

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas:

Select best BOPs were firm, below best varieties shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst plainer types were firm. Select best BOPFs were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst below best types shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, plainer varieties were firm. Medium BOPs were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, whilst the BOPFs declined Rs.30/- per kg.

Nuwara Eliya Teas:

A few better BOPs advanced, however the balance was lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. BOPFs barely maintained last levels.

Uva Teas:

A few Select best BOPs advanced sharply following special inquiry, however the balance sold around last levels. BOPFs were firm to irregularly lower to last. Uda Pussellawa BOPs shed Rs.10/- to Rs. 20/-, whilst the BOPFs maintained last levels.

CTC Teas:

Low Grown BP1s were firm, however PF1s were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Medium Grown BP1s declined Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the PF1s were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and at times more. High Grown BP1s declined on last levels and at times were difficult of sale, the PF1s were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Low Growns:

Lower demand. Select best OP1s were firm, best and below best types were marginally lower, poorer sorts too eased by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOP1s were firm to easier by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, best and below best types shed by Rs.20/- and more as the sale progressed. Select best and best OPs declined Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- and more at times, secondary types too shed by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best OPAs declined Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-, below best types shed by a similar margin, poorer sorts followed a similar trend. Select best Pekoes were firm, below best types eased substantially with difficulty of sale, bold Pekoes were irregular, flaky types eased by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- from last week's price levels. Select best shotty Pekoe1s were firm, below best types along with the reduces were lower by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-.

Lower demand. Select best BOPs were easier by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the best and the below best types declined Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-, poorer sorts declined by a similar margin. Select best BOPSPs/BOPFSPs were lower by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-, best and below best types declined Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOPFs were firm, balance were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best FBOPF1s were firm following quality, best and below best types declined Rs.15/- to Rs. 20/- and more as the sale progressed. Select best and best FBOPs declined Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- and more at times, whilst below best and poorer sorts shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. FBOPF varieties were lower to last. All Premium Flowery teas met with lower demand.

Off Grades:

Select best and best Fngs1s declined by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, below best and poorer types declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best BMs were dearer by Rs.10/-, below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. All BPs were dearer by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-. Select best and best BOP1As were firm on last, whilst below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-.

Dust:

Dust market continued to meet with negative demand, price levels did not show any significant improvement in comparison with last week's demand. Select best Dust/Dust1s declined by Rs.40/- to Rs.50/- or more at times, whilst the best and below best types dropped by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. CTCs also dropped by Rs.50/- to Rs.60/- or more at times, whilst Low Grown Dust/Dust1s continued to sold firm to last.