

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

Select best BOPs declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-, the below best varieties maintained, whilst the plainer sorts were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-. BOPFs were all round lower by Rs. 30/- to Rs. 50/- and at times more following quality. Medium BOPs barely maintained last levels. Select best BOPFs were lower by Rs. 30/- to Rs. 40/- whilst below best and poorer varieties shed Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-.

Nuwara-Eliya Teas

BOPs and BOPFs advanced substantially following special inquiry.

Uva Teas

Uva and Uda Pussellawa BOPs were lower by Rs. 20/- and more at times whilst the BOPFs shed Rs. 40/- to Rs. 50/-.

CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s moved up Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- whilst PF1s sold at attractive levels, but tended irregular following demand. Medium and High Grown BP1s eased Rs. 20/- per Kg. Medium PF1s were firm however select best High Grown PF1s were irregular whilst the balance were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-.

Low Grown

Less demand. Select best OP1s were firm, best and below best types too were steady, poorer stalky invoices were slightly lower. Select best BOP1s were maintaining, best and below best types were firm to easier by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were maintaining. Select best and best OPs shed Rs.10/- and more at times, below best types were firm to marginally easier, poorer sorts too were lower to last. Select best and best OPAs declined substantially, below best types followed a similar trend, poorer sorts too were lower. Select best and best shotty Pekoes were firm, bold Pekoes were slightly lower, flaky types along with the reducers shed from last week's closing levels. Select best and best Pekoe1s were maintaining last levels, below best types too were firm. Good demand for Tippy small leaf teas. Select best BOPs were firm to irregularly easier by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- whilst the best and below best types were firm, poorer sorts maintained last levels. Select best BOPF / BOPF.SPs declined sharply by Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/- and more following quality, best and below best types followed a similar trend, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOP.SPs were firm, however the best and below best categories met with irregularly lower demand. Select best FBOPF1s were firm to easier by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- whilst the best and the below best types were mostly firm and at times Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- dearer following quality, poorer sorts were irregularly lower by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-. Select best FBOPs were firm to Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- dearer at times whilst the best and below best types maintained last levels, poorer sorts were firm. FBOPF varieties met with fair demand. Select best Tippy varieties attracted lower demand to last whilst the balance were firm.

Off Grades

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

Dust

Select best Dust/Dust1s declined Rs. 30/- to Rs. 40/- or more at times, whilst other clean secondaries and below best types also declined by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Low Grown CTCs dropped by Rs. 50/- to Rs. 60/- on average whilst the Low Grown Dust/Dust1s also decreased by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-.

