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TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: 14 of APRIL 03 & 04, 2023

COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, namely Sale # 14 of 2023 was held on April 03 & 04, 2023 (Mon/Tue), with a weight of 5.4 mkg, which was an increase of 0.25 mkg over the previous week's quantity. The Low Grown Leafy, Semi Leafy, Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.3 mkg, while the Main Sale High & Medium segment had 0.67 mkg. The Ex Estate category had 0.77 mkg.

The National Tea sale Average for March, 2023 is recorded as Rs.1263.00 and shows a drop of Rs. - 175.20 over the preceding month's average. The High Grown average for March, 2023 was Rs. 1303.85 and lower to February by Rs. - 98.70, whilst the Medium Grown average of Rs. 1127.89 shows a deficit of Rs. -129.38. The sharpest drop is seen from the Low Grown elevation with the March average of Rs. 1282.79 being Rs. - 207.20 lower to February. Compared to a year ago, however, the 2023 March composite average of Rs. 1263.00 is higher by Rs 414.92 over the corresponding month of the previous year.

There was fair general demand at firm to easier levels in the Ex-Estate catalogues. Select high priced Western BOP's were substantially lower whilst the balance declined Rs. 20-40/-; other Western BOP's in the below best and plainer categories too lost but up to a lesser extent. A few select best Western BOP's held firm whilst the others declined sharply by Rs. 50-100/- and at times more. Teas in the below best and Plainer categories too lost Rs. 20-40/- and more as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's select BOP's sold well whilst others tended irregular following quality whilst there were hardly any BOP's on offer. Uda Pussellawa better BOP's declined up to Rs. 50/- whilst the balance together with the poorer sorts eased further along with the majority of the UVA's too losing Rs. 50-100/- and more. The Majority of the Uda Pussellawa BOP's sold around last levels with price fluctuations following quality. Uva BOP's too lost fairly sharply by as much as Rs.100/- and more. **CTC Teas** - High & Medium PF1's commenced firm and declined as the sale progressed whilst Low Grown commenced firm and appreciated marginally towards the close. Western markets were operative though selective whilst shippers to Japan, China, Taiwan along with Russian buyers too were active.

There was fair demand for Low Grown teas. Select best OP1's were firm while others in the "best" and "Below-best" categories were firm to easier. OP's in general were firm, although teas at the bottom end of the market were irregularly lower. OPA's in general were easier to last. A range of selected BOP1's in the "best" category was dearer following special enquiry while other better made teas maintained last levels. Better made Pekoes were mostly firm, but PEK1's in general were easier. The better made FBOP's were irregularly easier, while, below-best teas were firm. Neater FBOP1's in the "select best" category held firm whilst the balance was lower. However, teas at the bottom held firm. Buying interest from Iran was once again lacking. Buyers for Saudi Arabia, The UAE and other Middle Eastern countries were fairly active. Russia and the CIS were active on leafy grades. Türkiye and Syria supported the Pekoe grades at easier levels. Libya continued to bid on the secondary whole leaf grades, whilst Iraq was fairly active for bottom level teas.

This week's auction comprised of 10,458 lots with a total quantity of 5,405,116 kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,014	770,159
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,514	664,457
Low Grown Tippy	1,750	850,087
High & Medium	1,487	669,387
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,186	1,110,820
Dust	572	522,657
Premium Flowery	214	38,785
Ex-Estate	<u>721</u>	<u>778,764</u>
Total	<u>10,458</u>	<u>5,405,116</u>

In Lighter Vein

The Nun and the Cabby

A nun gets into a cab and notices that the VERY handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring. He replies: "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you." She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive." "Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me." She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2, you must be Catholic." The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!" "OK," the nun says. "Pull in to the next alley." The nun fulfills his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Select best few invoices gained Rs.50-100/- per kg whilst the lower end best and secondary types were firm on last levels.

OP1 : Best on offer maintained last levels whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.

OP : Select few invoices in the best category maintained last levels whilst the others were Rs.30-50/- per kg lower.

OPA : Best on offer maintained last levels whilst the others declined Rs.50-100/- per kg.

