

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

Select best, best and below best BOPs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the select best and best BOPFs were lower by Rs.20/- and at times more towards the latter part of the sale, below best and poorer sorts too were easier by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Medium BOPs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the BOPFs were lower by Rs.20/- and more for the poorer varieties.

Nuwara-Eliya Teas

BOPs and BOPFs appreciated by Rs.20/- to Rs.40/- on account of strong demand.

Uva Teas

Uva and Uda Pussellawa BOP/BOPFs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and more towards the latter part of the sale.

CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s were firm, select best PF1s continued to sell well and maintained last levels, however below best types were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and poorer sorts were neglected. High and Medium Grown BP1s were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Better High and Medium PF1s were barely steady, whilst the below best and poorer sorts were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- with some invoices remaining unsold.

Low Grown

Fair demand. Select best OP1s were firm, best and below best types too maintained last levels, poorer stalky invoices were irregular. Select best BOP1s were firm, best and below best types along with poorer sorts were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- and more at times. Select best OPs were firm, best and below best types were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- and more at times. Select best OPAs were irregular, best and below best types declined substantially, poorer sorts too were lower. Select best and best Pekoes were maintaining, below best types were irregularly dearer, bold Pekoes had good demand. Select best and best shotty Pekoe1s were firm to easier, rest too declined from last levels. Good demand for Tippy/ Small leaf teas. Select best BOPs were firm, whilst the best and below best types gained Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- and more following quality, poorer sorts were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOPF/ BOPF.SP were firm to irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, best and below best types followed a similar trend, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOP.SP were firm, best and below best types maintained last levels. Select best FBOPF1s were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the best and below best types gained Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts followed a similar trend. Select best FBOPs were firm, whilst the best and below best types gained Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- and more at times, poorer sorts were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. FBOPF varieties shed Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- and more following quality. Select best Tippy varieties maintained and sold at attractive levels, whilst the balance were irregularly lower to last.

Off Grades

Select best and best Fngs1s declined Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- and more at times, whilst below best and poorer sorts declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. Select best and best BMs declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. All BPs were easier by Rs.30/- to Rs.50/- and more at times. Select best and best BOP1As declined by Rs.40/- to Rs.50/-, below best and poorer sorts appreciated by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-

Dust

Select best and best Dust / Dust1s showed a sharp decline by Rs.30/- to Rs.40 and more at times following quality, below best and cleaner secondaries were lower by Rs.40/- to Rs.50/-. Low Grown CTCs continued to sell at last levels, however High and Medium Grown CTCs were firm to lower due to a decline in product quality. Low Grown Dust / Dust1s showed slightly improved demand by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- on average on selective invoices based on special inquiry.