COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 16TH & 17TH MAY 2017

SALE NO: 19

IMPROVED DEMAND

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's where quality was maintained were firm whilst the others were Rs. 10-20/- per kg lower. Teas in the below best category declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Plainer sorts were firm and up to Rs. 10/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's sold around last week's levels. Uva/Udapussellawa's were mostly firm except the poor leaf teas which declined Rs. 20/- per kg.

BOPF

Best Western's declined Rs. 20/- per kg following quality. Teas in the below best category declined Rs. 10/- per kg. Plainer sorts were Rs. 10/- per kg dearer on last week's closing levels. Nuwara Eliya's – better sorts were Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer whilst the others were lower by similar margin. Udapussellawa's declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg. Uva's – better sorts were Rs. 20/- per kg dearer whilst the others were lower by similar margin.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Rs.20/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Better sorts were Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Others were firm whilst the poorer sorts were lower by similar margin.

MEDIUM GROWN BP1s - Better sorts were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. Others were lower by similar margin. PF1s - Here again, the better sorts were firm whilst the poorer sorts declined Rs.20/- per kg.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best and below best varieties were lower Rs. 30/- per kg. Poorer sorts too were lower Rs. 20/- per kg and more towards the closure. Low Growns in general were lower Rs. 20/- and more towards the closure of the sale. CTCs - Best and below best were lower Rs. 10-15/- per kg whilst poorer sorts were lower Rs. 20/- per kg

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg. High Grown Dust 1's in the best and below best categories where quality was maintained which commenced Rs. 10-20/- per kg dearer, gained further towards closure. Others and poorer sorts were irregular and mostly lower. Best Mediums gained Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Others were irregular and mostly lower. Select best CTC's gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Best and below which commenced Rs. 10-20/- lower gained by a similar margin towards the closure. Others and poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Better Low Grown's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Below best too followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 10/- per kg and more.

DUST

BOPF

FBOPF/

FBOPF1

Clean secondaries firm to irregularly dearer. Below best firm on last. Poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. CTC's declined Rs. 20/- per kg and more. Better Low Growns declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Others declined further.

LOW GROWN TEAS

<u>FBOP/</u> FBOP1	Select best and best FBOP's eased. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at bottom maintained. Others were easier. FBOP1's in general were firm.
BOP	Few select best BOP's maintained. Others were irregular and mostly lower. Few cleaner below best maintained. Balance were lower. BOP1's were fully firm to selectively dearer particularly for the better made
<u>BOP1</u>	sorts. A selection of well made teas were firm to dearer. Others in the better category
<u>OP1</u> <u>OP</u>	were barely steady following quality. Balance too were firm to dearer. In general were firm on last.
OPA PEKOE	A selection of better OPA's were firm to irregularly dearer. Others were firm whilst the cleaner types at the lower end gained Rs.5-10/- per kg and more. Select best PEK's though irregular were firm. Others particularly the bolder types were barely steady. Balance together with the PEK1's were fully firm to dearer.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

Well made Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and well made

below best maintained. Others were irregular. Select best and best FBOPF1's

declined. Few cleaner below best sold around last levels. Balance eased.

Select best BOPF's were firm. Others were easier.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	OF 16 TH & 17 TH AY 2017	SALE NO. 19	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOP BOPS	780/- 780/-
Waltrim	Western High	BOPF	610/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP1	580/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF1 BPS	540/- 560/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>