PEK/PEK1: Best on offer declined Rs.30-50/- per kg whilst secondaries and lower types lost Rs.25-45/- per kg.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP1	1800-3500	1750-3400	1300-1800	1200-1750	950-1300	900-1200
OP1	1500-3450	1500-3450	1100-1500	1200-1500	850-1100	900-1200
OP	1700-2000	1700-2000	1250-1700	1300-1700	850-1250	900-1300
OPA	1650-2300	1600-2250	1350-1650	1300-1600	900-1350	950-1300
PEK/PEK1	1650-2550	1850-2750	1200-1650	1400-1850	900-1200	950-1400

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : Well-made BOP's together with Below Best declined. However, teas at the lower end were firm.
- BOPF/BOPFS** : A few select Best BOPF's on special inquiry were firm whilst all others declined.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best FBOP's were irregular. However, best and below best together with teas at the lower end sold around last levels. FBOP1's in general were firm.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very Tippy teas declined whilst the balance were firm. Teas at the lower end were easier. However, the leafier varieties were firm on last. Select best FF1's maintained last levels whilst the below best declined. Teas at the lower end were firm on last.
- FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Except for leafy EXSP types, few invoices are on offer whilst decline in price met with less demand. Lower end best teas and the other sorts also followed a similar trend.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	1400-2100	1700-2000	1100-1400	1100-1650	850-1100	850-1100
BOPF /BOPFSP	1350-1850	1450-1900	1000-1350	1050-1550	850-1000	900-1050
FBOP/FBOP1	1500-2400	1500-2550	1200-1500	1200-1500	900-1200	925-1200
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1100-1700	1100-1600	900-1100	900-1200	800-900	850-900
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2000-4450	2400-3750	1100-2000	1100-2400	1000-1100	1000-1100

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

- FBOP** : Well-made neat FBOP's sold well. Below best and the poorer types were firm to easier and at times more.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well-made teas on offer were firm on last levels. Below best types too firm to easier. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.
- PEK/PEK1** : Except for the well-made bold varieties, balance continued to be irregular.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	1500-2000	1500-1950	1100-1500	1000-1300	900-1100	800-1000
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1450-1550	1400-1550	900-1450	850-1400	800-900	700-850
PEK/PEK1	1700-1950	1650-1900	1100-1700	1150-1650	800-1100	700-1150

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

BOP: Best Western's - Select high priced teas were substantially easier whilst the others declined Rs. 20-40/- per kg. Teas in the Below Best category declined Rs. 20-40/- per kg and more as the sale progressed, whilst the Plainer sorts were firm and lower to a lesser extent. Nuwara Eliya's - Few select invoices sold well, whilst the others were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's - Better teas declined up to Rs. 50/- per kg whilst the poorer sorts eased further. Uva's declined Rs. 50-100/- per kg.

BOPF: A few select invoices were firm, whilst the others declined Rs. 50-100/- per kg. Teas in the Below Best and Plainer categories, which declined Rs. 20-40/- per kg at the commencement of the sale, eased further as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's had hardly any offerings. Uda Pussellawa's sold around last week's levels with a few price fluctuations reflective of quality. Uva's were up to Rs.100/- per kg easier.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	1400-1600	1460-1800	1460-1600	1500-1700
Below Best Westerns	1240-1380	1260-1440	1300-1440	1380-1480
Plainer Westerns	1100-1220	1160-1240	1180-1280	1200-1360
Nuwara Eliyas	1260-1650	1200-1650	1480	1550
Brighter UdaPussellawas	1200-1320	1280-1340	1280-1320	1300-1360
Other Uda Pussellawas	N/A	1020-1200	1200-1240	1120-1260
Best Uva's	1280-1360	1300-1440	1300-1360	1380-1460
Other Uva's	N/A	1160-1260	1260-1280	1260-1300

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Large Leaf teas were substantially easier whilst the others declined Rs.50-100/- per kg.

BOPF : Better sorts declined Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst the poorer sorts eased to a lesser extent.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	900-1700	900-1800	980-1400	960-1360

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:

BP1 - Hardly any offerings

PF1 - Better sorts commenced firm and declined as the sale progressed whilst the others were irregular.

MEDIUM GROWN:

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Best available sold around last week's levels whilst the others were irregular and easier more so towards the close.

LOW GROWN:

BP1 - Continued to sell well.

