

# EASTERN BROKERS LIMITED

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## TEA MARKET REPORT



**SALE NO –11C**

**17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

# ORDER OF SALE – 11C

## EX-ESTATE

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD.

BARTLEET PRODUCE MARKETING (PVT) LTD.

JOHN KEELLS PLC.

CEYLON TEA BROKERS PLC.

**EASTERN BROKERS LTD.**

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

ASIA SIYAKA COMMODITIES (PVT) LTD.

MERCANTILE PRODUCE BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

## HIGH & MEDIUM

**EASTERN BROKERS LTD.**

CEYLON TEA BROKERS PLC.

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD.

BARTLEET PRODUCE MARKETING (PVT) LTD.

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

MERCANTILE PRODUCE BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

ASIA SIYAKA COMMODITIES (PVT) LTD.

JOHN KEELLS PLC.

## LOW GROWN

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD.

JOHN KEELLS PLC.

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FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

# AUCTION QUANTITY DETAILS - 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

|                                     | LOTS          | QUANTITY            |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>EX-ESTATE</b>                    | 875           | 831,910.00          |
| <b>MAIN SALE - HIGH AND MEDIUM</b>  | 1,118         | 471,755.00          |
| <b>MAIN SALE – LOW LEAFY GRADE</b>  | 1,970         | 676,996.00          |
| <b>MAIN SALE – SEMI LEAFY GRADE</b> | 1,500         | 583,436.00          |
| <b>MAIN SALE – TIPPY SMALL LEAF</b> | 1,823         | 819,356.00          |
| <b>OFF GRADES &amp; BOP1A</b>       | 2,295         | 1,184,994.00        |
| <b>DUSTS</b>                        | 580           | 504,795.00          |
| <b>PREMIUM FLOWERY</b>              | 338           | 42,770.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>10,499</b> | <b>5,116,012.00</b> |



# MARKET DESCRIPTION

## QUANTITY

**10,499 lots totalling 5,116,012.0 kilos on offer.**

## QUALITY

**Fairly Similar to last week.**

## DEMAND

**Was Good.**

## WESTERNS

**Select Best BOP's gained around Rs.50/- per kg and more followings special inquiry. Others were irregularly easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined around Rs.50/- per kg. Others and the teas at the lower end of the market were generally firm. Best BOPF where quality was maintained, were firm. Others were irregular and tended easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were firm to around Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Others together with the teas at the lower end declined by a similar margin.**

## NUWARA ELIYAS

**BOP's were irregularly lower. BOPF declined around Rs.100/- per kg.**

## UVA UDAPUSSELLAWA

**Select Best Uva BOP's were irregularly dearer. Others were barely steady. BOPF declined Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- per kg. Better UdaPussellawa BOP's gained around Rs.50/- per kg. Others were mostly unsold. Better BOPF sold around last levels. Others declined sharply and were mostly unsold.**

## CTC

**Hardly any offerings of High Grown and Medium Grown BP1's. High Grown PF1's sold around last levels. Better Medium Grown PF1's were firm. Others were irregular. Low Grown BP1's declined around Rs.50/- per kg. PF1's were firm to around Rs.20/- per kg easier.**

# MARKET DESCRIPTION

## LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES

High Priced OP1's were easier. Others appreciated. OP and OPA's in general were dearer. However the poorer sorts declined.

## LOW GROWN SEMI LEAF

Select Best BOP1's were firm. Balance declined. Better PEK's were easier. Others were firm. PEK1's in general appreciated.

## LOW GROWN TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

Well made FBOP's were dearer. Cleaner Below Best and bolder varieties were firm. Balance were irregular. Select Best and Best FBOPF1's together with cleaner Below Best sorts were firm to dearer. Balance were irregular. Verry Tippy FBOPF's declined. A few Below Best sorts were firm. Others were easier.

## OFF GRADES

Clean Leaf Bright Liquoring fannings gained Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- per kg. Others held firm. Clean BP's were firm. Other BP's, BM's and BOP1A's declined Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- per kg. Low Grown fannings declined Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- per kg.

## DUSTS

Select Best Primaries held firm. Best and Below Best sorts where quality was maintained were around Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Others were irregular and tended easier. Clean Secondaries declined Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- per kg. Others held firm. Low Grown's sold around last levels.

# QUOTATIONS - EX-ESTATE

|                                 | BOP                | BOPF               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>BEST WESTERNS</b>            | <b>1,300-2,250</b> | <b>1,380-1,550</b> |
| <b>BELOW BEST WESTERNS</b>      | <b>1,140-1,280</b> | <b>1,300-1,360</b> |
| <b>PLAINER WESTERNS</b>         | <b>1,000-1,120</b> | <b>1,120-1,280</b> |
| <b>NUWARA ELIYAS</b>            | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>1,360-1,380</b> |
| <b>BRIGHTER UDA PUSSELLAWAS</b> | <b>1,180-1,240</b> | <b>1,200-1,240</b> |
| <b>OTHER UDA PUSSELLAWAS</b>    | <b>N/A</b>         | <b>1,020-1,100</b> |
| <b>BEST UVAS</b>                | <b>1,300-1,380</b> | <b>1,200-1,260</b> |
| <b>OTHER UVAS</b>               | <b>1,120-1,200</b> | <b>1,180</b>       |

