



TEA MARKET REPORT

SALE NO: **21** of MAY 30 & 31, 2023

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COMMENTS

This week's Tea Auction, namely Sale # 21 of 2023 was held on May 30 & 31, 2023 (Tue/Wed), and, had a weight of 5.9 mkg on offer, which was a decrease of 1.2 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 0.80 mkg. The Ex Estate category had 1 mkg.

The overall Ex-Estate market witnessed a further decline this week with the majority of the teas losing Rs.50-100/- and more as the sale progressed. Select Best Western BOP/BOPF's were firm to marginally easier whilst the balance lost Rs. 50-100/- and more as the sale progressed. Plainer varieties too followed a similar trend with a fair selection of teas remaining unsold. The Majority of Nuwaraeliya's on offer were irregular and sharply lower following quality. The better Uva/Udapussellawa's were barely steady whilst the balance declined Rs.100/- and more as the sale progressed and saw many unsold teas. CTC teas from all elevations (both PF1's and BP1's), once again were an easier feature losing Rs. 50-80/- and more as the sale progressed. The majority of the buyers were very selective in their purchases whilst Russian buyers continued to be operative at lower levels.

In the Low Grown Leafy catalogues, demand continued to be an irregular feature. Select best OP1's continued to be firm but the balance together with OP/OPA's declined in value. Select best BOP1's too held firm on last levels whilst the balance lost in value. The overall demand for PEK/PEK1's were a lower feature with the exception of the select best which maintained last levels. In the small leaf category, FBOP/FBOP1's tended irregular with the exception of the few select best teas which maintained last levels. Bright Tippy teas appreciated but the balance tended irregularly lower following quality. Russia and CIS buyers were selective this week whilst Turkey, Syria and Libya along with Iraq too were operative but at slightly easier levels.

This week's auction comprised of 10,458 lots with a total quantity of 5,904,111 kgs.

The catalogue wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,157	911,590
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,518	688,484
Low Grown Tippy	1,396	685,580
High & Medium	1,609	800,352
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,031	1,112,470
Dust	616	638,337
Premium Flowery	216	37,178
Ex-Estate	<u>915</u>	<u>1,030,120</u>
Total	<u>12,370</u>	<u>5,904,111</u>

In Lighter Vein

Too much Facebooking

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I had done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does everyday. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook!

I already have four people following me: Two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

LOW GROWN TEAS

LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY

BOP1 : Well-made BOP1's maintained last levels whilst the others were Rs.20-50/- per kg lower.

OP1 : Stylish OP1's maintained last levels whilst others were irregular and mostly lower.

OP : Best on offer lost Rs.30-50/- whilst the others declined by Rs.50-70 per kg.

OPA : All round showed a significant drop for OPA grade.

PEK/PEK1: Well-made teas were Rs.25-50/- per kg dearer whilst the others were firm on last levels.

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	1400-2450	1500-2450	1100-1400	1300-1500	800-1100	900-1300
OP1	1600-3200	1700-3250	1100-1600	1200-1700	850-1100	800-1200
OP	1250-1650	1350-1650	950-1250	1000-1350	750-950	800-1000
OPA	1200-1700	1400-2000	900-1200	1000-1400	750-900	700-1000
PEK/PEK1	1600-2300	1500-2250	1100-1600	1000-1500	850-1100	800-1000

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : A few select best BOP's sold around last levels whilst all others declined.

BOPF/BOPFS : A few select Best BOPF were firm on special inquiry whilst others eased.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select Best FBOP's were firm to marginally easier whilst best and cleaner below best sold around last levels. Balance irregular following quality. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Very Tippy teas together with Best and cleaner below best appreciated. However balance were irregular following quality. Select best FF1's were easier whilst the best sold around last levels. Balance eased.

FBOPFSP/EXSP : Showed an improved demand for the small tips and very high demand for long tips.