PF1 - Commenced firm and appreciated marginally towards the close.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	NOT QUOTED	NOT QUOTED	1120-1340	1140-1340
Medium	1220-1240	980-1340	810-1340	800-1360
Low	860-1900	810-1700	740-1400	960-1750

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Select best Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1s lost Rs.50-70/- per kg whilst others held firm. Clean Low Grown well-made FNGS1s lost 25-50/- per kg whilst others firm.

BM : Best and Below Best types lost Rs.20-50/- per kg. Poor types firm to irregularly lower Rs.50-70 per kg.

BOP1A : Select best BOP1As advanced Rs.20-50/- per kg. Best teas lost Rs.20-50/- per kg. Poorer types eased Rs.20-50/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	800-1175	800-1230	750-880	750-900	750-820	720-860
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-820	600-820	720-840	720-820	720-830	720-820
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	580-750	590-770	580-750	700-770	700-750	700-780
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	800-820	800-850	790-820	800-850	790-840	800-880
Other BM's	720-760	790-840	720-760	790-840	720-760	780-840
Best BOP1As	800-850	800-880	820-870	880-920	1100-1300	1100-1250
Other BOP1As	780-830	850-880	780-830	850-880	770-850	825-880

DUST

DUST/DUST1 : High Grown liquoring Dust/Dust.1's lost Rs.50-100/- per kg and at times more whilst the secondaries and poorer types also declined Rs.40-60/- per kg. Mid grown teas also met with an irregular market and lost Rs.25-50/- per kg. Low Grown clean Dust/Dust.1's also dropped by Rs.50-70/- per kg. Low Grown lower end teas were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : High Grown PD's declined Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst mid grown teas maintained last levels. Low Grown were irregularly lower.

QUOTATIONS (Rs./kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust1 (Orthodox)	1000-1650	1200-2000	700-1480	800-1480	700-1200	750-1110
Good Primary PD (CTC)	750-1360	850-1460	700-1420	780-1440	750-1550	800-1240
Secondary Dust	700-1400	770-1440	720-1020	780-940	720-1340	700-980

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2022	2023	Difference +/-	To-date 2022	To-date 2023	Difference +/-
BANGLADESH	Jan.	0.051	0.036	-0.02	0.051	0.036	-0.02
SRI LANKA	Feb.	18.22	18.71	0.49	41.09	37.96	-3.13

Country	Month	2021	2022	Difference +/-	To-date 2021	To-date 2022	Difference +/-
KENYA	Nov.	50.70	49.20	-1.50	485.30	478.00	-7.3
NORTH INDIA	Dec.	50.80	48.0	-2.80	1108.00	1110.40	2.40
SOUTH INDIA	Dec.	15.00	14.40	-0.60	235.00	230.10	-4.90
MALAWI	Aug.	2.09	1.99	-0.10	38.40	35.70	-2.7
TANZANIA	June	1.80	1.76	-0.04	16.56	20.37	3.8
UGANDA	July	5.65	2.77	-2.9	45.86	33.32	-12.54

WESTERN MEDIUM

*Dartry Valley	BOP1	1800/-
Craighead	OP1	1950/-
*Dartry Valley	OP1	1900/-
New Rothschild	OP1	1900/-
*Ancoombra	OP1	1850/-
*Harangalla	OP1	1850/-
*Dartry Valley	OP/OPA	1750/-
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	1950/-
*Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	1900/-
*Uplands	PEK/PEK1	1900/-
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	1900/-
Elpitiya	PEK/PEK1	1900/-
*Hatale	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
*Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Craighead	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Craighead	BOP	1700/-
*Ancoombra	BOPSP	1340/-
*Vellai Oya	BOPF	1400/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	2000/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1550/-
Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1550/-

WESTERN HIGH

Somerset	BOP	1600/-
Somerset	BOPSP	1480/-
Wattegodde	BOPF/BOPFSP	1600/-
Inverness	BOP1	1700/-
Torrington	FBOP/FBOP1	1550/-
Queensberry	FBOP/FBOP1	1550/-
Venture	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1380/-
Venture	OP/OPA	1700/-
Venture	OP1	1900/-
Torrington	PEK/PEK1	1800/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Mahagastotte	BOP	1650/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF/BOPFSP	1480/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/FBOP1	1550/-
Court Lodge	OP/OPA	1240/-
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	1700/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Ulugedara CTC	PF1	1340/-
Mount Vernon CTC	BP1	1320/-

