080	980 - 1060
Better Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	1050-1160	N/A	1060-1180	1020 - 1100	1150-1480	1180 - 1500
Below Best Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1020-1160	1000 - 1160	830-1060	830 - 1000	740-940	730 - 960
Other Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	980-1040	N/A	850-1040	660 - 1000	740-1140	850 - 1160
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	750-1000	670 - 980	570-820	560 - 820	570-720	570 - 720
Better Secondary Dust	1020-1140	1050 - 1180	980-1020	N/A	900-940	900 - 1280
Other Secondary Dust	640-1000	610 - 1040	500-960	560 - 830	560-880	560 - 900

LOW GROWN TEAS

■ Incline from last week
■ Decline from last week
■ Static Market

FBOP/FBOP1	A few Select Best FBOP's were firm, whilst the balance were easier. Best, cleaner Below Best and better bold varieties sold around last levels, whilst the others together with FBOP1's were easier.
BOP	Well-made BOP's were firm, whilst the balance were easier.
BOP1	BOP1's, in general, were firm.
OP1	Select Best OP1's were firm, whilst the Best were easier. In the Below Best category, better teas were firm to dearer, whilst the balance together with teas at the lower end sold around last levels.
OP	OP's, in general, were firm.
OPA	Select Best and Below Best teas were firm, whilst the Best varieties were firm to dearer. Teas at the bottom were easier.
PEKOE	PEK/PEK1's, in general, were firm to easier.
BOPF	BOPF's, in general, were lower.
FBOPF/FBOPF1	Tippy teas, in general, declined substantially at times and were unsellable due to a lack of suitable bids, whilst a few leafier varieties were firm following special inquiry. A selection of high-priced FF1's were firm, whilst the others were easier.

QUOTATIONS LKR SALE DTE	SELECT BEST		BEST		BELOW BEST		OTHERS	
	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar	24/25 Feb	03/04 Mar
FBOP 1	1700-2000	1650 - 1950	1450-1500	1400 - 1500	1300-1350	1300 - 1350	950-1000	900 - 950
FBOP	1900-2500	1800 - 2500	1600-1650	1600 - 1650	1300-1350	1300 - 1350	950-1000	900 - 950
BOP 1	2250-3000	2250 - 3000	1650-2250	1650 - 2250	1260-1550	1260 - 1550	900-1240	900 - 1240
BOP	1500-1800	1500 - 1800	1400-1450	1400 - 1450	1150-1250	1100 - 1200	950-1050	900 - 950
BOPF	1300-1500	1300 - 1400	900-1000	900 - 1000	850-880	850 - 880	800-850	800 - 850
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	4000-4500	3500 - 4000	3200-3800	3000 - 3450	3000-3150	2500 - 2800	1000	1000 -
FBOPF 1	1500-1650	1500 - 1650	1400-1480	1380 - 1420	1320-1340	1300 - 1320	950-1000	900 - 950
FBOPF	1500-1700	1400 - 1500	1400-1450	1300 - 1350	1300-1350	1200 - 1250	950-1350	900 - 1100
OP 1	3100-3550	3050 - 3500	2500-3050	2500 - 3000	1700-2450	1750 - 2450	950-1650	950 - 1700
OP	1500-1650	1550 - 1700	1400-1480	1420 - 1500	1240-1380	1280 - 1400	850-1220	850 - 1260
OPA	1460-1800	1500 - 1950	1300-1440	1340 - 1480	1200-1280	1240 - 1320	850-1180	850 - 1220
PEKOE	1500-2650	1480 - 2500	1300-1480	1300 - 1460	1200-1280	1200 - 1280	850-1180	850 - 1180
PEK 1	1750-2650	1700 - 2450	1360-1700	1340 - 1650	1220-1340	1200 - 1320	900-1200	900 - 1180