# QUOTATIONS - LOW GROWN

| GRADE                | SELECT BEST | BEST       | BEST BELOW | OTHERS   |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| <b>BOP</b>           | 1600-1900   | 1450-15000 | 1100-1200  | 900-950  |
| <b>BOPF</b>          | 1400-1500   | 950-1050   | 800-850    | 700-750  |
| <b>FBOPF/FBOPFSP</b> | 2700-3300   | 2200-2400  | 1600-2100  | N/A      |
| <b>FBOP</b>          | 1900-2500   | 1650-1700  | 1300-1350  | 900-950  |
| <b>FBOP1</b>         | 1750-2100   | 1450-1550  | 1350-1400  | 900-950  |
| <b>FBOPF</b>         | 1380-1460   | 1280-1350  | 1200-1250  | 900-1000 |
| <b>FBOPF1</b>        | 1500-1650   | 1400-1450  | 1300-1350  | 900-950  |
| <b>PEKOE</b>         | 1460-2500   | 1280-1440  | 1180-1260  | 850-1160 |
| <b>PEK 1</b>         | 1800-2450   | 1440-1800  | 1240-1420  | 900-1220 |
| <b>OP</b>            | 1600-1800   | 1460-1550  | 1320-1440  | 850-1300 |
| <b>OPA</b>           | 1600-1950   | 1400-1550  | 1280-1380  | 850-1260 |
| <b>OP 1</b>          | 3150-3500   | 2600-3100  | 1850-2550  | 950-1800 |
| <b>BOP 1</b>         | 2300-3350   | 1650-2300  | 1220-1500  | 900-1200 |



# QUOTATIONS - OFF GRADES & DUSTS

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
|                                      |
| <b>BEST WESTERNS</b>                 |
| <b>BELOW BEST WESTERNS</b>           |
| <b>OTHERS</b>                        |
| <b>NUWARA ELIYAS</b>                 |
| <b>BEST UVA UDA PUSSELLAWA</b>       |
| <b>BELOW BEST UVA UDA PUSSELLAWA</b> |
| <b>OTHERS</b>                        |
| <b>BEST MEDIUMS</b>                  |
| <b>OTHER MEDIUMS</b>                 |
| <b>C.T.C</b>                         |

| <b>FNGS 1/FNGS</b> | <b>BP</b>       | <b>BM</b>      |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>1150-1250</b>   | <b>950-1000</b> | <b>850-900</b> |
| <b>1050-1100</b>   | <b>800-900</b>  | <b>700-800</b> |
| <b>850-1000</b>    | <b>650-750</b>  | <b>600-680</b> |
|                    |                 |                |
| <b>950-1000</b>    | <b>900-1000</b> | <b>800-900</b> |
| <b>850-900</b>     | <b>800-880</b>  | <b>700-780</b> |
| <b>750-850</b>     | <b>650-750</b>  | <b>580-680</b> |
| <b>850-950</b>     | <b>950-1000</b> | <b>750-850</b> |
| <b>700-800</b>     | <b>750-900</b>  | <b>580-750</b> |
| <b>700-950</b>     |                 |                |

| <b>DUST 1</b>    |
|------------------|
| <b>1400-1700</b> |
| <b>1250-1380</b> |
| <b>1000-1200</b> |
|                  |
| <b>1150-1260</b> |
| <b>980-1120</b>  |
| <b>850-980</b>   |
| <b>750-850</b>   |
| <b>500-600</b>   |
| <b>880-1200</b>  |

# TOP PRICES OBTAINED AT THE SALE OF 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

## WESTERN MEDIUM

| ESTATE        | BOP      | BOPSP    | BOPF     | BOPFSP   |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| ANCOOMBRA     | 1,800.00 |          |          |          |
| KENILWORTH    |          | 1,850.00 |          |          |
| VELLAI OYA    |          |          | 1,240.00 |          |
| DARTRY VALLEY |          |          |          | 1,320.00 |

## WESTERN HIGH

| ESTATE  | BOP      | BOPSP    | BOPF     | BOPFSP |
|---|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| SOMERSET  | 2,250.00 |          |          |        |
| WATTEGODDE /<br>TILLYRIE /<br>INGESTRE                          |          | 1,550.00 |          |        |
| NORWOOD /<br>ROBGILL /<br>WANARAJAH /<br>SOMERSET /<br>DESSFORD |          |          | 1,550.00 |        |

## NUWARA ELIYA

| ESTATE                        | BOP    | BOPSP  | BOPF     | BOPFSP |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| COURT LODGE                   | 800.00 |        |          |        |
| KENMARE                       |        | 850.00 |          |        |
| MAHAGASTOTTE /<br>LOVERS LEAP |        |        | 1,380.00 |        |

## UDA PUSSALLAWA

| ESTATE     | BOP      | BOPSP    | BOPF                 | BOPFSP |
|------------|----------|----------|----------------------|--------|
| *LUCKYLAND | 1,240.00 | 1,220.00 | 1,240.00<br>1,220.00 |        |
| *KIRKLEES  |          |          | 1,220.00             |        |
| MOOLOYA    |          |          | 1,220.00             |        |

# TOP PRICES OBTAINED AT THE SALE OF 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

## UVA HIGH

| ESTATE                | BOP      | BOPSP           | BOPF     | BOPFSP        |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| BANDARAEIYA           | 1,380.00 |                 |          |               |
| <b>*CRAIG</b>         |          | <b>1,240.00</b> |          |               |
| BANDARAEIYA           |          |                 | 1,260.00 |               |
| <b>*UVA HIGHLANDS</b> |          |                 |          | <b>980.00</b> |

## LOW GROWN

| ESTATE                            | BOP      | BOPSP    | BOPF     | BOPFSP   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NEW LAKSAKANDA                    | 2,200.00 |          |          |          |
| ELAINE SUPER                      |          | 2,300.00 |          |          |
| KINGS BRU /<br>RAJJURUWATTE SUPER |          |          | 1,900.00 |          |
| H.P.P. TEA                        |          |          |          | 1,900.00 |