MEDIUM GROWN

*New Peacock	CTC PF1	1340/-
Delta CTC	BP1	1240/-
Aultmore CTC	BPS	1000/-
Donside CTC	BPS	1000/-

LOW GROWN

Kalubowitiyana CTC	PF1	1400/-
Cecilayan CTC	BP1	1900/-

UVA MEDIUM

Wewesse	BOP1	1950/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOP1	1950/-
Halpewatte Uva	OP1	1900/-
Wewesse	OP/OPA	1750/-
Glen Alpin	OP/OPA	1750/-
Misty Uva	PEK/PEK1	1950/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOP	1460/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	1400/-
El Teb	BOPF/BOPFSP	1340/-
Telbedde	FBOP/FBOP1	1550/-
Dickwella	FBOP/FBOP1	1950/-
Sarnia Plaiderie	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1420/-

UVA HIGH

*Battawatte	BOP1	1850/-
Glenanore	BOP1	1850/-
Aislaby	OP1	1800/-
Craig	OP1	1800/-
Craig	OP/OPA	1650/-
Misty Uva	OP/OPA	1650/-
Glenanore	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Gonamotawa	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Mount Uva	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Craig	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Battawatte	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Badura Eliya	BOP	1360/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1300/-
Pita Rathmalie	BOPF/BOPFSP	1360/-
Gonamotawa	FBOP/FBOP1	1600/-
Gonamotawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1440/-
Oodoowerre	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1440/-

UDA PUSSELLAWA

Delmar	BOP1	1700/-
Alma	OP1	1800/-
Delmar	OP/OPA	1650/-
Delmar	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Kirklees	BOP	1320/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	1300/-
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSP	1320/-
Luckyland	BOPF/BOPFSP	1320/-
Blairlmond	FBOP/FBOP1	1400/-
Alma	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1340/-

OFF GRADES

Green Lanka	BP	1380/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PF	1360/-
Kurunduwatta	BM	1340/-
Holyrood	FNGS/FNGS1	1340/-
Aldora	BOP1A	1600/-
*Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	1550/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Sithaka	BOP1	3500/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3450/-
Green Lanka	OP	2000/-
Green Lanka	OPA	2300/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2550/-
Galatara	PEKOE1	2400/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Sithaka	BOP	2100/-
Stream Line	BOPSP	1700/-
Suduwelipothahena Sup	BOPSP	1600/-
*KDU Super	BOPSP	1550/-
Sithaka	BOPF	1850/-
Pothotuwa	BOPF	1700/-
Cecilayan	BOPF	1700/-
*Hidellena	BOPF	1460/-
Brombil	BOPFSP	1320/-
Sithaka	FBOP	2400/-
*Sithaka	FBOP1	1900/-
Gunawardana	FBOPF	1650/-
Stream Line	FBOPF1	1700/-
Iththagala Super	FBOPF1	1650/-
Lumbini	FBOPF1	1650/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1650/-
Spring View	FBOPF1	1650/-
*Mahaliyadda	FBOPF1	1600/-
*Hidellena	FBOPF1	1600/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Thisara Super	FBOPFSP	2600/-
Graceland	FBOPFEXSP	4450/-
Galatara	FBOPFEXSP1	3850/-

Dust

Craig Lea	DUST	1400/-
Mattakelle	DUST1	1650/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PD	1550/-

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NATIONAL ELEVATIONAL AVERAGES – MARCH, 2023