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	2000-2400	2000-2450	1700-1950	1600-1950	900-1600	1000-1550
BOPF /BOPFSP	1300-1700	1200-1400	1000-1250	1000-1150	800-950	850-950
FBOP/FBOP1	2000-2250	2000-2400	1600-1950	1600-1950	1000-1550	900-1400
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1200-1450	1200-1500	900-1150	1000-1150	800-850	850-950
FBOPFSP/EXSP	3000-4600	2200-2700	2000-2900	1500-2100	1000-1900	1000-1400

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Neat few select well-made invoices met with fair demand. Below best and the bold varieties tended irregular. Teas at the lower end too were firm to irregularly lower.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Best teas on offer tended irregular. Below best types appreciated in value. Teas at the lower end tended irregular.

PEK/PEK1 : Except for the wiry shotty PEK/PEK1's, the balance tended 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	1600-2200	1550-2250	740-1600	750-1550	700-740	700-770
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1000-1320	1000-1600	850-1000	800-1050	700-850	700-750
PEK/PEK1	1500-1900	1450-1900	850-1500	820-1400	710-850	710-860

HIGH GROWNS TEAS

BOP: Best Western's – Few select invoices were firm to marginally dearer, whilst the others eased up to Rs. 50/- per kg. In the Below Best category, better sorts were up to Rs. 50/- per kg easier, whilst the others declined up to Rs. 100/- per kg and more following quality. Plainer sorts declined Rs. 50-70/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular and sharply lower following quality. Uda Pussellawa's declined Rs. 100/- per kg and more. Uva's – Few select invoices appreciated up to Rs. 50/- per kg following special inquiry. Others were up to Rs. 50 per kg easier, whilst the thinner liquoring sorts were difficult of sale.

BOPF : Best Western's – Few select invoices were firm and up to Rs. 50/- per kg easier, whilst the others declined Rs. 50/- per kg and more following quality. In the Below Best category, better sorts declined Rs. 50-80/- per kg, whilst the others declined Rs. 50/- per kg and more as the sale progressed. Plainer sorts declined Rs. 50-60/- per kg and more following quality as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliya's had hardly any offerings and were irregularly easier following quality. Uda Pussellawa's – Best available were barely steady, whilst the others declined up to Rs. 100/- per kg and more following quality. Uva's were up to Rs. 50/- 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	920-1180	1000-1240	1020-1180	1100-1220
Below Best Westerns	820-900	860-980	860-1000	920-1080
Plainer Westerns	700-790	780-840	740-850	800-900
Nuwara Eliyas	890-980	1300	N/A	N/A
Brighter UdaPussellawas	890-920	900-980	800-820	840-920
Other Uda Pussellawas	790	750-890	700-720	720-820
Best Uva's	890-940	860-1000	820-940	850-940
Other Uva's	690-760	700-810	720-790	750-820

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Declined Rs. 50-80/- per kg.

BOPF : Rs. 50-70 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	700-1120	740-1140	690-880	720-840

CTC TEAS

HIGH GROWN:

BP1 - Hardly any offerings.

PF1 - Declined up to Rs.50/- per kg.

MEDIUM GROWN:

BP1 - Irregular.

PF1 - Better sorts commenced firm and eased up to Rs.50/- per kg as the sale progressed.

LOW GROWN:

BP1 - Substantially easier and mostly unsold.

PF1 - Continued to sell around last levels with price fluctuations reflective of quality.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BP1		PF1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	N/A	960-1000	700-1020	680-1000
Medium	750-880	750-890	670-1080	700-940
Low	770-980	760-1340	750-1180	700-1300

OFF GRADES

FGS/FGS1 : Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 lost Rs.75/- per kg and Low Grown select best FNGS/FNGS1 firm on last levels whilst others were firm on last levels.

BM : Select best BM's dearer Rs.20-40/- per kg whilst best and below best types firm to dearer by Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer types held firm.

