

This week's Tea News

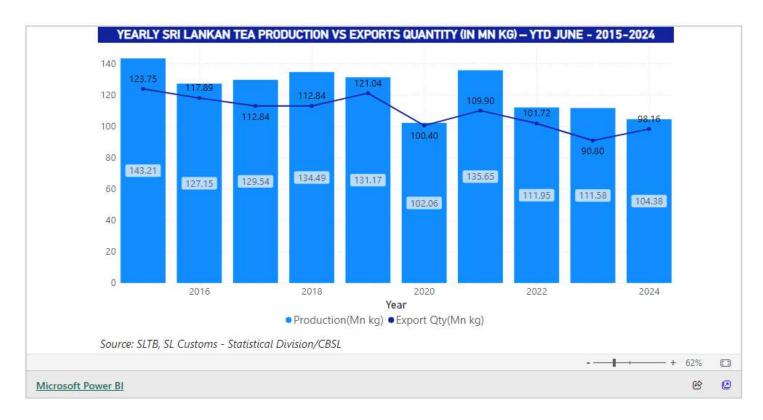


1 - <u>'Ceylon Tea' brand to be promoted internationally through new strategic plan: President</u>



2 - The Best Tea for Bloating, According to Dietitians

Tea Statistics





Market movement at International Auction Centers this week



Currency – As of 31st July 2024



	United Stat		European Cor (EU		United Kingdom pounds (GBP)	
	2024	Corresponding 2023	2024	Corresponding 2023	2024	Corresponding 2023
Sri Lankan Rupee	302.37	329.36	327.33	362.65	388.43	423.19
				(Courtesy - Central I	Bank of Sri Lanka
Indian Rupee	83.73	82.29	90.57	90.64	107.53	105.71
	83.73 129.03	82.29 141.48	90.57 139.58	90.64 155.82	107.53 165.72	105.71 181.73
Kenyan Shilling						
Kenyan Shilling Bangladesh Taka	129.03	141.48	139.58	155.82	165.72	181.73
Indian Rupee Kenyan Shilling Bangladosh Taka Indonesian Rupiah Malawi Kwacha	129.03 116.38	141.48 107.23	139.58 125.89	155.82 118.10	165.72 149.47	181.73 137.74

SRI LANKA RUPEE AGAINST US DOLLAR
TIME PERIOD 24/07/2024 TO 31/07/2024 (SPOT / BUYING RATE)

24/07/2024	303.87	25/07/2024	303.56	24/07/2024	303.62
29/07/2024	303.19	30/07/2024	302.88	31/07/2024	302.37



CURRENCY As of 31st July 2024 LKR/USD 302.37

(www.cbsl.gov.lk)



CRUDE OIL
As of 31st July 2024
USD 80.28

(markets.businessinsider.com)

Elevation Average - July (04th Week)

HIGH

Rs.1,167.05 USD 3.86

MEDIUM

Rs.1,078.35 USD 3.57

LOW

Rs.1,317.78 USD 4.36

Quantity Sold during the period 22nd - 27th July 2024

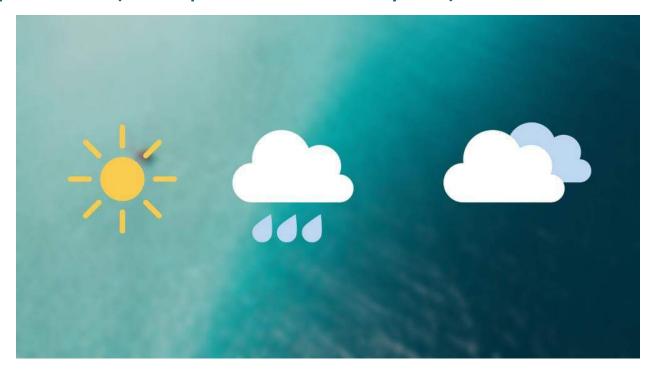
	20	24	2023		
	WEEKLY	TODATE	WEEKLY	TODATE	
Private Sales	145,855.25	3,727,717.30	85,268.85	2,918,428.26	
Public Auction	4,920,948.00	138,173,859.00	5,025,762.00	143,029,985.50	
Forward Contracts	65,400.00	1,147,420.00	70,920.00	1,789,008.00	
Direct Sales	-6	-	2	=	
Total	5,132,203.25	143,048,996.30	5,181,950.85	147,737,421.76	
BMF Excluded From Private Sale	12,000.00	1,326,649.00	89,026.00	1,489,408.00	

Tea Tech Tips



Rolling room machinery and floors need to be absolutely clean. Pools of stale water, broke tiles and crevices will harbour bacteria causing fruitiness and other taints in finished teas.