Elevation	MONTH		TO-DATE	
	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS.-	QUANTITY -KG-	AVERAGE -RS.-
ORTHODOX				
UVA-HIGH	1,058,165	1,174.81	3,178,516	1,223.72
WESTERN-HIGH	2,576,952	1,391.17	7,816,631	1,475.66
UVA-MEDIUM	914,263	1,099.81	2,704,208	1,195.32
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,425,707	1,113.98	4,420,425	1,222.57
LOW	10,510,431	1,314.18	35,214,345	1,494.22
TOTAL	16,485,519	1,288.07	53,334,125	1,437.71
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UVA -HIGH	68,410	1,270.53	161,130	1,289.29
WESTERN- HIGH	302,665	1,221.08	881,353	1,245.10
WESTERN - MEDIUM	532,893	1,133.31	1,861,108	1,118.20
LOW	1,012,371	975.71	3,364,491	1,034.90
TOTAL	1,916,339	1,068.81	6,268,082	1,095.73
ORTHODOX / CTC (Combined)				
UVA-HIGH	1,126,575	1,180.62	3,339,646	1,226.89
WESTERN-HIGH	2,879,617	1,373.29	8,697,984	1,452.30
UVA-MEDIUM	914,263	1,099.81	2,704,208	1,195.32
WESTERN-MEDIUM	1,958,600	1,119.24	6,281,533	1,191.65
LOW	11,522,802	1,284.44	38,578,836	1,454.16
TOTAL	18,401,858	1,265.23	59,602,207	1,401.74

COLOMBO AUCTION – WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.13 OF 29TH MARCH, 2023

	2023			2022	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	1,157.97	1,177.58	1,220.29	991.26	692.60
Western High Grown	1,371.51	1,378.88	1,444.61	904.72	740.22
High Grown	1,308.98	1,324.11	1,384.92	929.84	727.03
Uva Medium	1,098.07	1,114.21	1,207.32	1,111.95	728.40
Western Medium	1,128.53	1,121.31	1,193.46	924.18	656.15
Medium Grown	1,118.69	1,119.09	1,197.56	985.20	677.07
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,317.78	1,313.06	1,492.46	1,273.91	833.86
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,300.28	1,284.32	1,467.01	1,229.81	812.87
Total	1,271.38	1,266.65	1,409.68	1,123.60	771.94

Private Sale Figures (27.03.2023 – 01.04.2023) - 115,610.25 kgs

Cumulative - 1,306,818.45 kgs

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	<u>Sale of 18th /19th Apr. '23</u>		<u>Sale of 25th /26th Apr. '23</u>	
	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,004	775,667	2,051	815,585
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,565	685,759	1,623	729,484
Low Grown Tippy	1,853	868,026	1,830	886,701
High & Medium	1,406	630,230	1,462	660,275
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,094	1,004,456	2,086	1,057,475
Dust	563	529,107	559	530,282
Premium Flowery	225	41,578	248	45,919
Ex-Estate	684	713,470	674	713,132
Total	<u>10,394</u>	<u>5,288,293</u>	<u>10,533</u>	<u>5,438,853</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No. 17 of 02nd /03rd May, 2023

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **06th April, 2023 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No. 18 of 09th /10th May, 2023

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **20th April, 2023 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.19 of 16th /17th May, 2023

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **27th April, 2023 at 04.30 p.m.**

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

SALE NO. 15

Auction of 18th /19th April, 2023

Leafy/Semi Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

1. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
3. John Keells PLC
4. Eastern Brokers PLC
5. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
4. John Keells PLC
5. Eastern Brokers PLC
6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
7. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
8. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd

Ex-Estate

1. **Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
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Crop & Weather

For the period of 27th March to 02nd April, 2023

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:

Gloomy weather with showers were reported in the Western Region, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region reported sunny mornings and evening showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in both regions in the week ahead.

Uva/ Udapussellawa Region:

Both regions reported Sunny mornings with sporadic evening showers throughout the week.

Low Grown:

Clear mornings and occasional evening showers were reported in the Low Grown Region throughout the week. Heavy showers are expected in the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Crop Intake: All planting regions generally maintained the crop intake.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

LCBL

- Our Warehouse will be closed from 13th to 16th April, 2023.
- Our Sample Room will be open for business from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (half a day) on 12th April & closed for business on 15th April, 2023 on account of Sinhala & Tamil New Year.

CEYLON TEA PLANTATION EXPORTS (PTE) LTD

Please note that our warehouse and office of the above buyer will be closed from 11th April (Tuesday) to 16th April (Sunday) 2023 ,(Inclusive of both days).

Please do not send any teas to our warehouse during this period.

FINLAYS COLOMBO LTD

Please note that above-mentioned Buyer's Warehouse will be closed for business on following days due to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Holidays.

