

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

Select best BOPs barely maintained last levels, the balance shed Rs.30/- Rs.40/- and at times more, a few below best brighter varieties were firm, the balance and plainer sorts shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best BOPFs were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, below best and plainer types declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Medium BOP/BOPFs were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and at times were difficult of sale due to less demand.

Nuwara Eliya Teas

A few select best BOPs maintained, however the balance were irregularly lower. BOPFs advanced Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

Uva Teas

A selection of BOPs with seasonal character appreciated following special inquiry, however the balance shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. BOPFs with seasonal character were irregularly dearer, however the balance were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Udupussellawa BOPs met with irregular demand, BOPFs too followed a similar trend.

CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s maintained, better PF1s appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, however the balance met with irregular demand. Medium BP1s were lower by Rs.10/-, whilst the PF1s met irregular demand. High Grown BP1s were firm, however the PF1s were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Low Grown

Fair demand. Select best OP1s were firm, best and below best types too were steady, poorer sorts maintained last levels. All BOP1s shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and more at times. Select best OPs were marginally easier, best and below best types too shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, secondaries were firm to dearer. Select best OPAs were irregular, best and below best types shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/- Rs.15/-. Select best Pekoes were firm, bold Pekoes were firm to dearer, reducer types shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, rest maintained last levels. Select best shotty Pekoe1s were firm, best and below best types shed Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, secondaries were firm.

Lower demand. Select best BOPs were firm, whilst the best and below best types were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOP.SP/ BOPF.SP were firm, best and below best types were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. Select best and best BOPFs met with fair demand. Select best FBOPF1s were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, whilst best and below best types were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.25/- and more at times, poorer sorts were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. Select best and best FBOPs declined Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, whilst the below best and poorer sorts were lower by a similar margin. FBOPF varieties were lower to last. All Premium Flowery teas met with lower demand.

Off Grades

Select best and best Fngs1s were firm to last, below best and poorer sorts were irregular. Select best BMs were firm, whilst the below best and poorer sorts declined by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Select best BPs were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- others were firm. Select best and best BOP1As declined by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-, whilst below best and poorer sorts followed a similar trend.

Dust

Dust market continued at firm levels or otherwise appreciated due to low volume on offer. Select best Dust1s increased by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, whilst the Dust types remained at last levels. CTCs increased by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the Low Grown Dust/Dust1s were firm to lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-.