## UVA MEDIUM

| ESTATE            | BOP      | BOPSP           | BOPF     | BOPFSP   |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| DEMODERA 'S'      | 1,480.00 |                 |          |          |
| HALPEWATTE UVA    |          | 1,440.00        |          |          |
| <b>*GONAKELLE</b> |          | <b>1,240.00</b> |          |          |
| EL TEB            |          |                 | 1,200.00 |          |
| SARNIA PLAIDERIE  |          |                 |          | 1,460.00 |

# TOP PRICES OBTAINED AT THE SALE OF 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

| OTHERS         | MARK            | GRADE  | PRICE           |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|
| WESTERN MEDIUM | NEW ROTHSCHILD  | OP     | 1,340.00        |
|                | *WERALLAKANDA   | OP     | <b>1,240.00</b> |
|                | DEHIWATTE SUPER | OP     | 1,240.00        |
| UDA PUSSELLAWA | MOOLOYA         | DUST 1 | 1,160.00        |
|                | *LUCKYLAND      | DUST 1 | 1,140.00        |
|                | MOOLOYA         | DUST 1 | 1,140.00        |
| UVA HIGH       | *CRAIG          | OP     | <b>1,220.00</b> |
|                | AISLABY         | OP     | 1,220.00        |
|                | ELLATHOTA UVA   | OPA    | 1,180.00        |
|                | *AMPITTIKANDE   | OPA    | <b>1,160.00</b> |
|                | ODOOWERRE       | OPA    | 1,160.00        |
|                | UVAKELLIE       | OPA    | 1,160.00        |
|                | AISLABY         | OPA    | 1,160.00        |
| UVA MEDIUM     | *HINDAGALA      | FBOPF  | <b>1,200.00</b> |

## CTC

| HIGH GROWN   | PF1      | BP1      | BPS    |
|--|----------|----------|--------|
| ULUGEDARA CTC  | 1,140.00 |          |        |
| MEDIUM GROWN   | PF1      | BP1      | BPS    |
| STRATHDON CTC /<br>NEW PEACOCK CTC /<br>KALLEBOKKA CTC | 1,140.00 |          |        |
| AULTMORE CTC   |          | 960.00   |        |
| LOW GROWN  | PF1      | BP1      | BPS    |
| KALUBOWITIYANA CTC /<br>LIYONTA CTC /                  | 1,340.00 |          |        |
| CECILIAN CTC   |          | 1,340.00 |        |
| LANTERN HILL C.T.C                                     |          |          | 840.00 |



\* TEAS SOLD BY EASTERN BROKERS LTD.

+ EQUAL ALL TIME AUCTION RECORD PRICE.

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# CROP & WEATHER FOR THE PERIOD – 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.

## WESTERN / NUWARA ELIYA REGIONS

Bright weather and sporadic showers were reported in the Western and Nuwara Eliya regions throughout the week. According to the Department of Meteorology, rain is expected in both regions in the week ahead.

## UVA/UDAPUSSELLAWA REGIONS

The Uva and Uda Pussellawa regions reported sunny weather and occasional showers throughout the week. Showers/thundershowers are expected in the Uva Region during the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

## LOW GROWN

The Low Grown Region reported bright mornings and occasional evening showers during the week. The Department of Meteorology expects misty conditions in the Low Grown Region in the week ahead.

## CROP INTAKE

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions maintained the crop intake, while the Uva, Uda Pussellawa and Low Grown regions reported an increase.

# SALE AVERAGES OF 11/03/2026

| <b>ORTHODOX</b> |
|-----------------|
| Uva High        |
| Western High    |
| Uva Medium      |
| Western Medium  |
| Low Grown       |

| <b>WEEK (RS. PER KG)</b> |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>2026 GROSS</b>        | <b>2025 GROSS</b> |
| 1,035.00                 | 1,093.33          |
| 1,242.31                 | 1,221.63          |
| 998.66                   | 1,145.13          |
| 985.20                   | 1,069.77          |
| 1,194.57                 | 1,276.21          |

| <b>TO DATE (RS.PER KG)</b> |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>2026 GROSS</b>          | <b>2025 GROSS</b> |
| 1,031.51                   | 1,048.94          |
| 1,235.32                   | 1,174.31          |
| 976.97                     | 1,073.31          |
| 987.07                     | 1,052.42          |
| 1,228.74                   | 1,273.12          |

| <b>CTC</b>     |
|----------------|
| Uva High       |
| Western High   |
| Western Medium |
| Low Grown      |

| <b>2026 GROSS</b> | <b>2025 GROSS</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1,238.54          | 1,211.49          |
| 1,075.02          | 1,096.20          |
| 957.31            | 978.04            |
| 981.09            | 1,007.14          |

| <b>2026 GROSS</b> | <b>2025 GROSS</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1,155.31          | 1,115.47          |
| 1,107.41          | 1,094.56          |
| 992.02            | 969.73            |
| 961.72            | 967.87            |