TOP PRICE

WESTERN MEDIUM

Craighead	BOP	@	1600
Dartry Valley	BOP	@	1500
Imboolpittia	BOP	@	1300
Kenilworth	BOPSp		1950
Craighead	BOPSp	@	1460
Vellai Oya	BOPF	@	1240
Craighead	BOPF	@	1160
Imboolpittia	BOPF	@	1020
Dartry Valley	BOPFSp	@	1200
Ancoombra	BOP1		1700
Dartry Valley	FBOP	@	2000
Doombagastalawa	FBOP	@	1750
Harangalla	FBOP	@	1750
Dartry Valley	FBOP1	@	1340
Craighead	FBOPF1	@	1800
Dartry Valley	FBOPF1		1550
Hatale	FBOPF1		1550
Imboolpittia	FBOPF1	@	1500
Harangalla	FBOPF1	@	1500
Galgewatta	OP		1220
Dartry Valley	OP	@	1200
Dartry Valley	OPA	@	1220
Harangalla	OP1	@	1600
New Rothschild	PEK		1500
Dartry Valley	PEK	@	1460
New Rothschild	PEK1		2000

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP		2250
Norwood	BOP	@	2100
Great Werstern	BOP	@	1750
Wattegodde	BOPSp		1650
Bearwell	BOPSp	@	1600
Mattakelle	BOPSp		1600
Somerset	BOPSp	@	1550
Ingestre	BOPSp		1550
Robgill	BOPF		1600
Torrington	BOP1	@	1550

WESTERN HIGH

Torrington	FBOP	@	1500
Bambrakelly	FBOP1		1100
Bambrakelly	FBOPF1		1320
Torrington	OP	@	1140
Cymru	OPA		1160
Torrington	OPA	@	1040
Venture	OP1		1460
Somerset	PEK		2150
Kotiyagalla	PEK	@	1950
St Andrews	PEK1		1300

NUWARA ELIYAS

Mahagastotte	BOP	@	1750
Lovers Leap	BOP		1750
Kenmare	BOP	@	1120
Kenmare	BOPSp	@	1100
Mahagastotte	BOPF	@	1380
Court Lodge	OP		810
Kenmare	OPA	@	850
Court Lodge	OP1	@	750
Kenmare	PEK		720
Court Lodge	PEK	@	700

UDAPUSSELLAWAS

Mooloya	BOP		1120
Luckyland	BOPSp		1120
Mooloya	BOPSp		1120
Mooloya	BOPF		1220
Delmar	BOP1	@	1500
Blairlomond	FBOP		1500
Delmar	FBOPF1	@	1300
Blairlomond	OP		1040
Maha Uva	OPA	@	1080
Maha Uva	OP1	@	1460
Delmar	PEK	@	1300
Delmar	PEK1		1550
Blairlomond	PEK1		1550
Maha Uva	PEK1	@	1460

@ - SOLD BY FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD. ** - ALL TIME RECORD PRICE. * - EQUAL ALL TIME RECORD PRICE