BOP1A : Well-made PEK1 reducer firm to lower whilst the other select best and best teas held firm. Poorer types dearer by Rs.20/- 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)	700-740	700-830	680-730	680-730	700-740	700-750
Good Fannings (CTC)	620-750	620-730	620-720	620-680	620-700	620-710
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	550-700	550-700	550-700	550-700	550-700	550-650
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	650-690	650-680	650-700	650-680	680-750	650-720
Other BM's	630-660	620-650	630-670	630-650	640-680	640-650
Best BOP1As	720-750	720-750	720-770	720-750	750-850	750-800
Other BOP1As	700-720	700-720	700-720	700-720	700-720	700-720

DUST

DUST/DUST1 : High Grown liquoring teas declined Rs.50-70/- per kg whilst the secondaries and poorer types were Rs.30-60/- per kg. Mid grown teas too showed a similar trend whilst the Low Grown types were irregular and mostly lower.

PD : PD's in all category dropped Rs.40-60/- per kg following quality.

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)	640-1400	650-1550	600-940	680-1060	550-1100	680-1120
Good Primary PD (CTC)	600-940	650-1020	650-1020	670-1020	600-1080	670-1080
Secondary Dust	600-920	650-980	600-680	650-770	580-1080	650-890

WESTERN MEDIUM

Hulangala	BOP	1180/-
Windsoforest	BOPSP	1020/-
*Dartry Valley	BOPF/BOPFSP	1120/-
*Harangalla	BOP1	1750/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	2200/-
*Harangalla	FBOP/FBOP1	2100/-
Dartry Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1320/-
Harangalla	OP/OPA	1200/-
New Rothschild	OP1	1550/-
*Orange Field	OP1	1500/-
Harangalla	PEK/PEK1	1900/-
*Uplands	PEK/PEK1	1850/-
Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	1850/-

WESTERN HIGH

Bearwell	BOP	1160/-
Wattegodde	BOP	1160/-
Greatwestern	BOP	1160/-
Holyrood	BOPSP	1180/-
Bearwell	BOPF/BOPFSP	1180/-
Torrington	BOP1	960/-
Venture	FBOP/FBOP1	1380/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1040/-
Venture	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1040/-
St. Andrews	OP/OPA	1080/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	1080/-
Venture	OP1	1180/-
Somerset	PEK/PEK1	1530/-

NUWARA ELIYA

Mahagastotte	BOP	980/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/FBOP1	1500/-
Kenmare	OP/OPA	860/-
Kenmare	PEK/PEK1	1220/-

CTC TEAS**HIGH GROWN**

Ulugedara CTC	PF1	1020/-
Dunsinane CTC	BPS	900/-

MEDIUM GROWN

Donside CTC	PF1	1080/-
Donside CTC	BP1	880/-
Donside CTC	BPS	1060/-

LOW GROWN

*Kalubowitiyana CTC	PF1	1180/-
Kalubowitiyana CTC	BP1	980/-
Lantern Hill CTC	BPS	740/-

UVA MEDIUM

Telbedde	BOP1	1650/-
Tinioya	OP1	1500/-
Telbedde	OP/OPA	1020/-
Misty Uva	PEK/PEK1	1420/-
Dickwella	BOP	890/-
Demodera 'S'	BOPSP	1040/-
Halpewatte Uva	BOPF/ BOPFSP	1220/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOP/FBOP1	1440/-
High Spring	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1380/-

UVA HIGH

Ranaya	BOP1	1700/-
Craig	OP1	1460/-
Spring Valley	OP/OPA	1000/-
Craig	PEK/PEK1	1420/-
Aislaby	BOP	940/-
Bandaraeliya	BOP	940/-
Ranaya	BOPSP	1000/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	870/-
Uva Highlands	FBOP/FBOP1	1320/-
Craig	FBOPF/FBOPF1	980/-