# SALE AVERAGES OF 11/03/2026

| COMBINED (ORTHODOX & CTC) | WEEK (RS. PER KG) |                 | TO DATE (RS.PER KG) |                 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                           | 2026 GROSS        | 2025 GROSS      | 2026 GROSS          | 2025 GROSS      |
| Uva High                  | 1,009.24          | 1,077.57        | 1,021.69            | 1,039.88        |
| Western High              | 1,203.44          | 1,197.07        | 1,203.55            | 1,155.89        |
| High Grown – Total        | <b>1,154.80</b>   | <b>1,173.41</b> | <b>1,150.73</b>     | <b>1,122.79</b> |
| Uva Medium                | 994.39            | 1,143.05        | 975.53              | 1,070.47        |
| Western Medium            | 960.49            | 1,048.03        | 977.52              | 1,031.20        |
| Med. Grown – Total        | <b>970.20</b>     | <b>1,069.69</b> | <b>976.92</b>       | <b>1,043.11</b> |
| Low Grown – Total         | <b>1,186.60</b>   | <b>1,261.85</b> | <b>1,212.18</b>     | <b>1,260.23</b> |
| Total                     | <b>1,145.50</b>   | <b>1,213.81</b> | <b>1,162.87</b>     | <b>1,199.13</b> |
| CTC Total                 | <b>992.48</b>     | <b>1,015.69</b> | <b>1,006.83</b>     | <b>987.24</b>   |

# QUANTITY SOLD - 05<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

|   | WEEK (KG)    |              | TO DATE (KG)  |               |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | 2026 GROSS   | 2025 GROSS   | 2026 GROSS    | 2025 GROSS    |
| <b>PUBLIC AUCTION</b>                     | 4,063,437.00 | 4,624,724.00 | 42,324,532.00 | 44,598,576.00 |
| <b>PRIVATE SALE</b>                       | 219,288.50   | 305,419.00   | 2,516,424.52  | 2,052,407.45  |
| <b>FORWARD CONTRACTS</b>                  | 60,000.00    | 62,820.00    | 430,560.00    | 614,336.00    |
| <b>DIRECT SALES</b>                       | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00          | 0.00          |
| <b>BIO/GREEN TEA</b>                      | 46,919.00    | 44,950.00    | 454,574.00    | 434,840.00    |
| <b>BMF – (EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE)</b> | 2,640.00     | 84,580.00    | 288,159.00    | 421,530.00    |

## WORLD TEA PRODUCTION

| COUNTRY          | MONTH           |              | TOTAL UPTO   |                 | (+ ) INC/ (-) DE |              |              |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                  |                 | 2026 (KG)    | 2025 (KG)    |                 |                  | 2026 (KG)    | 2025 (KG)    |
| <b>SRI LANKA</b> | <b>FEBRUARY</b> | <b>17.98</b> | <b>15.60</b> | <b>FEBRUARY</b> | <b>38.69</b>     | <b>37.16</b> | <b>+1.53</b> |
|                  |                 | 2025 (KG)    | 2024 (KG)    |                 | 2025 (KG)        | 2024 (KG)    |              |
| BANGLADESH       | NOVEMBER        | 10.16        | 9.97         | NOVEMBER        | 85.70            | 86.66        | - 0.96       |
| NORTH INDIA      | DECEMBER        | 61.38        | 12.20        | DECEMBER        | 1136.18          | 1075.57      | + 59.61      |
| SOUTH INDIA      | DECEMBER        | 18.02        | 18.38        | DECEMBER        | 233.80           | 226.96       | + 6.84       |
| KENYA            | NOVEMBER        | 48.27        | 47.41        | NOVEMBER        | 499.66           | 540.43       | - 40.77      |

# SALE NO - 13B 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2026.

|                          |  | LOTS          | QUANTITY (KG)       |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>EX-ESTATE</b>         | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 829           | 788,625.00          |
| <b>HIGH &amp; MEDIUM</b> | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 1,155         | 468,805.00          |
| <b>LEAFY GRADES</b>      | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 1,930         | 683,549.00          |
| <b>SEMI LEAFY</b>        | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 1,550         | 616,327.00          |
| <b>TIPPY SMALL LEAF</b>  | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 1,899         | 858,960.00          |
| <b>OFF GRADES</b>        | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 1,737         | 945,137.00          |
| <b>BOP1A</b>             | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 502           | 170,378.00          |
| <b>DUSTS</b>             | Closed on 12/03/2026 excluding violations. | 520           | 448,711.00          |
| <b>PREMIUM FLOWERY</b>   | Closed on 06/03/2026 excluding violations. | 285           | 35,401.00           |
|                          | <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>10,407</b> | <b>5,015,893.00</b> |

A total of 5,015,893.0 kgs are on offer at this sale of which 601,126.0 kgs, are reprints.

SALE NO: 14C  
07<sup>TH</sup> & 08<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL, 2026.

EX - ESTATE &  
MAIN SALE  
Scheduled to close  
on 19/03/2026.

# COMMENTS

A quantity of 5.116 million kilos of tea was on offer at this week's auction. This was 0.037 million kilos lower than last week's quantity. Ex. Estate offerings which comprised 0.831 million kilos of teas was 0.083 million kilos higher than last week.

Quality was fairly similar to last week.

There was Good demand.

In the Ex estate catalogues, Select Best westerns BOP's met a dearer market following special inquiry. Others were lower. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were lower. Others and the teas at the lower end of the market were generally firm. Best BOPF where quality was maintained, were firm. Others were irregular and tended easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket were firm to dearer. Others and the teas at the lower end met a lower market.

Nuwara Eliya BOP's and BOPF met a lower market.

Select Best Uva BOP's met a dearer market. Others were barely steady. BOPF were lower. Better UdaPussellawa BOP's were dearer. Others were mostly unsold. Better BOPF were firm. Others declined sharply and were mostly unsold.

There were hardly any offerings of High Grown and Medium Grown BP1's. High Grown PF1's sold around last levels. Better Medium Grown PF1's were firm. Others were irregular. Low Grown BP1's met a lower market. PF1's were firm to lower.

