

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 20TH/ 21ST JUNE 2017

SALE NO: 24

IMPROVED DEMAND

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns firm and Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Teas in the below best category – brighter sorts Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Others firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Plainer sorts irregular. Nuwara Eliya's firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Uva/Udapussellawa generally firm.

BOPF

Best Westerns firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. In the below best category brighter sorts gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more following special inquiry. Plainer sorts irregular and generally firm. Nuwara Eliya Rs.10-20/- per kg lower. Uva/Udapussellawa irregular following quality.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Rs.10-20/- per kg lower. PF1s - Firm and up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Clean leaf teas firm around last week's levels whilst poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best together with below best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Grown - Select best few invoices were dearer Rs.20/- per kg and more whilst others together with below best and poorer sorts were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg. CTC's in general were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. High Grown Dust1's in the best and below best categories where quality was maintained gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Balance sold at last levels. Poorer sorts were irregular and mostly dearer. Best Mediums gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others gained to a lesser extent. Select best CTC's gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best and below best gained to a lesser extent. Poorest on offer were firm to irregularly dearer. Best Low Grown declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Below best sold at last levels. Poorer sorts were irregular and mostly lower.

DUST

Clean secondaries sold at last levels. Below best gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. CTC's were firm to irregularly dearer. Better Low Grown sold at last levels. Others were irregular and mostly lower.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1

Select best FBOP's were firm to dearer. Best and well made teas in the below best too were firm to dearer. Others together with teas at the bottom declined following quality. Best FBOP1's were firm to dearer. Others were irregularly lower.

BOP

Select best appreciated. Best and cleaner below best were firm to dearer. Teas at the bottom were irregular and mostly lower following quality.

BOP1

A selection of teas in the best and below best category were firm. Others were barely steady following quality. Balance were fully firm to dearer.

OP1

Were fully firm to dearer with the exception of the poor stalky varieties at the lower end that declined.

OP

Select best were firm. Others too were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer barring the teas at the lower end which were easier.

OPA

Select best together with improved below best were firm. Others were barely steady following quality. At the lower end cleaner types were firm. Others were lower.

PEKOE

Better PEK/PEK1's were firm to dearer. Others commenced irregular but gained Rs.10-15/- per kg and more particularly for the bolder types towards the close. At the lower end too prices were generally firm.

BOPF

Select best and best maintained. Cleaner below best were firm. Others and teas at the bottom declined.

FBOPE/
FBOPF1

Very tippy teas attracted good demand and were substantially dearer. Best and cleaner below best too gained. Others in the below best were firm. Bottom end were irregularly lower following quality. Select best and best FBOPF1's were firm to dearer. Cleaner below best maintained. Others and teas at the bottom declined.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

| SALE OF 20TH/ 21ST JUNE 2017 | | SALE NO. 24 | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| MARK | REGION | GRADE | PRICE |
| Kenilworth | Western Medium | BOP | 790/- |
| Kenilworth | Western Medium | FBOP | 790/- |
| Waltrim | Western High | BOPF | 650/- |
| Florence | CTC High | PF1 | 600/- |
| Florence | CTC High | BP1 | 530/- |
| Carolina | CTC Medium | PF1 | 570/- |
| Strathdon | CTC Medium | BP1 | 550/- |
| Strathdon | CTC Medium | BPS | 540/- |