LOW GROWNS			
Mulatiyana Hills	BOP		1950
Aruna	BOP		1900
Richiland	BOP	@	1850
Renukanda	BOP		1850
New Batuwangala	BOP		1850
New Vithanakande	BOP		1850
Golden Garden	BOP		1850
Thundola Ella	BOP		1850
Purerich	BOP		1850
Andaradeniya Super	BOP		1850
Elaine Super	BOPSp		2050
Rajjuruwatta Super	BOPF		1850
H P P Tea	BOPFSp		1900
Galatara	FBOP		2500
Kiruwana ganga	FBOP1	@	1950
Athukorala Group Super	FBOP1		1900
Dullie Ella	FBOP1	@	1850
Halwitigala Smallholder	FBOPF		1500
Makandura	FBOPF1		1650
Hedigalla	FBOPF1		1650
Kumudu	FBOPF1		1600
Ganganee	FBOPF1		1600
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	@	1550
Galatara	FBOPF1		1550
Rumassala Hills	FBOPF1		1550
Dampahala	FBOPF1		1550
Pothotuwa	BOP1	@	3000
Pothotuwa	OP1	@	3500
Gunawardana	OP1	@	3400
Kiruwana ganga	OP1	@	3300
Miriswatta	OP		1700
Magedara	OPA		1950
Lumbini	PEK		2500
New Laksakanda	PEK1		2450
UVA MEDIUM			
Tinioya	BOP		1220
Halpewatte Uva	BOPSp		1220
Dickwella	BOPSp	@	1200
El Teb	BOPF		1160
Dickwella	BOPFSp		1280
Demodera 'S'	BOP1	@	1650
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOP		1460
Kinellan	FBOP1		1340
Hindagala	FBOPF		1020
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF1		1550
High Spring	OP		1160
Demodera 'S'	OP	@	1140
Aruna keppetipola	OP		1140
Sarnia Plaiderie	OP	@	1120
Cecilton	OP		1120
Tinioya	OP		1120
Aruna keppetipola	OPA		1200
Misty-Uva	OPA	@	1120
Sarnia Plaiderie	OPA		1120
Misty-Uva	OPA	@	1100
Uva Samovar	OP1	@	1460
Misty-Uva	OP1	@	1460
Pettiagalla	OP1		1460
Pettiagalla	PEK		1460
Misty-Uva	PEK	@	1320
UVA MEDIUM			
Shawlands	PEK	@	1300
Demodera 'S'	PEK	@	1300
Aruna keppetipola	PEK1		1800
UVA HIGH			
Bandaraeliya	BOP	@	1380
Nayabedde	BOP	@	1340
Aislaby	BOPSp		940
Nayabedde	BOPF	@	1260
Bandaraeliya	BOPF	@	1240
Kelliebedde	BOPF	@	1220
Pitaratmalie	BOPF		1220
Uva Highlands	BOPFSp		890
Uva Highlands	BOP1	@	1650
Spring Valley	BOP1	@	1500
Aislaby	FBOP		1500
Glenanore	FBOP1		1100
Spring Valley	FBOPF		860
Aislaby	FBOPF1	@	1380
Glenanore	FBOPF1	@	1340
Gonamotawa	FBOPF1	@	1340
Ranaya	FBOPF1		1340
Spring Valley	OP	@	1120
Uva Highlands	OP	@	1080
Ranaya	OP		1080
Uva Highlands	OPA	@	1040
Ellathota Uva	OP1		1480
Gonamotawa	OP1	@	1420
Uva Highlands	OP1	@	1400
Ranaya	PEK		1280
Ellathota Uva	PEK1		1550
UNORTHODOX HIGH			
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	@	1100
Florence CTC	PF1		1100
UNORTHODOX MEDIUM			
Strathdon CTC	PF1	@	1160
Delta CTC	BP1		1060
Aultmore CTC	BPS	@	900
UNORTHODOX LOW			
New Galbode CTC Super	PF1	@	1340
Kalubowitiyana CTC	PF1		1340
Liyonta CTC	PF1		1340
Cecilian CTC	BP1	@	1340
PREMIUM FLOWERY			
Ancoombra	FBOPFSp		4050
Kendalanda	FBOPFExSp		3950
KDU Super	FBOPFExSp1		4250
DUSTS			
Mattakelle	DUST1		1650
Cecilian CTC	PD		1500
Hingalgoda CTC	PD		1500
Pothotuwa	DUST	@	1280
OFF GRADES			
Wanarajah	FGS1	@	1260
Mattakelle	FGS1		1260
Gouravilla	FGS1	@	1220
Holyrood	FGS1	@	1220
Dunkeld	FGS1	@	1200
Falcon Lanka	FGS		940
Liyonta CTC	PF		1060
Avissawella	BM		1080
Adams View	BP	@	1240
Bogoda	BOP1A		1300
OTHERS			
Gunawardana	BOPA	@	2050

QUANTITY SOLD

DURING THE PERIOD 19TH-25TH FEBRUARY 2026	WEEKLY (KGS)		TODATE (KGS)	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
PRIVATE SALES	374,534	216,701	2,101,103	1,746,988
PUBLIC AUCTION	4,670,360	4,764,328	38,259,906	39,973,852
FORWARD CONTRACTS	72,960	73,620	336,560	551,516
DIRECT SALES	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	5,117,854	5,054,649	40,697,569	42,272,356
BMF EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE	56,700	21,600	242,319	336,950

(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
18TH FEBRUARY 2026	4.79	4.86	4.32	1173.76	1176.77	1338.30	3.84	4.04	4.33
25TH FEBRUARY 2026	4.67	4.76	4.00	1177.54	1205.51	1315.67	3.85	4.14	4.26