UDA PUSSELLAWA

Alma	BOP1	1180/-
Gampaha	OP1	1260/-
Delmar	OP/OPA	980/-
Alma	PEK/PEK1	1550/-
Kirklees	BOP	890/-
Luckyland	BOPSP	920/-
Kirklees	BOPSP	920/-
Luckyland	BOPF/BOPFSP	820/-
Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	820/-
Gampaha	FBOP/FBOP1	1200/-
Gampaha	FBOPF/FBOPF1	1040/-

OFF GRADES

Hidellana	BP	980/-
*Goorookoya SuperBP		900/-
Ury	BP	900/-
Strathdon CTC	PF	810/-
Gunawardana	BM	880/-
Mattakelle	FNGS/FNGS1	880/-
Holyrood	FNGS/FNGS1	880/-
*Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	1380/-
*Aldora	BOP1A	1060/-

LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

*Hidellana	BOP1	2450/-
*Sithaka	BOP1	2450/-
Pothotuwa	BOP1	2400/-
Pothotuwa	OP1	3200/-
Green Lanka	OP	1650/-
Magedara	OPA	1700/-
Lumbini	PEKOE	2300/-
Liyonta	PEKOE	2300/-
Nilgiri	PEKOE	2200/-
*Green House	PEKOE	2050/-
Hidellana	PEKOE1	2200/-
Galatara	PEKOE1	2200/-

LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES

Wathurawila	BOP	2400/-
Golden Garden	BOP	2300/-
*Hidellana	BOP	2250/-
Suduwelipothahena	SuperBOPSP	2100/-
Ceciliyan	BOPSP	1480/-
*Andaradeniya Super BOPSP		1260/-
Pothotuwa	BOPF	1700/-
Ceciliyan	BOPF	1480/-
*Hidellana	BOPF	1300/-
Ceciliyan	BOPF	1300/-
Golden Garden	BOPFSP	1200/-
Sunrise	BOPFSP	1080/-
*Kanneliya	BOPFSP	1040/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	2250/-
Sithaka	FBOP1	1550/-
*Andaradeniya SuperFBOP1		1480/-
Sithaka	FBOP1	1480/-
*Katandola	FBOP1	1440/-
Dullie Ella	FBOP1	1440/-
*Hidellana	FBOPF	1200/-
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	1420/-

PREMIUM FLOWERY

Moragalla "A1"	FBOPFSP	1950/-
Nilgiri	FBOPFEXSP	4600/-
Nildiya Valley	FBOPFEXSP1	3500/-

Dust

Pothotuwa	DUST	1080/-
Wattegodde	DUST1	1400/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PD	1080/-

COLOMBO AUCTION - WEEKLY GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.20 OF 24TH MAY, 2023

	2023			2022	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	839.51	965.51	1,130.04	928.54	884.34
Western High Grown	922.36	1,063.55	1,328.66	968.83	881.20
High Grown	894.63	1,030.09	1,270.86	954.81	882.16
Uva Medium	874.54	962.51	1,123.30	1,056.68	935.60
Western Medium	844.84	930.14	1,106.95	986.49	800.00
Medium Grown	855.05	941.56	1,112.08	1,009.50	841.96
Low Grown (Orthodox)	1,065.70	1,158.76	1,394.63	1,444.97	1,088.94
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	1,054.04	1,141.41	1,372.79	1,416.69	1,060.94
Total	980.64	1,080.31	1,310.15	1,239.57	986.47

Private Sale Figures (22.05.2023 – 27.05.2023) - 142,015.50 kgs

Cumulative - 2,096,027.45 kgs

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE

	<u>Sale of 06th /07th June'23</u>		<u>Sale of 13th /14th June '23</u>	
	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,462	1,083,363	2,553	1,173,251
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,798	830,655	1,683	763,960
Low Grown Tippy	1,828	900,894	1,749	863,697
High & Medium	1,891	936,920	1,831	899,467
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,557	1,367,269	2,542	1,397,482
Dust	718	736,554	702	736,898
Premium Flowery	244	43,040	241	43,999
Ex-Estate	<u>916</u>	<u>1,048,014</u>	<u>943</u>	<u>1,087,040</u>
Total	<u>12,414</u>	<u>6,946,709</u>	<u>12,244</u>	<u>6,965,794</u>