Crop & Weather (For the period 23rd to 29th July 2024)



The Western planting districts reported showers whilst the Nuwara Eliya's experienced bright conditions. The Department of Meteorology forecasts showers and winds in both regions. The Uva/Udapussellawa's reported sunny weather with winds. The Low grown's experienced sunny mornings throughout the week. Rains are to be expected in the Low grown districts. The Western, Nuwara Eliya and Uva districts maintained their crop intakes whilst the Udapussellawa's reported a decline. Low grown regions recorded an increase.

Weather Forecast (For the period 01st - 07th August 2024)



Tea Sale Arrangements - Sale No. 36 09th / 10th of September 2024 (CTTA Circular No. 30 of 2024 dated July 29,2024)

As recommended by the Colombo Brokers Association, the catalogue closure of Sale No.36, scheduled for the 09th/10th of September 2024, originally planned for the 22nd of August 2024, has been postponed to the 23rd of August 2024. This postponement is based on the one-day sale that will be held the following week, Sale No.37, on the 18th of September 2024, which will include offerings only from the 24th (Saturday) to the 29th (Thursday) of August 2024. The Poya holiday on the 19th will also complement the decision, as volumes will be manageable for Sale 36, even with the extended closure.

This Week's Market Movement at Colombo Tea Auction

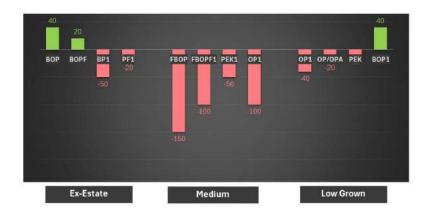


Order of Sale this week



Demand: Ex-Estate met with improved demand whilst Low Grown met with lower demand.





High Grown Teas



BOP

Best Western's Select best teas were dearer by Rs.40-60/- per kg. In the Below Best category, a few selected invoices moved up by Rs.50-80/- per kg whilst all others gained to a lesser extent. Teas at the lower end held

firm. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's better sorts gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst others remained unchanged. Uva's appreciated by Rs.80-100/- per kg.

BOPF

Best Western's a few selected invoices gained by Rs.20-40/- per kg, whilst others remained firm. Below Best were firm to lower by Rs.20-40/- per kg. Teas at the lower end held firm. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Uda Pussellawa's remained unchanged. Uva's better varieties maintained whilst others were irregularly dearer.

Medium Grown Teas



BOP1 - In general, lower by Rs. 50-100/ - per kg.

OP1 - Select best and best were lower by Rs.100/- per kg whilst the below best dropped by Rs.150/- per kg. Others eased by Rs.100/- per kg.

OP/OPA - Select best dropped by Rs.50/- per kg. Best and below best declined by Rs.20/- per kg. Others lost by Rs. 50/- per kg.

PEK - Select best declined by Rs.50/- per kg. Best and below best held firm whilst others dropped by Rs.50/- per kg.

PEK1 - In general, lower by Rs.50/- per kg.

FBOP - Select best dropped by Rs.50/- per kg. Best and below best eased by Rs.150/- per kg whilst others declined by Rs.100/- per kg

FBOPF1 - Select best and best dropped by Rs.50/- per kg. Below best eased by Rs.100/- per kg whilst Others declined by Rs.50/- per kg.

CTC Teas



HIGH

BP1 – Significantly declined and mostly unsold.

PF1 - Lost by Rs.20-40/- per kg and more towards the closure.

MEDIUM

BP1 – Significantly declined and mostly unsold.

PF1 - Lost by Rs.20-40/- per kg.

BP1 - Mostly unsold.