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

RATES OF EXCHANGE

SRI LANKA RUPEE APPROX PER UNIT OF CURRENCY

YEAR	2026	2025	2024
USD	305.70	290.99	306.06
STG.PD	408.78	367.90	386.49
EURO	356.46	303.26	330.31
YEN	1.93	1.94	2.02

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

PUBLIC AUCTION/GROSS SALES AVERAGE

SALE NO 8 24TH/ 25TH FEBRUARY 2026	WEEKLY(LKR)			TODATE (LKR)			WEEKLY(USD)			TODATE(USD)		
	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024
Uva High Grown	1026.00	1014.57	1117.25	1024.96	1035.95	1035.41	3.36	3.48	3.62	3.33	3.52	4.80
Western High Grown	1210.16	1153.13	1199.81	1202.71	1148.48	1147.32	3.96	3.96	3.89	3.90	3.90	5.32
CTC High Grown	1140.45	1070.48	1150.58	1122.00	1091.27	1128.04	3.73	3.67	3.73	3.64	3.70	5.23
High Grown (Summary)	1156.24	1123.21	1185.43	1149.13	1114.11	1120.40	3.78	3.85	3.84	3.73	3.78	5.20
Uva Medium Grown	1016.20	1086.63	1189.77	973.61	1063.75	1106.05	3.32	3.73	3.86	3.16	3.61	5.13
Western Medium Grown	987.93	1033.24	1132.73	982.59	1027.35	1100.20	3.23	3.55	3.67	3.19	3.49	5.10
CTC Medium Grown	971.75	952.62	979.44	996.03	966.59	938.78	3.18	3.27	3.17	3.23	3.28	4.35
Medium Grown (Summary)	995.89	1043.81	1146.04	979.83	1039.07	1101.79	3.26	3.58	3.71	3.18	3.53	5.11
Orthodox Low Grown	1252.92	1280.88	1424.59	1239.16	1274.52	1424.84	4.10	4.40	4.62	4.02	4.33	6.61
CTC Low Grown	949.35	977.13	1019.27	961.25	960.18	1078.33	3.11	3.35	3.30	3.12	3.26	5.00
Low Grown(Summary)	1232.68	1266.08	1397.09	1221.26	1261.54	1400.63	4.03	4.34	4.53	3.96	4.28	6.50
Total	1177.54	1205.51	1315.67	1168.57	1197.79	1298.21	3.85	4.14	4.26	3.79	4.07	6.02

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates

Source: MSL - Averages

NATIONAL TEA SALE AVERAGES MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

	MONTH(LKR)			TODATE (LKR)			MONTH(USD)			TODATE(USD)		
	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024	2026	2025	2024
Uva High Grown	1038.42	1026.15	1098.65	1043.22	1046.36	1049.60	3.36	3.47	3.54	3.37	3.53	3.35
Western High Grown	1224.25	1155.01	1203.84	1215.30	1155.92	1165.24	3.96	3.91	3.88	3.93	3.90	3.71
CTC High Grown	1114.70	1083.19	1137.51	1122.00	1092.44	1126.76	3.60	3.67	3.67	3.63	3.68	3.59
High Grown (Summary)	1159.02	1105.71	1168.96	1151.19	1105.68	1121.84	3.75	3.74	3.77	3.72	3.73	3.58
Uva Medium Grown	990.08	1057.29	1165.09	973.48	1065.05	1109.21	3.20	3.58	3.76	3.15	3.59	3.53
Western Medium Grown	986.74	1030.67	1147.12	994.46	1031.64	1109.16	3.19	3.49	3.70	3.21	3.48	3.53
CTC Medium Grown	979.10	965.37	970.02	995.72	965.15	938.60	3.17	3.27	3.13	3.22	3.25	2.99
Medium Grown (Summary)	981.37	1028.28	1156.74	984.43	1033.51	1113.05	3.17	3.48	3.73	3.18	3.49	3.55
Orthodox Low Grown	1226.34	1258.45	1449.60	1240.29	1277.72	1433.46	3.96	4.26	4.67	4.01	4.31	4.57
CTC Low Grown	960.29	967.34	1043.83	960.05	957.31	1070.46	3.10	3.27	3.37	3.10	3.23	3.41
Low Grown(Summary)	1195.25	1225.50	1409.78	1208.34	1240.63	1399.38	3.86	4.15	4.55	3.91	4.18	4.46
Total	1152.11	1168.93	1320.71	1158.29	1177.35	1293.78	3.72	3.96	4.26	3.74	3.97	4.12