13th - 16th April, 2023 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

OTHER MARKETS



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 01ST APRIL, 2023

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair demand, all grades sold barely steady levels.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Good Demand.

Market : The Primary whole leaf and brokens sold at easier levels. Secondary brokens and fannings were irregular and lower.

Buying Pattern : CIS & Tunisia buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Market : Popular marks and better mediums are sold irregular and lower by Rs.2/- to 3. Plainer sorts sold at firm levels.

Buying Pattern : Major packeteers were active, Internal buyers operated, Exporters operating plainer sort bolder grades

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Generally an easier market with teas trading at Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- lower on the Brokens whilst the Fannings were barely steady. The price drop was more noticed on the brighter types.

The overall sale percentage is 80% at an average of Rs. 107.14.

Buying Pattern: Fair participation from the Internal and Export buyers with the Major Blenders participating comparatively less this week.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good

Market : The easier trend continued this week too which resulted in the prices dropping by Rs. 4/- to Rs. 10/- and more following quality across all grades and categories.

The overall sale percentage is 78% at an average of Rs. 134.74.

Buying Pattern: Fair Internal operation was forthcoming with Export lending equal support in which Bhansali, Girnar and Young tea were operating.

CTC DUST**Demand :** Good**Market :** Generally an easier market with teas across all grades selling at Rs. 2/- to Rs. 3/- lower and the Brighter types declined even further by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-.**The overall sale percentage is 86% at an average of Rs. 118.51.****Buying Pattern:** Fairly stronger enquiry was forthcoming with the Major Blenders seen lending some support. On the Export front Girnar Food and Beverages, Young tea were seen active. Yet again Anjaneya Enterprises continues to support on the Brighter liquoring teas.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Strong**Market:** An irregular market with Primary dust grades of the Medium types were trading at barely steady to lower. The popular and cleaner types dropped further upto Rs. 20/- whilst the Secondaries and Tertiaries were fully firm to dearer.**The overall sale percentage is 93% at an average of Rs. 109.41.****Buying Pattern:** Strong Export enquiry was forthcoming with Girnar and Madhu Jayanhti seen active. Internal has been subdued.**COIMBATORE****CTC LEAF****Demand :** Good general demand.**Market :** Better medium teas were barely steady with few withdrawals. Medium teas were irregular and lower. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders, packeteers and exporters were selective. Internal active.**ORTH LEAF****Demand :** Less demand.**Market :** Whole leaf were barely steady with some withdrawals. Others suffered heavy withdrawals.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were selective.**CTC DUST****Demand :** Fair general demand.**Market :** Better medium and popular sorts were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- with heavy withdrawals particularly on bolder grades. Medium / plainer teas were barely steady to lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/-.**Buying Pattern :** Blenders & packeteers were selective. Internal and exporters were active.**ORTH DUST****Demand :** Good demand.**Market :** Fully firm to dearer by Rs.1/- to Rs.2/-.**Buying Pattern :** Exporters were active.*Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited***03rd April, 2023****- /tp**

INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS

By David Manners 29th March 2023

Mannerisms



Where Are The Tea Drinkers?

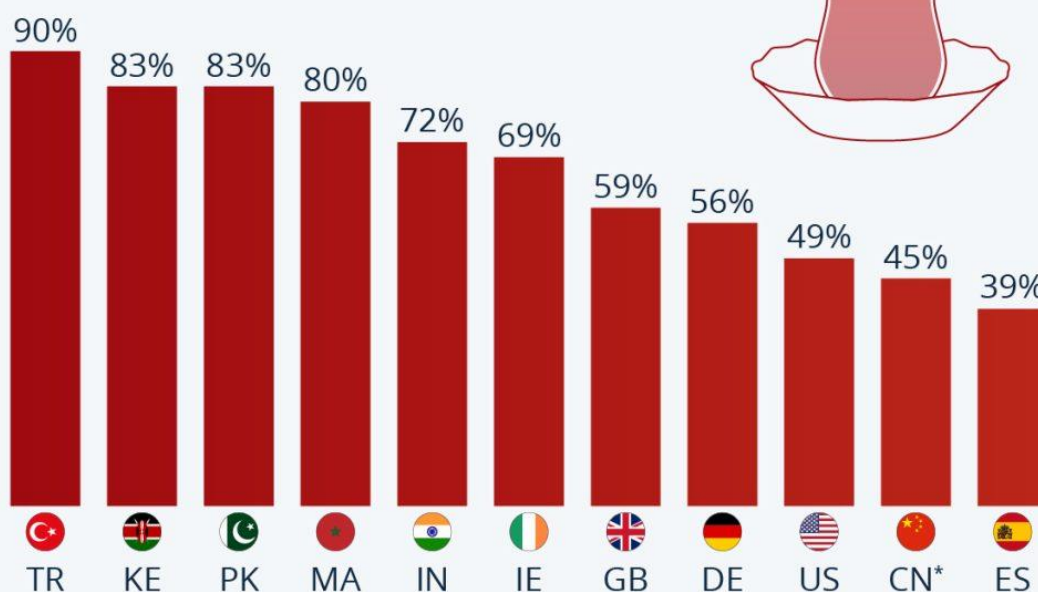
Tea is the second most widely consumed drink around the world, coming in only after water.