PF1 – Appreciated by Rs.20-40/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS-HIGH GROWNS	В	ОР	ВС	PF
Best Westerns	1,380	1,480	1,340	1,550
Below Best Westerns	1,280	1,360	1,240	1,320
Plainer Westerns	1,100	1,220	1,080	1,220
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A		N	I/A
Udapussellawas	1,060	1,260	1,040	1,200
Best Uvas	1,280	1,380	1,220	1,280
Other Uvas	1,040	1,120	1,000	1,180
Good Mediums	1,200	1,900	1,220	1,280
Poor Mediums	700	1,080	720	1,080
QUOTATIONS – UNORTHODOX	BP1		Р	F1
(CTC) CTC (High & Medium)	1	N/A	1,000	1,200
CTC (Low)	1,	100	1,200	1,460

Low Grown Teas



BOP1 - Select best and best were easier, whilst best were firm, below best and poorer sorts were lower.

OP1 - Select best and best were firm. Below best were irregularly lower. Poorer sorts declined.

OP - Select best were firm to lower, whilst best, below best and poorer sorts declined.

OPA - Select best were firm to lower whilst best, below best and poorer sorts were lower.

PEKOE/PEKOE1 - Select best and best PEK's were firm whilst below best and poorer sorts were firm to dearer. Select best PEK1's were firm to lower whilst best and below best were firm.

FBOP/FBOP1 - Select best were firm to lower, whilst below best and others were lower to last.

BOP - Select best and best were firm, whilst below best and others were lower.

BOPF - All-round firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 - All round FBOPF's were lower. Select best FBOPF1's were marginally lower to last whilst all others were lower.

QUOTATIONS	SELECT BEST	BEST	BELOW BEST	OTHER
BOP1	2,350-3,100	1,800-2,200	1,300-1,550	900-1,200
OP1	2,250-3,200	1,800-2,200	1,500-1,700	750-1,200
OP	1,500-1,800	1,360-1,450	1,100-1,300	750-1,000
OPA	1,600-2,100	1,300-1,500	1,100-1,250	750-1,000
PEKOE	1,700-2,200	1,400-1,550	1,250-1,400	850-1,100
PEKOE1	1,700-2,050	1,450-1,650	1,350-1,450	850-1,200
FBOP1	1,600-2,250	1,300-1,500	1,000-1,200	Below 900
FBOP	2,000-2,450	1,750-1,950	1,400-1,700	Below 1,300
вор	1,800-2,300	1,500-1,700	1,300-1,450	Below 1,100
BOPF	1,000-1,950	850-950	750-820	Below 720
FBOPF1	1,750-2,100	1,550-1,700	1,300-1,500	Below 1,200
FBOPF	1,600-2,050	1,300-1,500	1,000-1,250	Below 900
FFSP/FFEXSP/FFEXSP1	3,850-6,350	2,000-2,800	1,500-1,900	Below 1,200

Off Grades



FGS/FGS1 - High growns maintained. Medium and Low Growns were firm to Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. CTC's were firm to Rs. 10/- per kg dearer.

BM - Cleaner varieties were firm to Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. Below best and Bottom were firm.

BP - In general advanced by Rs. 20-40/- per kg.

BOP1A - Select best were firm whilst all others firm to dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg.

FNGS	HI	GH	MEI	DIUM	LOW		
	630	1,240	690	1,200	630	1,060	
P.FGS (CTC)	810	890	770	1,040	770	1,100	
ВР	800	1,080	820	1,180	650	1,500	
вм	640	940	720	940	700	1,300	
BOP1A	740	830	690	1,160	620	1,460	

DUST Grades



DUST1 - Best and below best were lower by Rs. 30-60/- per kg. CTC's lost by Rs. 20-40/- per kg. Best low growns were firm on last. Below best low growns were irregular.

DUST - Cleaner secondaries and Low Growns were lower by Rs. 40-60/- per kg.