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates

Source: SLTB

WORLD TEA PRODUCTION (M/KGS)

	2024	2025	2026	TODATE			DIFFERENCE +/-	
				2024	2025	2026	2024 vs 2025	2025 vs 2026
Jan								
Sri Lanka	18.7	21.5	20.7	18.7	21.5	20.7	2.8	-0.8
North India	0.4	0.1	2.1	0.4	0.1	2.1	-0.3	2
South India	17	17.1	12.3	17	17.1	12.3	0.1	-4.8

	2023	2024	2025	TODATE			DIFFERENCE +/-	
				2023	2024	2025	2023 vs 2024	2024 vs 2025
Dec								
Bangladesh	7.8	6.4	9.3	102.9	93	94.9	-9.9	1.9
Malawi	4	5	6.1	43.3	49.8	45.4	6.5	-4.4

	2023	2024	2025	TODATE			DIFFERENCE +/-	
				2023	2024	2025	2023 vs 2024	2024 vs 2025
Nov								
Kenya	50.9	47.4	48.9	515.9	542.6	499.7	26.7	-42.9

DETAILS OF AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 10

Scheduled for 10TH/11TH MARCH 2026

	LOTS	QUANTITY
ExEstate	797	748,348
High & Medium	1,267	519,138
Leafy	1,953	694,315
Semi Leafy	1,483	577,101
Tippy	1,843	818,514
Premium Flowery	285	36,644
OffGrades	2,465	1,279,284
Dust	554	480,312
Total	10,647	5,153,656
RePrint	1,268	665,585

17/03/2026

Buyers Prompt

18/03/2026

Sellers Prompt

**This sale last year
Sale No. 10 | 10TH/11TH MARCH 2025**

Lots :10,186
Re-print Lots :1,051
Quantity :4,997,443 kgs
Re-print Quantity :508,258 kgs

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Violations Excluded

19/02/2026

LEAFY **SEMI-LEAFY** **TIPPY**
Closed Closed Closed

OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES

19/02/2026

HIGH & MEDIUM **PREMIUM FLOWERY** **OFF GRADES**
Closed Closed Closed

NO .OF PKGS

136,379

CTC

9,930 Pkgs - 527,171 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	
FW	FW	JK	10TH	
BC	LC	EB	MARCH 2026	
AS	JK	CTB	8.30am	Low Grown - Leafy Teas
MB	EB	LC	8.30am	Semi - Leafy Teas
JK	AS	BC	8.30am	Low Grown - Tippy Teas
LC	CTB	FW	12.00pm	Main Sale - High & Medium
CTB	BC	MB	3.30pm	BOP1A
EB	MB	AS	4.15pm	Premium Flowery
BC - BPML Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd	FW - Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd		11TH	
LC - Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd	AS - Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC		MARCH 2026	
EB - Eastern Brokers Ltd	JK - John Keells PLC		8.30am	Ex-Estate
CTB - Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC	MB - Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt)Ltd		11.30am	Off Grade
			2.30pm	Dust

DETAILS OF AWAITING SALE

SALE NO : 11

Scheduled for 17TH/18TH MARCH 2026

	LOTS	QUANTITY
ExEstate	875	831,910
High & Medium	1,118	471,755
Leafy	1,970	676,996
Semi Leafy	1,500	583,436
Tippy	1,823	819,356
Premium Flowery	338	42,770
OffGrades	2,295	1,184,994
Dust	580	504,795
Total	10,499	5,116,012
RePrint	996	546,331

24/03/2026

Buyers Prompt

25/03/2026

Sellers Prompt

This sale last year
Sale No. 11 | 18TH/19TH MARCH 2025

Lots	:9,731
Re-print Lots	:755
Quantity	:4,872,941 kgs
Re-print Quantity	:388,056 kgs

LOW GROWN CATALOGUES

Violations Excluded

26/02/2026

LEAFY	SEMI-LEAFY	TIPPY
Closed	Closed	Closed

26/02/2026

HIGH & MEDIUM	PREMIUM FLOWERY	OFF GRADES
Closed	Closed	Closed

NO .OF PKGS

132,712

CTC

9,319 Pkgs - 548,265 kgs

CATALOGUE CLOSURE DETAILS

17/18

MARCH 2026

Sale No. 11

The Ex-Estate catalogue closed on 26th February 2026, excluding violations. The Main Sale catalogues too closed on 26th February 2026, excluding violations.

