

MARKET DESCRIPTION

Western Teas:

A few select best BOPs advanced Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- and at times more following special inquiry. The balance met with irregular demand, below best types shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, however the poorer varieties advanced Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best BOPFs maintained, however a few below best types advanced Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the balance met with irregular demand, plainer types gained Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Medium BOP/ BOPFs shed Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-.

Nuwara Eliya Teas:

BOP/BOPFs appreciated substantially following special inquiry.

Uva Teas:

Best BOPs met with irregular demand following quality and special inquiry, whilst the balance maintained. BOPFs maintained last levels. Udapussellawa BOPs appreciated Rs.10/- to Rs.20/- following quality, whilst the BOPFs too gained by a similar margin.

CTC Teas:

Low Grown BP1/ PF1s maintained last levels. Medium Grown CTCs shed Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. High Grown BP1s gained Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-, whilst the PF1s shed Rs.10/- per Kg.

Low Growns:

Fair demand. Select best OP1s declined sharply by Rs.30/- with lower demand, best and below best types were firm, poorer sorts improved on last. Select best BOP1s were marginally lower, best types were firm, bolder types along with reducers were irregular. Select best and best OPs were firm to dearer, below best types too gained on last levels, poorer sorts appreciated by Rs.10/- to Rs.20/-. Select best and best OPAs were firm, below best types along with poorer sorts gained on last levels. Shotty Pekoes were firm, bold Pekoes too were firm on last week's closing levels, reducers along with flaky types met with fair demand. Select best Pekoe1s were firm, reducer types were marginally easier.

Improved demand. Select best BOPs were firm, whilst the best and below best types declined by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts were firm. Select best BOP.SP/ BOPF.SP were firm to dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-, best and below best types were firm. Select best and best BOPFs were firm, poorer sorts met with fair demand. Select best FBOPF1s were firm on last levels, whilst the best and below best types were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, poorer sorts declined by a similar margin and more following quality. Select best and best FBOPs were dearer by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-, below best types were firm, poorer sorts were irregularly lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-. FBOPF varieties met with lower interest. Premium Flowery teas with long tips attracted good demand, whilst the balance were irregularly lower.

Off Grades:

Select best and best Fngs1s were firm to last, below best and poorer sorts showed a similar trend. Select best BMs were irregular, whilst the below best and poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/-. All BPs were dearer by Rs.20/-. Select best and best BOP1As were firm, whilst below best and poorer sorts were lower by Rs.10/- to Rs.15/-.

Dust:

Dust market met with favourable demand, mostly on the Western Dust/Dust1s where price levels increased by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- due to lower volume on offer during the past few weeks, whilst the Low Grown CTCs declined by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. High and Medium Grown CTCs were firm to lower by Rs.20/- to Rs.30/-. Select best Low Grown Dust/Dust1s sold at last levels, whilst the below best and poorer sorts dropped by Rs.30/- to Rs.40/- or more at times.