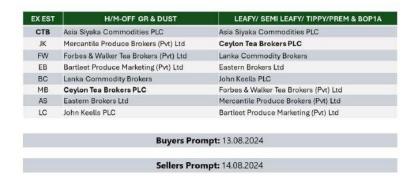
	нівн		MEDIUM		LOW	
PRIMARY DUSTS	1,200	1,500	900	1,140	900	1,200
SECONDARY DUSTS	850	1,150	750	880	720	880
PDUST (CTC)	1,020	1,180	1,080	1,220	1,100	1,260

Top Prices - Sale No.30 of 30th & 31st July 2024

WESTERN MED	IUM			UVA MEDIUM			
Harangalla	BOP	1.900.00		Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1,750.00	
Doombagastalawa	BOPSp	1,700.00		Blossoms Uva Tea	BOPSp	1,600.00	
Hatale	BOPSp	1,700.00		Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,600.00	t
Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,280.00		Demodera 'S'	BOP1	2,050.00	
Harangalla	BOP1	2,000.00		Ury	BOP1	1,900.00	ì
Hatale	FBOP/FBOP1	1,950.00		Aruna Passara	FBOP/FBOP1	1,850.00	
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,850.00		Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,750.00	
Dartry Valley	OP/OPA	1,400.00		Aruna Passara	OP/OPA	1,220.00	ŀ
Ancoombra	OP1	1,700.00		Misty-Uva	OP/OPA	1,220.00	t
Harangalla	PEK1	1,800.00		Telbedde	OP1	1,750.00	
Dartry Valley	PEK1	1,800.00		Ury	OP1	1,700.00	t
Uplands	PEK1	1,800.00		Shawlands	OP1	The second second	
Harangalla	PEK	1,500.00	@	Aruna Passara	PEK/PEK1	1,700.00	+
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Dartry Valley				Halpewatte Uva	PEK/PEK1	1,650.00	
Dehiwatte Super	PEK	1,500.00		Glen Alpin	PEK/PEK1	1,650.00	
			_	Aruna Keppetipola	PEK/PEK1	1,650.00	ŀ
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Ingestre	BOP	1,480.00		UVA HIGH			
Somerset	BOP	1,480.00		Glenanore	BOP	1,650.00	ſ
Bambrakelly	BOPSp	1,650.00	17	Ranaya	BOPSp	1,600.00	
Alton	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,550.00		Battawatte	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,380.00	
Torrington	BOP1	1,650.00		Craig	BOP1	1,550.00	
Bogahawatte	FBOP/FBOP1	1,750.00		Gonamotawa	FBOP/FBOP1	1,800.00	
Frotoft Super	FBOP/FBOP1	1,700.00	@	Oodoowerre	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1.700.00	
Bambrakelly	FBOP/FBOP1	1,700.00		Spring Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,700.00	
Bambrakelly	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,850.00		Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,700.00	
Weddemulla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,700.00	@	Gonamotawa	OP	1,200.00	
Glenloch	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,700.00		Ranaya	OPA	1,140.00	Ì
Inverness	OP	1,200.00		Gonamotawa	OPA	1,140.00	1
Bambrakelly	OP	1,200.00		Ranaya	OP1	1,550.00	
Frotoft Super	OPA	1,160.00	@	Mount Uva	OP1	1,500.00	t
Bambrakelly	OPA	1,160.00		Battawatte	PEK/PEK1	1,650.00	
Frotoft Super	OP1	1,440.00	@	Nayabedde	PEK/PEK1	1,650.00	
Bambrakelly	OP1	1,440.00		rayaseade	TENTERE	2,050.00	t
Somerset	PEK/PEK1	1,650.00					۰
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ALLIA A DA ELIVA				Ulugedara CTC	PF1	1,200.00	
NUWARA ELIYA			_	Ulugedara CTC	BPS	1,020.00	
Court Lodge	BOP	1,120.00					
Court Lodge	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,000.00		UNORTHODOX ME	DIUM		
Kenmare	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,000.00		New Peacock CTC	PF1	1,180.00	٠
Kenmare	FBOP/FBOP1	1,440.00		Ancoombra CTC	8P1	800.00	ł
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	1,320.00		Park Side CTC	BPS	700.00	ŀ
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UDA PUSSELLA	WAS				71		۱
Luckyland	ВОР	1,260.00		UNORTHODOX LOV			
Luckyland	BOPSp	1.220.00		Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	1,460.00	
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	1,200.00		Suduwelipothahena CTC	BP1	1,100.00	
Delmar	BOP1	1,480.00					
Blairlomond	FBOP	1,600.00					
Sonapitiya	FBOP	1,300.00	ø				
Alma	FBOP1	1,280.00	@				
Alma	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1,750.00	@				
Alma Blairlomond			60				
	OP/OPA	1,120.00					
Delmar	OP1	1,200.00					
Alma	OP1	1,100.00	@				
Alma	PEK1	1,700.00	@				
Alma	PEK	1,460.00	@				
Blairlomond	PEK	1,460.00					