FUTURE CATALOGUES CLOSURE

Sale No. 24 of 20th /21st June, 2023

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **01st June, 2023 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No. 25 of 28th /29th June, 2023

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **08th June, 2023 at 04.30 p.m.**

Sale No.26 of 04th /05th July, 2023

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **15th June, 2023 at 04.30 p.m.**

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

SALE NO. 22

Auction of 06th /07th June, 2023

Leafy/Semi Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

Ex-Estate

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

Crop & Weather

For the period of 22nd to 28th May, 2023

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:

Both regions reported bright weather throughout the week.

Uva/ Udapussellawa Region:

Bright weather with sporadic evening showers were reported in the Uva Region, whilst clear mornings and evening showers were reported in the Udapussellawa Region throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in the Uva Region in the week ahead.

Low Grown:

The Low Grown Region reported clear weather and windy conditions in the evening in the Balangoda and Ruhuna regions throughout the week. Morning showers are expected in the Ruhuna Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

Crop Intake:

The Western, Udapussellawa and Low Grown regions reported a decline in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya and Uva regions maintained.

WORLD CROP STATISTICS (MKGS)

Country	Month	2022	2023	Difference +/-	To-date 2022	To-date 2023	Difference +/-
BANGLADESH	Apr.	4.93	5.14	0.210	7.06	7.60	0.54
KENYA	Feb.	41.00	32.70	-8.30	89.80	87.60	-2.2
NORTH INDIA	March	52.20	63.4	11.20	54.10	66.40	12.30
SOUTH INDIA	March	16.30	13.80	-2.50	47.10	40.40	-6.70
SRI LANKA	Apr.	23.20	24.73	1.53	86.52	84.09	-2.43

Country	Month	2021	2022	Difference +/-	To-date 2021	To-date 2022	Difference +/-
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

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OTHER MARKETS

MALAWI MARKET REPORT

SALE NO.22 HELD ON 31/05/2023

There was good but selective demand at firm rates for the 5240 packages on offer.

BP1 - Were neglected.

PF1 - Bright and mediums were firm on last with lower types taken out.

PD - Received no interest.

D1 - Tended firm to 2 USC dearer.

PF1SC - Met selective demand at firm rates were sold.

F1/F2 - Were well competed for and fetched up 7USC dearer on last.

WEATHER/CROP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28TH MAY, 2023

Cold nights with dry sunny days prevailed throughout the week with very little cloud cover over the growing areas.

Crop intakes continue low.

TEA BROKERS CENTRAL AFRICA LIMITED

BANGLADESH AUCTION

SALE NO. 06 OF MONDAY 29th MAY, 2023

CTC LEAF : 36,179 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with fairly good demand which slackened towards the end.

BROKENS : A few improved invoices were well competed for and were generally dearer whilst good/mediums were about steady. However, plain varieties saw a little less demand and were easier with more withdrawals. BLF teas saw a fair demand at around last but there were withdrawals.

FANNINGS : A few brighter liquoring teas were a slightly dearer market following competition whilst all others eased further in line with quality and there were more withdrawals in this category. BLF teas saw a fair demand at around last but there were withdrawals.

CTC DUST : 9,630 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold at around last levels. Their mediums were irregularly easier closely following quality. Plain/BLF Dusts also met with lower demand and faced more withdrawals compared to last. Blenders lent good support along with fair support from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS : Market commenced on a fairly strong note with prices generally firm to touch dearer for improved invoices. However, other varieties saw lesser demand with easing rates and more withdrawals. Blenders were little more active this week particularly for the better teas. There was a limited interest from the Loose tea buyers. With the advent of better liquoring teas, plainer varieties were discounted further and there were heavy withdrawals owing to lack of interest from the buyers.