In the Low Grown leafy catalogues, High Priced OP1's met a lower market. Others were dearer. OP's and OPA's in general were dearer. However the poorer sorts were lower.

In the Low Grown Semi leafy catalogues, Select Best BOP1's were firm. Balance were lower. Better PEK's met a lower market. Others sold around last levels. PEK1's in general were dearer.

In the Low Grown Small leaf catalogues, Well made FBOP's met a firm to dearer market. Cleaner Below Best and bolder varieties were firm. Balance were irregular. Select Best FBOPF1's together with cleaner Below Best sorts were dearer. Balance were irregular. Verry Tippy FBOPF's were lower. A few Below Best sorts were firm. Others were lower.

In the Off Grades catalogues, Clean Leaf Bright Liquoring fannings met a dearer market. Others were firm. Clean BP's were firm. Other BP's, BM's, BOP1A's and Low Grown fannings met a lower market.

In the Dust catalogues, Select Best Primaries were firm. Best and Below Best sorts where quality was maintained were dearer. Others were irregular and tended easier. Clean Secondaries were lower. Others were firm. Low Grown's sold around last levels.

# DETAILS OF TEA AWAITING SALES – 2026

## SALE NO – 12A 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026.

|                    | LOTS          | QUANTITY (KG)       | REPRINTS   |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| EX-ESTATE          | 865           | 844,419.00          |            |
| HIGH AND MEDIUM    | 1,179         | 481,625.00          |            |
| LOW LEAFY GRADE    | 2,126         | 750,635.00          |            |
| SEMI LEAFY GRADE   | 1,636         | 651,672.00          |            |
| TIPPY SMALL LEAF   | 2,200         | 1,003,483.00        |            |
| OFF GRADES & BOP1A | 2,571         | 1,293,650.00        |            |
| DUSTS              | 605           | 517,498.00          |            |
| PREMIUM FLOWERY    | 334           | 43,168.00           |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>11,516</b> | <b>5,586,150.00</b> | 935,001.00 |

**TOTAL NO OF PKGS** 146,195

**NO OF TOTAL CTC PKGS** 9,616

**TOTAL QUANTITY (KG)** 540,683

## SALE NO – 13B 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026.

|              | LOTS          | QUANTITY (KG)       | REPRINTS   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
|              | 829           | 788,625.00          |            |
|              | 1,155         | 468,805.00          |            |
|              | 1,930         | 683,549.00          |            |
|              | 1,550         | 616,327.00          |            |
|              | 1,899         | 858,960.00          |            |
|              | 2,239         | 1,115,515.00        |            |
|              | 520           | 448,711.00          |            |
|              | 285           | 35,401.00           |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>10,407</b> | <b>5,015,893.00</b> | 601,126.00 |

**TOTAL NO OF PKGS** 131,466

**NO OF TOTAL CTC PKGS** 10,180

**TOTAL QUANTITY (KG)** 542,145

# SALE NO 12A - 24<sup>TH</sup> TO 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.

## ORDER OF SALE

### Ex - ESTATE

JOHN KEELLS PLC.

CEYLON TEA BROKERS PLC.

**EASTERN BROKERS LTD.**

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

ASIA SIYAKA COMMODITIES (PVT) LTD.

MERCANTILE PRODUCE BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

BARTLEET PRODUCE MARKETING (PVT) LTD.

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD.

### HIGH & MEDIUM

CEYLON TEA BROKERS PLC.

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD.

BARTLEET PRODUCE MARKETING (PVT) LTD.

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

MERCANTILE PRODUCE BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

ASIA SIYAKA COMMODITIES (PVT) LTD.

JOHN KEELLS PLC.

**EASTERN BROKERS LTD.**

### LOW GROWN

JOHN KEELLS PLC.

ASIA SIYAKA COMMODITIES (PVT) LTD.

CEYLON TEA BROKERS PLC.

BARTLEET PRODUCE MARKETING (PVT) LTD.

MERCANTILE PRODUCE BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

**EASTERN BROKERS LTD.**

FORBES & WALKER TEA BROKERS (PVT) LTD.

LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD.

**10% PAYMENT**

**27/03/2026**

**BUYERS' PROMPT**

**31/03/2026**

**SELLERS' PROMPT**

**02/04/2026**

# SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION – FEBRUARY, 2026.

We give below production figures for the month of February 2026, together with the corresponding figures of 2025 (kgs).

## ORTHODOX

|              | FEBRUARY 2026       | TO DATE 2026        | FEBRUARY 2025       | TO DATE 2025        |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| High Grown   | 3,327,026.0         | 7,558,268.0         | 3,029,310.0         | 7,192,103.0         |
| Medium Grown | 1,890,453.0         | 4,306,105.0         | 1,933,740.0         | 4,567,502.0         |
| Low Grown    | 10,364,133.0        | 21,759,454.0        | 8,910,932.0         | 21,484,037.0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>15,581,612.0</b> | <b>33,623,827.0</b> | <b>13,873,982.0</b> | <b>33,243,642.0</b> |

## CTC

|              | FEBRUARY 2026      | TO DATE 2026       | FEBRUARY 2025      | TO DATE 2025       |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|              | 383,913.0          | 849,963.0          | 274,187.0          | 626,665.0          |
|              | 790,719.0          | 1,748,234.0        | 547,293.0          | 1,247,661.0        |
|              | 861,598.0          | 1,715,985.0        | 589,527.0          | 1,377,558.0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,036,229.0</b> | <b>4,314,182.0</b> | <b>1,411,007.0</b> | <b>3,251,884.0</b> |