TOP PRICES - SALE NO. 30 OF 30TH / 31ST JULY 2024 LOW GROWN LOW GROWN (CONT...) Kosgahadola Ella 2,050.00 BOP1 3.100.00 Sithaka 3,200.00 Mulatiyana Hills FBOPF 1,950.00 Sithaka OP1 Miriswatta OP 1,800.00 Sithaka FBOPF 1,950.00 Susantha OP 1,700.00 Gunawardena FBOPF 1 950 00 Halwitigala Smallholders FBOPF 1,950.00 OP Green Lanka 1.700.00 Makandura OP FBOPF 1,950.00 1,700.00 Karawita OP 1,650.00 Ceyenta FBOPF 1,900.00 Sihara Captain Garden OP 1,650.00 Adams View FBOPF1 2,100.00 Lions OP 1.650.00 Rotumba OP 1,650.00 DUSTS Andaradeniya OP 1,650.00 Mattakelle DUST1 1,500.00 Biyolta OP 1,650.00 Kalubowitiyana CTC PD 1,260.00 OPA Magedara 2.100.00 OPA Miriswatta 2,000.00 PREMIUM FLOWERY OPA 1,850.00 Ceyenta **Temple View Super** FBOPFSp 5,500.00 Liyonta PEK 2,200.00 Garden Leaf FBOPFExSp 6,350.00 New J.S.P. PEK1 2,050.00 FBOPFExSp1 Danawala 3.600.00 Hidellana PEK1 2,050.00 Matuwagalla Super FBOPFExSp1 2,800.00 2,050.00 Galatara PEK1 Dampahala PEK1 2,050.00 OFF GRADES New Batuwangala PEK1 2,000.00 Sisiramba Super PEK1 2.000.00 FGS/FGS1 1 240 00 Mattakelle Matuwagalla Super PEK1 2,000.00 @ 1.100.00 Livonta CTC Rajjuruwatta Super PEK1 1,950.00 BM 1,300.00 A C U Super PEK1 1.950.00 @ Bogoda BP 1,500.00 Chandrika Estate Nilrich 1.950.00 PEK1 BP 1,380.00 Suduwelipothahena Super BOP 2,300.00 Suwishka BP 1,340.00 Peak View Super ВОР 2,250.00 Chandrika Estate BOP1A 1,460.00 Rajjuruwatta Super BOP 2,200.00 BOP 2,200.00 Matuwagalla Super 2,200.00 Suduwelipothahena Super BOP @ New Batuwangala ВОР 2,200.00 Kings Bru BOP 2,200.00 Pothotuwa BOP 2 200 00 2,200.00 BOP Sineth BOPSp 2,050.00 Kiruwanaganga BOPSp 1,950.00 Yalta BOPSp 1,900.00 @ Thalapalakanda Super BOPSD 1,900.00 BOPSp 1,900.00 Kelani Wattahena BOPSp 1,900.00 Pothotuwa BOPF 1,950.00 BOPFSp Wathurawila 2.050.00 BOPFSp 2,000.00 Palmgarden BOPFSp 2,000.00 Suduwelipothahena Super BOPFSp 1,900.00 Golden Garden BOPFSp 1,900.00 Sithaka FBOP 2,450.00 Golden Garden FBOP 2,400.00 Golden Garden FBOP 2,350.00 Hedigalla FBOP 2.350.00 FBOP 2,350.00 Pothotuwa Sithaka FBOP1 2,250.00 Wattahena FBOP1 2,250.00

Future Sales Information (Sale No.31 of 06th / 07th August 2024)



Awaiting Sale – Catalogue Details

SALE NO. 33 - 20TH / 21ST AUGUST 2024

Ex-Estate catalogue and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on the 01st August 2024

SALE NO. 34 - 27TH / 28TH AUGUST 2024

Ex-Estate catalogue and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on the 08th August 2024