Dusts were an easier market.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Best	225-240N	225-230N	Best	220-230N	220-225N	PD	180-232	208-238
Good	210-220	212-222	Good	208-213	210-218	RD	180-315	184-275
Medium	200-205	200-208	Medium	200-205	200-207	D	210-314	200-300
Plain	175-190	180-190	Plain	175-190	175-185	CD	228-380	230-272
BLF	130-145	130-148	BLF	130-145	130-148	BLF	140-205	140-205

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD



SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP

FOR THE WEEK ENDING – 27TH MAY, 2023

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand, all grades sold irregularly easier by Rs 2 to 3.

ORTHODOX LEAF

Demand : Fair Demand.

Buying Pattern : The whole leaf sold easier by Rs 4 to 6 and sometimes more. Primary and secondary broken sold irregularly easier. Fannings also sold easier by Rs 2 to 3.

Market : CIS & Tunisia buyers operated.

DUST

Demand : Fair Demand.

Market : Popular marks and better mediums sold easier by Rs.1 to 2. Plainer bolder grades sold around least levels & finer grades were easier by Rs.3 to 4.

Buying Pattern : Major Packeteers and internal buyer operated cautiously.

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CTC LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Generally an easier market with prices dropping by Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/-, sometimes more following quality. The Best and Better types were rather witnessing less demand as a result it had dropped upto Rs. 10/- with fair amount of outlots.

The overall sale percentage is 88% at an average of Rs. 90.98.

Buying Pattern: Good enquiry was forthcoming from the Major Blenders alongwith other Regional Packeteers. Internal and Export Buyers have been lending fair support.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Good.

Market : Easier market with the prices dropping by Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and upto Rs. 10/- across all grades and categories. The market also witnessed fair withdrawals on the Medium Dis-coloured and stalky teas.

The overall sale percentage is 84% at an average of Rs. 128.97.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export enquiry was forthcoming with fair participation from the Internal market.

CTC DUST

Demand : Fairly good.

Market : The easier trend continued in the dust market as well with the market witnessing a price drop of Rs. 3/- to Rs. 5/- and more sometimes. The market was also witnessing fair withdrawals.

The overall sale percentage is 77% at an average of Rs. 105.88

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export enquiry was forthcoming with the Major Blenders and other Internal buyers lending fair support. Anjenaya Enterprises continued their support on the Brighter liquoring types.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Good.

Market: Market generally was steady to easier across all grades and types. However some of the popular and primary grades have sold at fully firm to dearer levels. The market had witnessed fair withdrawals on the Tertiaries.

The overall sale percentage is 81% at an average of Rs. 112.87.

Buying Pattern: Fairly stronger Export enquiry was forthcoming with fair Internal participation in which Anjenaya Enterprises was seen active.

COIMBATORE**CTC LEAF**

Demand : Less demand.

Market : Better medium teas suffered heavy withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/- sometimes more on BOPF with few withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- sometimes more.

Buying Pattern : Blenders, packeteers and exporters were active. Internal were selective.

ORTH LEAF

Demand : Less demand.

Market : Whole leaf barely steady. Others suffered heavy withdrawals.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective.

CTC DUST

Demand : Fair general demand.

Market : Better medium and popular sorts were barely steady to lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals. Medium teas were lower by Rs.2/-. Plainer teas were lower by Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- sometimes more on finer grades.

Buying Pattern : Blenders , packeteers and internal were selective. Exporters were active.

ORTH DUST

Demand : Fair demand.

Market : Irregular trend.

Buying Pattern : Exporters were selective.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited

31st May, 2023

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INTERNATIONAL TEA NEWS

Happy International Tea Day!