24/25

MARCH 2026

Sale No. 12

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

30/31

MARCH 2026

Sale No. 13

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 12th March 2026.

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

MOMBASA AUCTION

02ND AND 03RD MARCH 2026 (SALE NO 9)

Good general demand prevailed for the 156,993 packages (10,545,247.00 kilos); 22.20% was unsold.

MARKETS

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

OFFERINGS

Leaf Grades - 86,060 packages (5,702,511.00 kilos) - 30.96% unsold.

Dust Grades - 51,520 packages (3,839,908.00 kilos) - 12.73% unsold.

Secondary Grades - 19,413 packages (1,002,828.00 kilos) - 8.54% unsold.

LEAF GRADES (M2 & M3)

BP1:

Best - Saw selective activity varying between USC14 dearer to easier by up to USC17.

Brighter - Mostly eased by up to USC16 but some teas were up to USC8 above previous rates.

Mediums - KTDA mediums shed by up to USC13 while plantation mediums were steady to USC6 below last rates.

Lower Medium - Were easier by up to USC12.

Plainer - Saw irregular interest with some teas up to USC16 dearer to USC7 below previous levels.

PF1:

Best - Were easier by up to USC7.

Brighter - Were discounted by up to USC8.

Mediums - KTDA mediums shed by up to USC13 with plantation mediums well competed for at firm to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC6.

Lower Medium - Irregular ranging between steady to USC4 dearer to easier by up to USC7.

Plainer - Met irregular enquiry ranging between firm to USC9 dearer for some better types to USC7 below last rates.

CTC QUOTATIONS	BPI - USC	PFI - USC
<i>Best</i>	260 - 470	295 - 351
<i>Good</i>	245 - 296	272 - 321
<i>Good Medium</i>	225 - 298	272 - 299
<i>Medium (KTDA)</i>	173 - 211	245 - 284
<i>Medium (Plantations)</i>	168 - 192	200 - 254
<i>Lower Medium</i>	144 - 174	150 - 222
<i>Plainer</i>	096 - 153	100 - 155

DUST GRADES (M1)

PDUST:

Best - Shed by up to USC11.

Brighter - Were steady to easier by up to USC15.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were firm to USC8 above previous levels to easier by up to USC5 while plantation mediums were steady to USC3 dearer to easier by USC2.

Lower Medium - Firm to USC6 dearer to easier by up to USC5.

Plainer - Were mostly easier by up to USC5 with select teas steady to USC4 above previous levels.

DUST1:

Best - Met irregular interest ranging between USC7 dearer for a few teas to mostly easier by up to USC8.

Brighter - Saw irregular interest varying between USC8 dearer to easier by up to USC12.

Mediums - KTDA mediums saw some lines up to USC10 dearer to easier by up to USC1 with plantation mediums easier by up to USC16.

Lower Medium - Firm to USC10 above previous rates.