SALE NO. 35 - 03RD / 04TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Ex-Estate catalogue and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on the 15th August 2024

Elevation Wise – Statistics – Colombo Auction Averages

	LAST WEEK	WEEK BEFORE LAST	LAST YEAR	YEAR BEFORE	
Elevation	(RS)	(RS)	(RS)	(RS)	
	Sale- 22.07.2024	Sale- 15.07.2024	Corres 2023	Corres 2022	
Uva High	1097.52	1094.17	834.81	1231,56	
Western High	1195.40	1194.48	856.50	1363.61	
CTC High	1046.07	1071.14	821.19	1256.14	
Total High Grown	1164.96	1161.20	848.24	1305.19	
Uva Medium	1117.81	1117.99	950.89	1305.23	
Western Medium	1018.66	1049.48	863.83	1155.94	
CTC Medium	970.17	1005.36	740.68	998.94	
Total Medium Grown	1053.50	1072.54	894.10	1202.84	
Orthodox Low	1324.58	1353.34	1174.61	1678.17	
CTC Low	920.68	948.53	924.84	1478.08	
Total Low Grown	1302.96	1328.30	1162.05	1661.73	
TOTAL	1228.14	1243.74	1041.93	1519.68	

	LAST WEEK	WEEK BEFORE LAST	LAST YEAR	YEAR BEFORE	
Elevation	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	
	Sale- 22.07.2024	Sale- 15.07.2024	Corres 2023	Corres 2022	
Uva High	3.61	3.62	2.55	3.41	
Western High	3.94	3.95	2.62	3.77	
CTC High	3.44	3.54	2.51	3.48	
Total High Grown	3.84	3.84	2.60	3.61	
Uva Medium	3.68	3.70	2.91	3.61	
Western Medium	3.35	3.47	2.64	3.20	
CTC Medium	3.19	3,33	2.27	2.76	
Total Medium Grown	3.47	3.55	2.74	3.33	
Orthodox Low	4.36	4.48	3.59	4.64	
CTC Low	3.03	3.14	2.83	4.09	
Total Low Grown	4.29	4.40	3.56	4.60	
Weekly Total (USD)	4.04	4.12	3.19	4.21	
Exchange Rate (LKR)	303.70	302.19	326.75	361.30	

	TODATE	TODATE	TODATE	TODATE	TODATE	TODATE
Elevation	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
	(RS)	(RS)	(RS)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Uva High	959.34	1005.07	1112.65	3.25	3.04	3.63
Western High	943.18	1161.01	1194.97	3.20	3.51	3.90
CTC High	813.82	1050.34	1117.46	2.76	3.17	3.65
Total High Grown	948.44	1112.84	1168.61	3.22	3.36	3.81
Uva Medium	1030.60	1035.47	1152.81	3.50	3.13	3.76
Western Medium	856.17	1011.19	1082.79	2.90	3.06	3.53
CTC Medium	711.05	948.39	981.23	2.41	2.87	3.20
Total Medium Grown	911.15	1018.96	1106.33	3.09	3.08	3.61
Orthodox Low	1228.18	1299.54	1394.05	4.17	3.93	4.55
CTC Low	808.07	961.49	1011.24	2.74	2.91	3.30
Total Low Grown	1199.86	1281.02	1368.89	4.07	3.87	4.47
TOTAL	1096.97	1200.63	1280.91	3.72	3.63	4.18

World Tea Production (In Million Kilos)

Country	Month	Month		To-date		Diff (+/-)
		2023	2024	2023	2024	2023 vs 2024
Sri Lanka	Jun	23.1	23	134.7	127.4	-7.3
North India	Jun	116.8	117.6	353.8	305.9	-47.9
South India	Jun	28.4	24.8	113.4	100	-13.4
Bangladesh	May	8.2	4.8	13.7	11.5	-2.2
Malawi	May	3.9	4.4	28.9	31.3	2.4
Kenya	Apr	49.5	53.8	167.6	222.6	55

Other Markets



Mombasa Auction of 29th / 30th July 2024

Improved general demand for the 221,720 packages (14,969,520.00 kilos) packages in the market; 51.72% remained unsold.

