

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

A few select best BOPs appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- following special inquiry, below best types also appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the plainer varieties were firm. Select best BOPFs met with irregular demand, below best types were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and at times more, plainer varieties were firm at the commencement however shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30 towards the latter part of the sale. Medium BOPs were mostly firm. Select best BOPFs eased Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, below best and poorer types too declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Nuwara Eliya Teas

BOPs advanced substantially following special inquiry, BOPFs gained Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- selectively.

Uva Teas

BOPs were firm. Better BOPFs met with irregular demand, below best and poorer types eased Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

Uda Pussellawa BOPs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the BOPFs were easier by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

CTC Teas

Best Grown BP1s maintained, balance met with irregular demand and were slightly lower to last, PF1s shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- and at times more. Medium Grown BP1s met with irregular demand, PF1s declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. A few select best High Grown BP1s appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- following special inquiry, others were barely steady, PF1s shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Low Grown

Good demand. Select best OP1s were firm on last levels, whilst the best and below best types were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts met with fair demand. Select best and best BOP1s were firm, below best types too followed a similar trend. Select best and best OPs along with below best types were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were firm with good demand. Select best and best OPAs were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the below best types were dearer by Rs.10/-, secondary types were firm to dearer with good demand. Shotty Pekoes were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, bold Pekoes gained by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, flaky secondaries were firm on last levels. Select best and best Pekoe1s were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10, reducer types too gained by a similar margin. Select best BOPs were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the best and below best types gained by a similar margin, poorer sorts appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. Select best BOPF/ BOPF.SPs gained Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and more following quality, poorer sorts were firm. BOP.SPs were firm at last. Select best FBOPF1s were firm, whilst the best and below best types appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts gained by a similar margin. Select best FBOPs were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, whilst the best and below best types appreciated following quality. Select best FBOPF varieties were firm, balance met with lower demand. Select best Premium Flowery teas continued to attract lower demand, whilst there was improved demand for the best category.

Off Grades

Select best and best Fngs1s declined Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- and more at times, whilst below best and poorer sorts declined Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Select best BMs maintained on last levels, whilst the best, below best and poorer sorts appreciated by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-. Select best and best BPs appreciated by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- and more at times. Select best and best BOP1As were firm to dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

Dust

Demand on Dust/ Dust1s continued to show a stark decline where price levels on the select best Dust/ Dust1s dropped by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-, whilst the best and below best Dust1s were lower by Rs.50/- to Rs.60/-. Dust types were lower by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-. CTCs dropped by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-, whilst demand on select best Low Grown Dust/ Dust1s were firm to lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, below best and clean secondaries declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-.