## TOTAL BLACK TEA PRODUCTION

|              | FEBRUARY 2026       | TO DATE 2026        | FEBRUARY 2025       | TO DATE 2025        |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| High Grown   | 3,772,822.0         | 8,536,849.0         | 3,359,208.0         | 7,938,336.0         |
| Medium Grown | 2,727,352.0         | 6,158,792.0         | 2,522,925.0         | 5,917,948.0         |
| Low Grown    | 11,291,708.0        | 23,616,819.0        | 9,555,790.0         | 22,958,701.0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>17,791,882.0</b> | <b>38,312,461.0</b> | <b>15,437,924.0</b> | <b>36,814,984.0</b> |

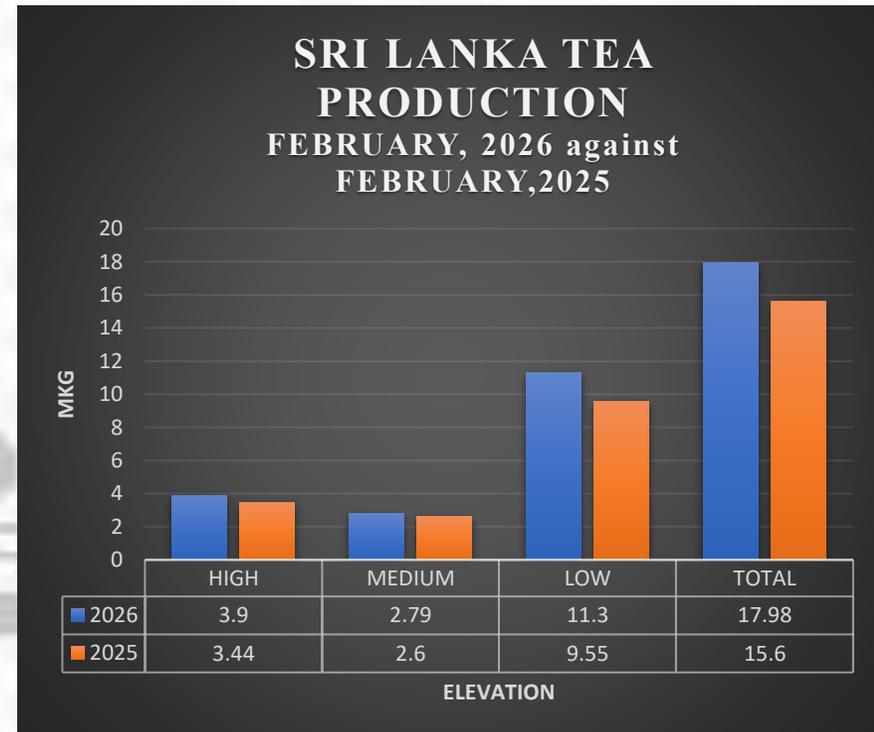
# SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY, 2026.

## GREEN TEA

|              | FEBRUARY 2026    | TO DATE 2026     | FEBRUARY 2025    | TO DATE 2025     |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| High Grown   | 118,259.0        | 233,838.0        | 85,391.0         | 192,763.0        |
| Medium Grown | 61,042.0         | 133,487.0        | 72,548.0         | 155,929.0        |
| Low Grown    | 756.0            | 1,570.0          | 265.0            | 719.0            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>180,057.0</b> | <b>368,895.0</b> | <b>158,205.0</b> | <b>394,411.0</b> |

## TOTAL TEA PRODUCTION

|              | FEBRUARY 2026       | TO DATE 2026        | FEBRUARY 2025       | TO DATE 2025        |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| High Grown   | 3,891,081.0         | 8,770,687.0         | 3,444,600.0         | 8,131,099.0         |
| Medium Grown | 2,788,394.0         | 6,292,279.0         | 2,595,473.0         | 6,073,877.0         |
| Low Grown    | 11,292,464.0        | 23,618,389.0        | 9,556,056.0         | 22,959,419.0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>17,971,939.0</b> | <b>38,681,355.0</b> | <b>15,596,129.0</b> | <b>37,164,395.0</b> |



# CTC PRODUCTION AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL BLACK TEA PRODUCTION



**2026**

**FEBRUARY – 11.4**

**TO DATE – 11.3**



**2025**

**FEBRUARY – 9.1**

**TO DATE – 8.8**

## ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTION - (PERCENTAGE WISE)

| 2026         | MONTH | COMULATIVE |
|--------------|-------|------------|
| High Grown   | 21.7  | 27.7       |
| Medium Grown | 15.5  | 16.3       |
| Low Grown    | 62.8  | 61.1       |
| <b>Total</b> | 100.0 | 100.0      |

| 2025         | MONTH  | COMULATIVE |
|--------------|--------|------------|
| High Grown   | 22.10  | 21.90      |
| Medium Grown | 16.60  | 16.30      |
| Low Grown    | 61.30  | 61.80      |
| <b>Total</b> | 100.00 | 100.00     |

| PRODUCTION OF                            | FEBRUARY 2026 | TO DATE 2026 | FEBRUARY 2025 | TO DATE 2025 |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Instant tea (Included in black tea data) | 87,324.00     | 372,184.00   | 269,562.00    | 504,164.00   |
| Bio Tea (included in black tea data)     | 63,634.00     | 136,121.00   | 50,984.00     | 125,191.00   |
| Reclaim Tea (included in black tea data) | 110,408.00    | 238,331.00   | 101,952.00    | 194,269.00   |

