

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas:

A few select best BOPs advanced following special demand, however the balance shed Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-, below best types too were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-, plainer varieties were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Select best and best BOPFs shed Rs. 20/- to Rs. 40/-, below best and poorer varieties declined Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/- and at times more with some invoices remaining unsold. Medium BOPs were firm to a little irregular whilst the below best and poorer sorts shed Rs. 20/-. The BOPFs were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-.

Nuwara Eliya Teas:

BOP/BOPFs shed Rs. 30/- to Rs. 40/- and at times remained difficult of sale due to poor demand.

Uva Teas:

Select best BOPs were firm, however below best and poorer varieties declined Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Select best BOPFs were firm whilst the below best and poorer sorts shed Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Uda Pussellawa BOPs were lower by Rs. 20/- whilst the BOPFs were lower by Rs. 30/- to Rs. 50/-.

CTC Teas:

Low Grown BP1s maintained, however PF1s shed Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Medium BP1s were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- whilst PF1s declined Rs. 20/- to Rs. 40/-. High Grown BP1s were firm and at times dearer by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- whilst the PF1s shed Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-.

Low Growns:

Lower demand. Select best OP1s along with the best types were firm, below best types along with the bold shotty invoices were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best and best BOP1s were substantially lower by Rs. 20/- and more at times, below best types were maintaining last. Select best OPs were firm to easier by Rs. 10/- best and below best types too were marginally lower. Select best OPAs along with the best types were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-, below best types along with the secondaries were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. Select best and best shotty Pekoes were firm to dearer, bold Pekoes too met with fair demand, reducers along with the secondary types were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-, select best and best Pekoe1s were firm to irregularly dearer, below best types were marginally lower.

Fair demand. Select best BOPs were dearer by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- whilst best and the below best types appreciated Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/- following quality, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOP.SP / BOPF.SP appreciated substantially, best and below best types were lower by Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best BOPFs were firm, best and below best types declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. Select best FBOPF1s were firm, best and below best types were irregularly lower by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10, poorer sorts were firm. Select best FBOPs were dearer by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- whilst the best and below best types maintained last levels, poorer sorts were firm. FF varieties continued to attract lower demand. Select best Premium Flowery teas met with improved demand whilst the others were firm.

Off Grades:

Select best and best Fngs1s were firm to irregular whilst below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. All BPs were lower by Rs. 20/-. Select best and best BMs were firm whilst below best and poorer sorts appreciated by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best and best BOP1As were firm, below best and poorer sorts appreciated by Rs. 10/-.

Dust:

Select best Dust1s declined Rs. 30/- to Rs. 40/- and best Dust1 sold at last levels, below best varieties declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-, clean secondaries mostly sold at last levels. High & Medium PDs where quality was maintained gained Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/-, others declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. Low Grown CTCs declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. Low Grown best Dust1s declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-, others sold at last levels.