Pakistan Packers lent strong support with more activity from Egyptian Packers and Bazaar. There was improved enquiry from Kazakhstan and other CIS states while UK, Afghanistan, Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries maintained interest. Russia were active with Sudan and South Sudan maintaining support. Local Packers reduced enquiry while Iran were absent. Somalia maintained support at the lower end of the market.

LEAF GRADES (M2)

BP1: Best – Were mainly dearer by up to USC38 but some teas lost up to USC10 with select lines discounted by USC44. Brighter – Steady to USC41 above last levels. Mediums – KTDA mediums were firm at previous prices with some teas remaining unsold while plantation mediums started at steady levels and appreciated by up to USC46 as the sale progressed. Lower Medium – Met irregular interest and varied between firm to USC34 dearer to easier by up to USC26. Plainer – Steady to USC13 below previous prices.

PF1: Best – Improved competition and gained up to USC27. Brighter – Firm to USC19 dearer. Mediums – KTDA mediums were steady with a few lines irregular ranging between USC8 dearer to easier by USC10 with plantation mediums firm to USC19 dearer. Lower Medium – Mostly dearer by up to USC26 but a few invoices lost up to USC13. Plainer – Appreciated by up to USC14.

DUST GRADES (M1)

PDUST: Best – Most were steady to USC16 dearer but some lines shed up to USC7. Brighter – Varied between firm to USC10 above last levels to easier by up to USC5. Mediums – KTDA mediums held value with selected invoices advancing by up to USC16 but a number of lines were neglected. Plantation mediums met good competition and advanced by up to USC20, a few teas however lost up to USC14. Lower Medium – Appreciated by up to USC20. Plainer – Were irregular ranging between firm to USC20 dearer to easier by up to USC16.

DUST1: Best – Irregular varying between firm to USC5 dearer to easier by up to USC15. Brighter – Steady to USC6 dearer to USC10 below previous prices. Mediums – KTDA mediums were firm to USC5 dearer while plantation mediums were irregularly easier by up to USC22. Lower Medium – Ranged between USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC19. Plainer – Saw some teas gain up to USC10 while others lost up to USC9.

SECONDARY GRADES (S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs were firm with PFs steady. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings held value while similar DUSTs tended easier. Other Fannings sold at previous rates with DUSTs firm but some lines appreciated. BMFs were readily absorbed.

(Courtesy - Africa Tea Brokers Limited)

Bangladesh Auction of 29th July 2024

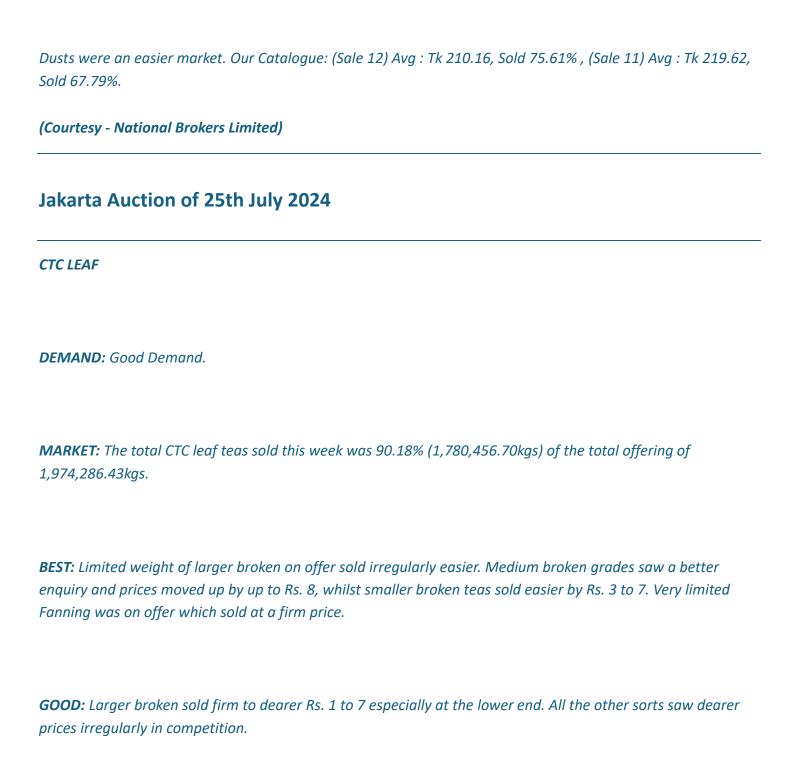
CTC LEAF: 52,879 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand but at easier rates.