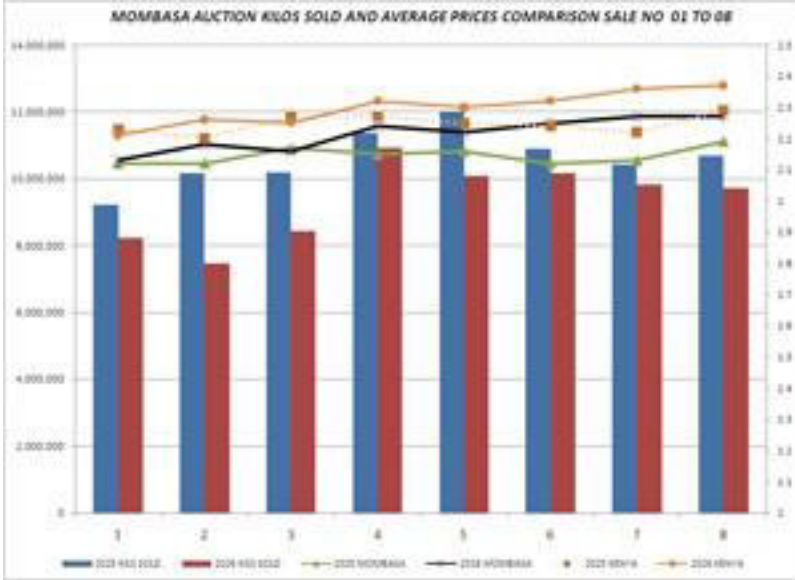
Plainer - Shed by up to USC8.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
<i>Best</i>	303 - 342	292 - 368
<i>Good</i>	290 - 322	275 - 311
<i>Good Medium</i>	245 - 305	250 - 300
<i>Medium (KTDA)</i>	204 - 248	180 - 260
<i>Medium (Plantations)</i>	194 - 218	170 - 192
<i>Lower Medium</i>	140 - 186	143 - 164
<i>Plainer</i>	102 - 140	105 - 135

SECONDARY GRADES (S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs were firm to dearer while PFs were irregular but on balance dearer. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings held value with similar DUSTs steady. Other Fannings sold above previous rates while DUSTs were barely held value. BMFs were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP/BP2	PF/PF2	FNGS1/FNGS	DUST/DUST2	BMF
<i>Best/Good</i>	254 - 339	201 - 251	152 - 246	149 - 285	-
<i>Good Medium/Medium</i>	-	-	130 - 190	121 - 193	-
<i>Lower Medium</i>	136 - 170	100 - 156	110 - 157	085 - 128	106 - 116
<i>Plainer</i>	098 - 140	086 - 131	089 - 124	090 - 115	089 - 093



Courtesy - Africa Tea Brokers Limited.

BANGLADESH AUCTION

02ND MARCH 2026 (SALE NO 43)

TEA MARKET REPORT - Sale 43 held on Monday, 2nd March, 2026

CTC LEAF: 16,092 packages of tea on offer met with strong demand.

BROKENS: All Brokens met with a strong market particularly the clean liquoring types which appreciated following competition. However, a few plainer Brokens met with less interest and sold at around last levels. BLF teas sold at around last levels.

FANNINGS: Clean liquoring Fannings were a strong market and advanced in price following competition. Medium varieties also were a strong market and were firm to slightly dearer. Plain teas were well supported at about last levels. BLF teas sold at around last levels.

DUST: 4,149 packages of tea on offer met with a fair demand. Good liquoring teas met with a good demand and sold at better prices than last. Mediums were again an easier market, Tk. 3/- to Tk.5/- less than last levels. Plain and BLFs were in less demand and had more withdrawals than last. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Highlight of the sale was the strong interest for the limited quantity of clean liquoring teas which appreciated. Blenders participation was more widespread than previous. Loose tea buyers lent some support for selective lines. Dusts sold fairly well.

Our Catalogue: (Sale 43) Avg : Tk 262.35, Sold 83.90% , (Sale 42) Avg : Tk 259.16, Sold 61.06%

QUOTATIONS	BROKENS	QUOTATIONS	FANNINGS
<i>Best</i>	2.62-2.34	<i>Best</i>	2.26-2.34
<i>Good</i>	2.14-2.18	<i>Good</i>	2.14-2.18
<i>Medium</i>	2.07-2.12	<i>Medium</i>	2.10-2.14
<i>Plain</i>	2.01-2.06	<i>Plain</i>	2.01-2.06
<i>BLF</i>	1.85-2.14	<i>BLF</i>	2.10-2.14

Courtesy - National Brokers Limited.

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

COONOOR AUCTION

27TH FEBRUARY 2026 (SALE NO 9)

CTC LEAF

DEMAND: -Continued Good demand.

MARKET: -The total CTC leaf teas sold this week was 91.83 (641065.43kgs) of the total offering of 698126.79Kgs.

