

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 09TH/ 10TH JUNE 2015

SALE NO: 22

TEA MARKET

IMPROVED DEMAND PARTICULARLY AT THE LOWER END OF THE MARKET

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's declined Rs. 10/- per kg on average. In the below best category a selection of brighter teas gained Rs. 10-15/- per kg-others declined by similar margin whilst the plainer sorts were irregular and barely steady. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold. Udupussellawa's were irregular following quality. Clean leaf Uva's gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg whilst the others were irregular.

BOPF

Best Western's-select invoices gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Others were irregular. In the below best category clean leaf brighter liquoring teas gained Rs. 10-15/- per kg whilst the others were sold around last week's levels. Plainer sorts gained Rs. 10/- per kg and more for a selection of improved teas. Nuwara Eliya's declined up to Rs. 20/- per kg. Uva/Udupussellawa's gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s – Sold around last week's levels. PF1s – Sold around last week's levels

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s – Firm and tended dearer. PF1s – Clean leaf coloury teas were Rs. 5-10/- per kg dearer. Others were irregular.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best liquorings in the High & Medium category were firm on last whilst below best varieties commenced firm and declined Rs.15-20/- per kg towards the closure of the sale. Poorer sorts too were easier Rs.10-15/- per kg and more at times. Low Grows in general were firm on last week level. Best CTC's dearer Rs.5-10/- per kg whilst below best varieties were substantally dearer. Poorer sorts were irregular.

DUSTS

DUST1

Select best primaries and few DUST1's in the best category gained Rs.10-20/- per kg following special inquiry. Balance along with the below best declined Rs.15-20/- per kg and more. Poorest on offer declined further. Few Medium's gained Rs.10-15/- per kg following quality. Balance sold at last level. Better CTC's were firm to irregularly lower. Below best varieties were dearer by Rs.10-15/- per kg following quality. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined by a similar margin. Best Low Grown were irregular and mostly lower. Cleaner below best varieties gained Rs 5-10/- per kg and more. Poorer sorts sold at last level.

DUST

Clean secondaries sold at last levels. Below best declined Rs.5-10/- per kg. Poorer sorts were firm to irregularly dearer. CTC's were irregular and mostly lower. Better Low Grown sold at last level. Poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1

Select best FBOP's declined. Cleaner below and teas at the bottom were firm. Select best FBOP1's were easier. Balance firm.

BOP

A few select best BOP's were firm. Others declined.

BOP1

Select best BOP1's were barely steady. Others and teas at the lower end were fully firm to selectively dearer.

OP1

A few select best were firm to dearer. Other high priced teas were barely steady following quality. Improved/ clean below best were firm. Balance were barely steady.

OP

A selection of best/ improved below best were firm to dearer. Others were barely steady.

OPA

Select best together with the improved below best were firm. Others were irregular and lower Rs. 5-10- per kg.

PEKOE

PEK1's together with better PEK's were firm to dearer. Others particularly the bolder PEK's declined by Rs. 5-10/- per kg and more as the sale progressed.

BOPE

Except for a few select best invoices, all others were easier.

**FBOPF/
FBOPF1**

Select best and best FBOPF1's declined by Rs. 10-15/- per kg. Balance too were lower and at times unsellable. Very tippy teas declined. Balance too were lower, however, a few leafier invoices maintained.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.