BROKENS: Well made good liquoring Brokens met with a fairly good demand at slightly easier rates. Medium types were a good market at easier rates. Plainer types met with fair demand and here again prices were easier with fair withdrawals. BLF teas met with less demand and withdrawals were heavy.

FANNINGS: Well made good liquoring Fannings met with a fairly good demand at easier rates following quality. Medium sorts were a fairly good market but were slightly easier. Plainer types met with fair demand and here again prices were easier with fair withdrawals. BLF teas met with less demand and withdrawals were heavy.

DUST: 11, 850 packages of tea on offer met with a fairly good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold well at barely steady levels. Mediums met with fair demand but sold at a drop of Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts also sold at easier levels with fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: This sale took place after a gap of one week where offerings were higher. Blenders were more active particularly for the Medium varieties which were absorbed quite readily whilst Loose tea buyers lent more support this week. As a result, withdrawals were less.



BETTER MEDIUM: Larger broken sold firm to dearer. Medium, smaller broken and fanning at the lower end continue to sell at firm prices whilst at the top continue to increase in prices substantially.

MEDIUM: Larger broken at the top end sold firm, whilst the lower end saw prices moving up by Rs. 5 to 7. Remaining sorts sold at barely steady prices. However, larger percentage fanning, especially browner sorts remained unsold.

PLAIN: Larger broken sold Rs. 2 to 7 dearer with exporters being active. Medium broken sold barely steady. Smaller broken and fanning sold easier by Rs. 3 to 5 with browner sorts facing withdrawals.
The Major blender's absorption was at 45.75% of the total CTC leaf sold.
ORTHODOX LEAF
DEMAND: Good but selective demand.
MARKET: The high grown whole leaf sold irregularly easier following quality. Broken grade continued to decline in prices following quality barring few invoices at the top end fetched dearer prices. Fanning sold firm to dearer. Other whole leaves sold easier by up to Rs.3. Broken grades too saw an easier market following quality. Fanning sold steadily.
CTC DUST
DEMAND: Marginally improved demand.
MARKET: CTC dust offer this week was at 615,412.60kgs of which 509,802.54kgs were sold (82.84%).
BEST: All grades saw a good demand but at firm to dearer prices, select invoices of the finer dusts at lower end appreciated following quality.

GOOD: All sorts sold at irregularly dearer prices following quality and competition.
BETTER MEDIUM: Improved demand and all sorts sold dearer by Rs. 2 to 5 or more especially on RD grade.
MEDIUM: All sorts sold at barely steady prices.
PLAINER: This category of teas sold at barely steady to easier with the browner sorts facing withdrawals.
ORTHODOX DUST
DEMAND: Good selective demand.
MARKET: High grown primary sold easier following quality. The secondary teas sold easier by Rs. 4 to 6 or more. Other category primary dust sold at irregular prices. Secondary dust sold at barely steady prices.
(Courtesy - J.Thomas & Co. Pvt. Ltd)
Guwahati Auction of 30th July 2024
Good demand at steady to easier levels following quality. (PTM running at 81 %). HUL/ Other blenders/ Western India / Internal operating.
(Courtesy - Associated Brokers Pvt. Ltd. Guwahati)

Kolkata Auction of 30th / 31st July 2024

Good demand. Assams are selling at barely steady to irregularly easier levels. Dooars are around last levels. Western India - Operating, HUL - Operating, TCPL - Operating, Exporters - Some enquiry, Local - Operating. Based on CB's Catalogue.

(Courtesy - Associated Brokers Pvt. Ltd, Kolkata)

Malawi Auction of 31st July 2024

Less demand continued this week for the small quantity on offer of 3340 packages.

BP1 were firm to 3USC dearer.

PF1/PD were neglected.

D1 fetched up 5USC dearer on last where sold.

PF1SC - N/A

Secondaries were firm to 5USC where sold.

(Courtesy - Tea Brokers Central Africa Limited)