# AMENDED - SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION JANUARY - 2026

| ORTHODOX     | JANUARY              | ADJUSTMENTS FOR LATE RETURNS | AMENDED FIGURE - TO-DATE |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| High Grown   | 4,231,241.00         | 0.00                         | 4,231,241.00             |
| Medium Grown | 2,415,652.00         | -                            | 2,415,652.00             |
| Low Grown    | 11,394,562.00        | 759.00                       | 11,395,321.00            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>18,041,456.00</b> | <b>759.00</b>                | <b>18,042,215.00</b>     |

| CTC          | JANUARY             | ADJUSTMENTS FOR LATE RETURNS | AMENDED FIGURE - TO-DATE |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| High Grown   | 466,050.00          | -                            | 466,050.00               |
| Medium Grown | 932,948.00          | 24,568.00                    | 957,516.00               |
| Low Grown    | 854,387.00          | -                            | 854,387.00               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>2,253,385.00</b> | <b>24,568.00</b>             | <b>2,277,953.00</b>      |

# AMENDED - SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION JANUARY - 2026

| TOTAL BLACK TEA | JANUARY              | ADJUSTMENTS FOR LATE RETURNS | AMENDED FIGURE – TO-DATE |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| High Grown      | 4,764,027.00         | 0.00                         | 4,764,027.00             |
| Medium Grown    | 3,406,872.00         | 24,568.00                    | 3,431,440.00             |
| Low Grown       | 12,324,352.00        | 759.00                       | 12,325,111.00            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>20,495,251.00</b> | <b>25,327.00</b>             | <b>20,520,578.00</b>     |

| GREEN TEA    | JANUARY           | ADJUSTMENTS FOR LATE RETURNS | AMENDED FIGURE – TO-DATE |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| High Grown   | 115,579.00        | -                            | 115,579.00               |
| Medium Grown | 72,445.00         | -                            | 72,445.00                |
| Low Grown    | 814.00            | -                            | 814.00                   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>188,838.00</b> | <b>-</b>                     | <b>188,838.00</b>        |

| TOTAL TEA PRODUCTION | JANUARY              | ADJUSTMENTS FOR LATE RETURNS | AMENDED FIGURE – TO-DATE |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| High Grown           | 4,879,606.00         | 0.00                         | 4,879,606.00             |
| Medium Grown         | 3,479,317.00         | 24,568.00                    | 3,503,885.00             |
| Low Grown            | 12,325,166.00        | 759.00                       | 12,325,925.00            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>20,684,089.00</b> | <b>25,327.00</b>             | <b>20,709,416.00</b>     |

## Tea Sales Arrangements

Please note that sale numbers 12th and 13th scheduled for 24th/25th and 30th and 31st March respectively, will be held as planned.

We would also like to inform you that the existing arrangements for the tea auction during the second quarter of 2026 will remain unchanged. For your reference, please refer to circular number 05(A) dated 12th March 2026 which outlines the specific arrangements for this period.

**Should any changes be required, the trade will be notified by circular.**

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**CIRCULAR NO. 05(A) OF 2026 (Amended)**

**March 12, 2026**

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CEO**

## TEA SALE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

**APRIL / MAY / JUNE**

**APPLICABLE TO BUYERS WITH BANK GUARANTEES - ON VAT**

| Sale No.          | Date of Sale  | Catalogue Closing Dates<br>Main Sale & Ex-estate | Prompt Dates |            | 10% Payment | E-Platform Levy Prompt Dates |            | VAT Summary | VAT Prompt Dates |            | Buyer Tins to be Delivered to Brokers | Tins Available for Collection from Brokers |
|-------------------|---|--|--------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|                   |   |  | Buyers       | Sellers    |             | Buyers                       | Sellers    |             | Buyers           | Sellers    |                                       |  |
| <b>April 2026</b> |   |  |              |            |             |                              |            |             |                  |            |                                       |  |
| 14                | 7th Tuesday & 8th Wednesday                           | 19/03/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 15.04.2026   | 16.04.2026 | 10.04.2026  | 15.04.2026                   | 17.04.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 19.03.2026                            | 25/26.03.2026                              |
| 15                | 21 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday | 26/03/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 28.04.2026   | 29.04.2026 | 24.04.2026  | 28.04.2026                   | 30.04.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 26.03.2026                            | 02.04.2026                                 |
| 16                | 27 <sup>th</sup> Monday & 28 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday    | 02/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 04.05.2026   | 05.05.2026 | 30.04.2026  | 04.05.2026                   | 06.05.2026 | 30.04.2026  | 05.05.2026       | 06.05.2026 | 02.04.2026                            | 08/09.04.2026                              |
| <b>May 2026</b>   |   |  |              |            |             |                              |            |             |                  |            |                                       |  |
| 17                | 5th Tuesday & 6th Wednesday                           | 09/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 12.05.2026   | 13.05.2026 | 08.05.2026  | 12.05.2026                   | 14.05.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 09.04.2026                            | 22/23.04.2026                              |
| 18                | 12 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday & 13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 23/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 19.05.2026   | 20.05.2026 | 15.05.2026  | 19.05.2026                   | 21.05.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 23.04.2026                            | 29/30.04.2026                              |
| 19                | 19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday & 20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 30/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 26.05.2026   | 27.05.2026 | 22.05.2026  | 26.05.2026                   | 29.05.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 30.04.2026                            | 06/07.05.2026                              |
| 20                | 25th Monday & 26th Tuesday                            | 07/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 01.06.2026   | 02.06.2026 | 29.05.2026  | 01.06.2026                   | 03.06.2026 | 29.05.2026  | 02.06.2026       | 03.06.2026 | 07.05.2026                            | 13/14.05.2026                              |
| <b>June 2026</b>  |   |  |              |            |             |                              |            |             |                  |            |                                       |  |
| 21                | 02nd Tuesday & 03rd Wednesday                         | 14/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 09.06.2026   | 10.06.2026 | 05.06.2026  | 09.06.2026                   | 11.06.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 14.05.2026                            | 20/21.05.2026                              |
| 22                | 09th Tuesday & 10th Wednesday                         | 21/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 16.06.2026   | 17.06.2026 | 12.06.2026  | 16.06.2026                   | 18.06.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 21.05.2026                            | 27/29.05.2026                              |
| 23                | 16th Tuesday & 17th Wednesday                         | 29/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 23.06.2026   | 24.06.2026 | 19.06.2026  | 23.06.2026                   | 25.06.2026 | NIL         | NIL              | NIL        | 29.05.2026                            | 03/04.06.2026                              |
| 24                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday    | 04/06/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 29.06.2026   | 30.06.2026 | 26.06.2026  | 29.06.2026                   | 01.07.2026 | 25.06.2026  | 02.07.2026       | 03.07.2026 | 04.06.2026                            | 10/11.06.2026                              |

