

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 27TH/ 28TH APRIL 2015

SALE NO: 16

TEA MARKET

FAIR DEMAND AT MOSTLY EASIER RATES

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western BOP's declined Rs. 10/- per kg. In the below best category brighter sorts were up to Rs. 10/- per kg dearer selectively whilst others together with the plainer sorts declined by similar margin. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well although at Rs. 20-30/- per kg lower on last week's levels. Udapussellawa's were Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer. Uva's select high priced teas of last week were sharply lower whilst the others were firm.

BOPE

Best Western declined Rs. 10/- per kg. In the below best category, clean leaf coloury sorts were firm. Others declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg whilst the plainer sorts were up to Rs. 10/- per kg lower. A few select Nuwara Eliya's were irregularly dearer following airmail inquiry whilst the others declined Rs. 10/- per kg on average. Udapussellawa's were irregular following quality. Uva's were Rs. 10-15/- per kg lower.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Clean leaf types-tended dearer, others were firm.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Well made typed were Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer, others were firm

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best liquorings in High and Medium category commenced Rs.20-25/- per kg easier and declined more towards the closure. Below best varieties too followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts declined Rs.20-25/- per kg. Low Grown's best and below best varieties were easier RS.20-25/- per kg, whilst poorer sorts too lost Rs.10-15/- per kg. CTC's in general were easier Rs.20-25/- per kg and more at times.

DUSTS

DUST1

Select best primaries declined Rs.10/-per kg. High Grown DUST1's in the best and below best categories which commenced Rs.15-20/- per kg lower declined further towards the closure. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined sharply and were discounted. Better Mediums declined Rs.20-25/- per kg. Others declined further. Best CTC's declined Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Others declined Rs.15-20/- per kg and more. Best Low Grown's declined Rs.10-15/- per kg. Improved below best varieties were fully firm. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined Rs.15-20/- per kg and more.

DUST

Clean secondaries declined Rs. 20-25/- per kg and more. Below best declined Rs.15-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts on offer declined Rs. 10-15/- and were mostly discounted. CTC's declined Rs.15-20/- per kg and more. Better Low Grown's declined Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 20-25/- per kg.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1

Select best FBOP's were irregularly lower. Best and below best declined. Few cleaner teas at the bottom maintained. Others were lower. FBOP1's - In general were lower.

BOP

Select best and best declined. Few cleaner below best maintained. Others were lower.

BOP1

Select best were irregular and lower. Others though irregular were firm. Teas at the lower end were fully firm to dearer.

OP1

Select best were irregular and lower. Others, particularly the improved/cleaner teas were fully firm. Balance were barely steady following quality. At the lower end prices fully firm to dearer.

OP

Select best were firm. Others and improved below best gained by Rs. 5-10/- per kg and more. At the lower end too prices were fully firm to dearer.

OPA

Select best were firm to irregularly dearer. Others gained Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. At the lower end prices were firm.

PEKOE

Better PEK's declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more, particularly towards the close. Others too commenced Rs. 5-10/- per kg lower and declined further as the sale progressed. A range of better PEK1's were firm to irregularly lower, whilst others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg.

BOPF

In general were lower.

**FBOPF/
FBOPF1**

Very tippy teas continue to attract good demand, particularly the long leaf tip. Cleaner well made below best too were firm to dearer. Others tended irregularly. FBOPF1 – Select best and best declined. Few cleaner below best sorts maintained. All others were lower.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.