

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas:

Select best BOPs shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- following quality, below best varieties met with irregular demand, whilst the plainer sorts were lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Select best BOPFs were firm to a little dearer at times, below best types met with irregular demand, whilst plainer types were firm to a little easier at times. Medium BOPs shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, whilst the BOPFs met with irregular demand.

Nuwara Eliya Teas:

BOPs shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, whilst the BOPFs too declined by a similar margin.

Uva Teas:

A few Select best BOP/BOPFs met with good demand following special inquiry, the others were irregularly lower following quality. Uda Pussellawa BOPs shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, whilst the BOPFs met with irregular demand.

CTC Teas:

Low Grown BP1s advanced Rs.10/- per kg, whilst the PF1s eased Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Medium Grown BP1s met with less demand and were difficult of sale, whilst the PF1s were lower by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-. High Grown BP1s shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the PF1s were irregularly lower.

Low Growns:

Fair demand. Select best OP1s were firm, best and below best types were marginally lower, stalky varieties were substantially lower. Select best BOP1s were marginally lower to last, best and below best types were firm, secondaries were marginally lower. Select best and best OPs were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, below best types too shed by a similar margin, secondaries were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best and best OPAs were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, below best types too were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, poorer sorts were firm to easier by Rs.10/-. Select best and best Pekoes were firm, secondaries along with the bold types were irregularly lower. Select best and best Pekoe1s were firm, reducers were lower to last.

Fair demand. Select best BOPs were firm, whilst best and the below best types declined Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOPF/BOPFSPs were firm on last, best and below best types were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. Select best FBOPF1s were firm, whilst the best and the below best types were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best FBOPs were firm on last, best and below best types met with improved demand, poorer sorts were firm. FBOPF varieties declined substantially from last week's closing levels. All Premium Flowery teas were lower to last.

Off Grades:

Select best and best Fngs1s were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/-. Select best BMs were lower by Rs.20/-, whilst the below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/-. All BPs were irregular. Select best and best BOP1As declined by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, below best and poorer sorts declined Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-.

Dust:

The Dust market met with some positive demand where there was an overall improvement in prices where the Select best and best category Dust/Dust1s increased by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- and Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- respectively. CTCs also saw an increase by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- or more at times, whilst Low Grown Dust/Dust1s remained firm to last.