

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

Select best BOPs shed Rs. 30/- to Rs. 50/-, below best and poorer varieties were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Select best BOPFs were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- at the commencement however appreciated selectively by a similar margin towards the closure of the sale, below best varieties were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- whilst the plainer types were firm. Medium BOPs were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Better BOPFs advanced Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-, balance were firm.

Nuwara Eliya Teas

BOP / BOPFs declined substantially, with a large volume remaining unsold.

Uva Teas

Better BOPs maintained last levels, however the balance were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 40/-. Uva BOPFs were lower by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Uda Pussellawa BOPs were easier by Rs. 30/- to Rs. 40/- whilst the BOPFs shed Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-

CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s were easier by Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-. Better PF1s were steady, others were irregularly lower to last. Medium BP1s met with irregular demand whilst the PF1s were irregular following quality. High Grown BP1s barely maintained last levels whilst the PF1s appreciated Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- selectively.

Low Growns

Fair demand. Well twisted wiry OP1s along with the best types were firm, bolder types were lower on demand, poorer types were irregular. Select best and best BOP1s maintained last levels, bolder types along with the secondaries were slightly lower. Select best OPs were lower to last by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-, best and below best types maintained last levels, poorer sorts were firm. Select best OPAs along with the best types tended lower to last, below best type along with the secondaries were firm to at times dearer. Shotty Pekoe were firm, bold Pekoes were steady at last levels, flaky secondaries shed by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best Pekoe1s along with the best types were firm to dearer, below best types were slightly lower.

Fair demand. Select best BOPs declined by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- whilst the best and the below best types were lower by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-, poorer sorts were firm to dearer by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. Select best BOPF / BOPF.SP were irregularly lower by Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-, best and below best types declined Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best BOP.SP were firm, balance declined Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-. Select best FBOPF1s were lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- and more following quality whilst the best and the below best types followed a similar trend, poorer sorts gained Rs. 5/- to Rs. 10/-. Select best FBOPs were irregularly lower by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- whilst the best and the below best types shed by a similar margin, poorer sorts were firm. Select best and best FBOPF varieties were lower by Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best and best Premium Flowery teas appreciated following quality whilst the balance met with fair demand.

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 declined Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/-. Select best and best BPs were firm. Select best and best BOP1As appreciated Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/-, below best and poorer sorts appreciated Rs. 20/- to Rs. 30/-.

Dust

The Dust market showed a slight improvement in terms of demand where select best Dust/Dust1s increased by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- or more at times following quality. Best and below best Dust / Dust1s remained firm to last or otherwise met with no demand whilst Low Grown CTCs also sold at mostly last levels. High & Medium Crown CTCs decreased by Rs. 30/- to Rs. 40/- on average whilst Low Grown Dust/ Dust1s also met with dropped price levels by Rs. 50/- to Rs. 60/- or at times on average.