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May 21, 2023

Gosh. When I discovered this event, I thought—as so many of my progenitors, particularly those like Auntie Pat and [my Granny](#), might have—*How marvelous! A day celebrating the joys of tea, its restorative effects in the face of calamity, and its propensity for inducing calm and serenity when all else fails.* [Elder Sophrony of Essex](#) perfectly expressed the dynamic this way:

Stand at the brink of despair, and when you see that you cannot bear it anymore, draw back a little, and have a cup of tea.

As a person who's spent more of her life than she thinks absolutely necessary "stand[ing] at the brink of despair," I do believe that—on many occasions—I've drawn back and found a cup of tea has sustained me. So I was glad to see such a recognition of the *Queen of Brews*.

But. No.

It seems I misread the situation.

According to its [United Nations sponsors](#), "International Tea Day" is intended to :

...promote and foster collective actions to implement activities in favour of the sustainable production and consumption of tea and raise awareness of its importance in fighting hunger and poverty.

Crimenutely. It seems I can't even have a cuppa anymore without my making an implied political statement with the implication that I need to show that I'm waving the proper flag and virtue signaling to the woke.

As far as I know, tea production was rolling along just fine, regardless (or irregardless at the case may be) of the fact that many of the principal producers have problematic histories on the world stage, until the republic formerly known as Ceylon (world's fourth largest producer) went broke in 2022. Years of mismanaged economic policy and increasing debt were exacerbated in 2021 by the government's banning of imported chemical fertilizers in favor of locally-sourced organic materials and an apparent craze for the greening of the tea leaves. Crops (read: Tea) failed, and the situation became even worse. In July 2022, the government declared a state of emergency and defaulted on international loans. Efforts to regroup and rebuild the country continue. I wish it well, and that the object lesson might be learned and applied to all.

Meanwhile, I try to find my best tea where I can. My current everyday fave is from Amazon: [Brooke Bond Taj Mahal Orange Pekoe Black Tea](#) (India). Loose tea (because I never think that what's in teabags of any sort is anything other than the sweepings off the tearoom floor), strong enough to bend the spoon, if you steep it for five minutes, and even if you add milk, which—like all good Brits—I do. I don't, generally, favor flavored and scented teas, so don't much like [Earl Grey](#). And tea which reminds me, in either (or both) taste and smell, too much of diesel tractor exhaust—[Lapsang Souchong](#), for example—has always been a non-starter. (I regard such hyperosmial challenges as suitable only for things like single malt scotch, where—the earthier and more extreme—the better.)



So, on May 21, 2023, which I believe is the eighth “International Tea Day,” I wish you peace, comfort and serenity, no matter what version of the brew you’re drinking, and whether it’s politically correct or not. Unless it’s “chamomile,” which is utterly foul and a disgrace to the pantheon. I think Beatrix Potter knew this, which is why she punished Peter Rabbit with a dose after he’d misbehaved:



Of course, “tea” really isn’t complete without the accompaniments. Herewith, a few:





Happy tea time!

PS: I find myself agreeing with my Thai friend that one of the loveliest, purest tea flavors comes from the high-mountain Oolong Thai #17 variety. My first experience of it came from a purchase in Chiang Rai's central market in 2018. Absolutely gorgeous, sweet, a bit flowery, a clear brew, and—in a concession to its excellence—I didn't even add milk! Pleased to have finally found a source where I can purchase it (at considerable expense) stateside. But if you're in its native region, I'd seriously suggest stocking up.

PPS: WRT the mention in the UN statement on the purpose of "International Tea Day" as stated in the OP above, the poster would like to acknowledge that the *"importance [of] fighting hunger and poverty"* is something we should all be on board with, and get behind. However, she'd also humbly, and with all due respect, suggest that—in her own region, where "hunger and poverty" are, if not endemic, at least more prevalent than they should be—there are more effective methods to combat such indignities than changing the brand of one's preferred tea.