Turkey had the highest rate of tea drinkers in 2022, with nine in ten people drinking , according to [data](#) from Statista's Consumer Insights.

Kenya, a major producer and exporter of tea, also ranked highly with 83% of its respondents saying they regularly drink tea.

Who Drinks Tea?

Share of respondents that regularly consume tea in selected countries



1,033-9,989 adults surveyed per country between Jan.-Dec. 2022.

56 countries analyzed in total.

* mainland

Source: Statista Consumer Insights



statista

The UK, which loves a cuppa, ranked slightly lower with 59% of people drinking it – some ten percentage points behind Ireland.

Spain came closer to the bottom, with just over a third of people regularly drinking tea.

In 2020, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN estimated that some [7 billion metric tons of tea were produced worldwide](#), with China, India, Kenya, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia among the main tea producers in terms of production volume.

According to the [Statista Consumer Market Outlook](#), the global tea market size is expected to hit \$266.7 billion by 2025

Kenilworth Historical Society to Present around the World in a Teacup



Certified tea specialist and food historian Judith Krall-Russo.

KENILWORTH, NJ – Acclaimed certified tea specialist and food historian Judith Krall-Russo will highlight tea customs and rituals from around the world during an afternoon tea to be presented by the Kenilworth Historical Society on Saturday, May 20.

The event, “Around the World in a Teacup,” will begin at 12:30 p.m. and take place at the Kenilworth Veterans Center located at 33 South 21 Street downstairs in the Kennedy Room. This special presentation will feature an enlightening “tea journey around the world” plus a gift auction, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. An array of assorted international teas, tea sandwiches, savories and desserts will be served. Admission is \$30. Advance reservations are required (by May 1 recommended), as seating is limited. For reservations/tickets, please call 908-709-0434 or visit Love You More floral boutique (13 North 20th Street, Kenilworth), where tickets for the event are being sold.

Featured speaker Judith Krall-Russo will lead participants in the Tea on an enlightening, entertaining journey to discover the evolution of “tea-time” around the world and to learn about tea traditions in such countries as China, India, Japan, Russia, Turkey, Africa, South America and the British Isles. On display will be items from Krall-Russo’s extensive collection of tea accouterments, including a Russian samovar (c. 1900), Chinese Gong Fu tea set, Turkish teapot and Tibetan tea bowl.

Proceeds from the Tea and gift auction will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society’s Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880) “living history” museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes all levels of the site (“living history” museum, exhibition center and cultural arts center) fully accessible to everyone.

Krall-Russo began studying the customs and traditions of tea 30 years ago and earned certifications as a Tea Specialist by The Tea School of Pomfret, Conn., and The Specialty Tea Institute of New York. She has studied at Boukakuan Tea House in New Jersey, learning there about the Japanese Tea Ceremony, and at the Urasenke Chanoyu Center in New York City. Additionally, she has taken lessons in the gong fu Chinese tea ceremony at The Tea Gallery in New York City. As a result of her independent studies and vast knowledge of the history and trends surrounding tea and many popular New Jersey foods and beverages, Krall-Russo is a regular speaker and seminar organizer across the state.

The Kenilworth Historical Society (www.kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org) is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture.