

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas:

Lower demand. Select best BOPs declined substantially, below best types were easier by Rs.30/- and at times more, whilst at the bottom end prices were lower by Rs.20/-. Select best high priced BOPFs declined sharply whilst the balance too were lower by Rs.30/- to Rs.40. below best varieties shed Rs.30/- to Rs.40 and more at times, at the lower end prices were lower by Rs.40/- and at times more. Medium BOPs were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, better BOPFs eased Rs.40/- to Rs.50/-, whilst the others were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

Nuwara Eliya Teas:

BOPs declined substantially, whilst the BOPFs met with irregular demand.

Uva Teas:

Select best BOPs declined sharply, the balance too were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.40/-. Select best BOPFs were much lower to last, the others were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Uda Pusellawa BOP/BOPFs declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

CTC Teas:

Low Grown BP1s declined by Rs.10/-, whilst the PF1s were somewhat firm. Medium Grown BP1s were difficult of sale, whilst the PF1s barely maintained last levels. High Grown BP1s were irregularly lower, the PF1s shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Low Grown:

Fair demand. Select best OP1s were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, best and below best OP1s were firm to dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best and best BOP1s sold at lower levels, below best types shed by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and more at times. Select best and best OPs gained by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, secondaries along with the poorer sorts too met with good demand. Select best and best OPAs gained by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, secondary types were firm to dearer. Select best Pekoes sold at firm levels, bold Pekoes along with reducers declined by Rs.30/- to Rs.50/- and more at times. Select best Pekoe1s were mainly firm, best and below best types however were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Good demand. Select best and best BOPs were firm, below best and poorer sorts were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOP.SP/ BOPF.SP were firm, best and below best types met with good demand, poorer sorts were firm. BOPFs followed a similar trend. Select best and best FBOPF1s were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- and more following quality, below best and poorer sorts met with irregular demand. A few well-made FBOPs appreciated by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the balance were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, best and below best types were firm, poorer sorts met with fair demand. Select best and best FBOPF varieties were firm on last week's closing levels, below best types were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. All Premium Flowery teas met with fair demand.

Off Grades:

Select best and best Fngs1s were firm, below best and poorer types declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best and best BMs showed an irregular demand, below best and poorer sorts were firm on last. All BPs were firm. Select best and best BOP1As were firm to dearer, below best types were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, poorer sorts were irregular.

Dust:

Select best Dust1s were firm, best and below best types had a sharp decline by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- or more at times due to poor demand, poorer sorts declined further. Clean secondaries declined by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, others declined further. Best High and Medium Grown CTCs declined by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, others declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. Low Grown CTCs held firm. Low Grown Dust/Dust1s gained by Rs.15/- to Rs.20/-.