BEST & GOOD: -Larger broken sold irregular and easier. Other broken grade continued to meet with good demand with prices ruling firm to dearer on select invoices. However, there were a slight restriction in few invoices in these categories with few out lots too. Fanning sold firm to dearer. Regional packagers were active along with selective buying from local buyers.

BETTER MEDIUM & MEDIUM: -Larger broken sold fully firm. Medium & smaller broken sold fully firm except for few top end teas at the medium category saw a slight surge in prices. Fanning sold fully firm. Upcountry and Western India packer fairly active. The CIS & Middle East exporters were selective on the larger and medium broken but fairly active on smaller & medium broken. Iraqi exporter continued to be silent. Major blenders & packers were very choosy.

PLAINERS: - Good demand with larger broken at steady prices. All other sorts in this category sold at steady Exporters were active on the larger and select medium broken along with the western India packer. Major blenders continued to be very selective.

BUYING PATTERN: - The major blenders & packers along with the Western India packer absorbed only 28.63% of the total CTC leaf sold.

ORTHODOX LEAF

DEMAND: - Good demand.

MARKET: - The Whole leaf grades of both the high & medium grown sold dearer on competition on cleaner varieties. Broken too fetched a dearer market following a improvement in both quality and demand. Fanning grades fetched steady to irregular prices following quality.

BUYING PATTERN: - CIS, Russia, Iran & up-country buyers continued to be fairly active.

CTC DUST

DEMAND: - Good demand.

MARKET: - CTC dust offer this week was at 214068.72Kgs of which 187520.14kgs were sold (87.60%). Best and good teas continue to meet good demand from the regional packer along with local buyers and prices ruling firm closely following quality and competition. Better medium teas sold irregularly around last levels. Medium and the plainer category teas sold at irregularly around last levels.

BUYING PATTERN: - Major blenders were selective once again, regional packers and up-country buyers were active on best & good teas. Exporters were active on better medium, medium & plainer sorts.

ORTHODOX DUST

DEMAND: - Good demand.

MARKET: -Primary dusts sold at irregular prices following quality and competition especially on the high grown, others sold dearer. Secondary teas saw some selective invoices fetching dearer prices whilst the others were barely steady to easier.

BUYING PATTERN: - Regional & local packers were active on primary dusts. Exporters continue to be choosy on the secondary dusts.

Courtesy- J.Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd.,

TEA MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD

COCHIN AUCTION

04TH MARCH 2026 (SALE NO 10)

QUANTITY	2026 kgs	2025 kgs	Difference
ORX LEAF	1,56,741	1,60,331	(3,590)
CTC LEAF	20,769	32,861	(12,092)
TOTAL	1,77,510	1,93,192	(15,682)

COCHIN LEAF

Overall Market Sentiment

The market displayed a firm to occasionally dearer undertone across most categories. Brighter teas attracted active competition, while medium and plainer lines met selective enquiry. Internal blenders continued to provide steady support in the CTC section, while exporter participation was more pronounced in the Orthodox segment with notable activity from CIS and Middle East interests.

Orthodox Market

Orthodox teas recorded a firm to dearer trend, supported by active exporter participation. CIS buyers were particularly active across whole-leaf and liquoring grades, while Middle East interests provided selective support on certain liquoring varieties. Plain varieties were generally steady with selective enquiry depending on style and quality. Unsold quantities were negligible.

CTC Market

CTC offerings met fair demand, with price realisations generally around last levels and occasionally dearer for select liquoring teas. Brighter sorts were absorbed at firm levels, while medium and secondary teas were taken more selectively depending on quality. Limited offerings of Fannings met selective enquiry at around last levels. Small quantities remained unsold, largely confined to plain and fibrous types

Courtesy -J.T. COCHIN

MALAWI AUCTION

04TH MARCH 2026 (SALE NO 9)

There was fair demand at generally firm to dearer rates following quality for the 5460 packages on offer.

BP1 tended firm.

PF1/PD were firm on last.

D1 sold firm to 2USC dearer.

PF1SC were not supported.

Secondaries were firm to dearer where sold.

Courtesy -TEA BROKERS CENTRAL AFRICA LIMITED

KOLKATA / GUWAHATI/ SILIGURI AUCTION

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