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## TEA SALE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

APRIL / MAY / JUNE

### APPLICABLE TO BUYERS WHO PAY VAT WEEKLY

| Sale No.          | Date of Sale  | Catalogue Closing Dates<br>Main Sale & Ex-estate | Prompt Dates |            | 10% Payment | E-Platform Levy Prompt Dates |            | Buyer Tins to be Delivered to Brokers | Tins Available for Collection from Brokers |
|-------------------|---|--|--------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|                   |   |  | Buyers       | Sellers    |             | Buyers                       | Sellers    |                                       |  |
| <b>April 2026</b> |   |  |              |            |             |                              |            |                                       |  |
| 14                | 7th Tuesday & 8th Wednesday                           | 19/03/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 15.04.2026   | 16.04.2026 | 10.04.2026  | 15.04.2026                   | 17.04.2026 | 19.03.2026                            | 25/26.03.2026                              |
| 15                | 21 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday | 26/03/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 28.04.2026   | 29.04.2026 | 24.04.2026  | 28.04.2026                   | 30.04.2026 | 26.03.2026                            | 02.04.2026                                 |
| 16                | 27 <sup>th</sup> Monday & 28 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday    | 02/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 04.05.2026   | 05.05.2026 | 30.04.2026  | 04.05.2026                   | 06.05.2026 | 02.04.2026                            | 08/09.04.2026                              |
| <b>May 2026</b>   |   |  |              |            |             |                              |            |                                       |  |
| 17                | 5th Tuesday & 6th Wednesday                           | 09/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 12.05.2026   | 13.05.2026 | 08.05.2026  | 12.05.2026                   | 14.05.2026 | 09.04.2026                            | 22/23.04.2026                              |
| 18                | 12 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday & 13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 23/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 19.05.2026   | 20.05.2026 | 15.05.2026  | 19.05.2026                   | 21.05.2026 | 23.04.2026                            | 29/30.04.2026                              |
| 19                | 19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday & 20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 30/04/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 26.05.2026   | 27.05.2026 | 22.05.2026  | 26.05.2026                   | 29.05.2026 | 30.04.2026                            | 06/07.05.2026                              |
| 20                | 25th Monday & 26th Tuesday                            | 07/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 01.06.2026   | 02.06.2026 | 29.05.2026  | 01.06.2026                   | 03.06.2026 | 07.05.2026                            | 13/14.05.2026                              |
| <b>June 2026</b>  |   |  |              |            |             |                              |            |                                       |  |
| 21                | 02nd Tuesday & 03rd Wednesday                         | 14/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 09.06.2026   | 10.06.2026 | 05.06.2026  | 09.06.2026                   | 11.06.2026 | 14.05.2026                            | 20/21.05.2026                              |
| 22                | 09th Tuesday & 10th Wednesday                         | 21/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 16.06.2026   | 17.06.2026 | 12.06.2026  | 16.06.2026                   | 18.06.2026 | 21.05.2026                            | 27/29.05.2026                              |
| 23                | 16th Tuesday & 17th Wednesday                         | 29/05/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 23.06.2026   | 24.06.2026 | 19.06.2026  | 23.06.2026                   | 25.06.2026 | 29.05.2026                            | 03/04.06.2026                              |
| 24                | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday    | 04/06/2026 at 4.30P.M.                           | 29.06.2026   | 30.06.2026 | 26.06.2026  | 29.06.2026                   | 01.07.2026 | 04.06.2026                            | 10/11.06.2026                              |

# HOLIDAYS FOR THIRD QUARTER 2026

## HOLIDAYS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

**01st Wednesday**  
**03rd Friday**  
**13th Monday**  
**14th Tuesday**

### **MAY**

**01st Friday**  
**01st Friday**  
**02nd Saturday**  
**28th Thursday**  
**30th Saturday**

### **JUNE**

**29th Monday**

**Bak Full Moon Poya Day\*†‡**

**Good Friday\*†**

**Day Prior to Sinhala and Tamil New Year Day\*†‡**

**Sinhala and Tamil New Year Day\*†‡**

**Vesak Full Moon Poya Day\*†‡**

**May Day (International Workers' Day) \*†‡**

**Day Following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day\*†‡**

**Id-UI-alha (Hadji Festival Day) \*†**

**Adhi Poson Full Moon Poya Day\*†‡**

**Poson Full Moon Poya Day\*†‡**

**\* – Public**

**† – Bank**

**‡ - Mercantile**