

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas

Select best BOPs advanced Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-, whilst the below best category appreciated Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- plainer clean leaf types gained Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-, plainer poor leaf types advanced Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best BOPFs tended irregular, below best brighter varieties advanced Rs.20/-, whilst others tended irregular, plainer sorts were Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- dearer. Medium BOPs advanced Rs.30/- to Rs.40/-. BOPFs were Rs.20/- to Rs.30/- dearer.

Nuwara Eliya Teas

BOP/BOPFs tended irregularly lower to last.

Uva Teas

Select best BOPs declined sharply, balance were firm. Select best BOPFs were substantially dearer to last following special inquiry, whilst the balance were firm to Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- dearer at times. Uda Pussellawa BOPs tended irregular, whilst the BOPFs moved up Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

CTC Teas

Low Grown BP1s were barely steady, whilst the PF1s were firm. Medium Grown BP1s tended irregular, whilst the PF1s appreciated Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. High Grown BP1s declined Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Better PF1s appreciated Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, poor varieties were difficult of sale.

Low Growns

Fair demand. Select best OP1s were firm on last levels, best and below best types were firm, poorer sorts were lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. Select best BOP1s were firm, best types too were firm, bolder types along with reducers were irregular. Select best OPs were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst the best and the below best types were firm, poorer sorts were lower to last by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best OPAs were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, whilst best and below best types were firm, flaky secondary types were lower. Shotty well made Pekoes were firm, bold Pekoes too were firm on last week's closing levels. Mixed types along with reducers met with lower demand. Select best Pekoe1s were firm, reducer types were marginally easier.

Fair demand. Select best BOPs were firm, whilst the best and the below best types were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOPSPs and BOPFSPs were firm, best and below best types followed a similar trend. Select best and best BOPFs met with fair demand. Select best FBOPF1s were firm to dearer Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, best and below best types were irregularly lower by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best and best FBOPs appreciated Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, below best types gained Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, poorer sorts were firm. Well made FBOPF varieties showed a better interest, however the balance met with lower demand. Select best Premium Flowery teas were firm, whilst the best and the below best types showed a better interest.

Off Grades

Select best and best Fngs1s declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, below best and poorer sorts declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best BMs were firm, whilst the below best and poorer sorts declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best BPs were firm, whilst others were irregular. Select best and best BOP1As were firm on last, whilst below best and poorer sorts declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-.

Dust

Select best Dust1s mostly sold at last levels, best and below best varieties increased by Rs.25/- to Rs.40/- per kg due to lower volume offered on last sale closures. Low Grown CTCs best categories sold at last levels, others declined Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. High & Medium CTCs where quality was maintained held firm, others declined Rs.10/- to Rs.15/- per kg. Low Grown Dust/Dust1s declined Rs.25/- to Rs.40/- or more at times.