

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 8TH & 9TH OCTOBER 2019

SALE NO: 40

MARKET STRENGTHENED AS THE SALE PROGRESSED ON A SOMEWHAT HESITANT START.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns were irregular. In the below best category, few select brighter sorts were Rs.20- 30/- per kg dearer whilst the others were irregular and difficult of sale. At the lower end, plainer clean leaf teas were difficult of sale whilst the poorer sorts sold at lower levels. Nuwara Eliyas were irregularly dearer following quality. Udapussellawas - select high priced teas were firm and dearer following special inquiry whilst the others improved following quality. Uvas continued to sell well.

BOPF

Best Westerns were firm and selectively dearer following quality. In the below best category, brighter sorts were firm and irregularly dearer. At the lower end, clean leaf plainer teas were barely steady whilst the others tended dearer. Nuwara Eliyas sold around last. Udapussellawas were barely steady. Uvas - teas in the higher price bracket declined sharply whilst the others were barely steady.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1 - Mostly unsold. PF1s - Few select lines sold around last whilst the others were up to Rs.20/- per kg easier.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1- Difficult of sale. PF1s - Sold around last.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Few select best invoices appreciated whilst others in general were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg following quality. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Grows in general gained Rs.10-15/- per kg. CTC's too followed a similar trend.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more following quality. Improved Dust1's in the best and below best categories which commenced Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer gained further towards the closure. Others and poorer sorts firm to irregularly lower. Better mediums gained Rs.20/- per kg and more following quality. Balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and mostly discounted.

Select best CTC's gained sharply following quality and special inquiry. Best and below best gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others and poorer sorts were firm to irregularly dearer. Better Low Grows sold at last levels. Below best firm to irregularly dearer. Poorest on offer declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

DUST

Few clean secondaries gained sharply following quality and special inquiry. Balance sold at last levels. Below best firm to irregularly lower. Poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. CTC's sold at last levels. Better Low Grows were firm. Others declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

LOW GROWN TEAS

**FBOP/
FBOP1**

Select best FBOP's tended irregular. Best were marginally lower. Bolder below best sorts were firm to dearer. Others maintained. Cleaner teas at the bottom were firm. Others were lower. Select best and best FBOP1's were firm. Teas at the bottom were irregularly lower.

BOP

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

BOP1

Better BOP1's were fully firm to dearer, particularly for a few select best. At the lower end prices though irregular were firm.

OP1

Select best gained. Others and improved best were firm to irregularly dearer. Balance, particularly where quality was not maintained, prices declined.

OP

Better OP's were firm to irregularly dearer. Others and below best types gained Rs.5-10/- per kg and more. Stalky types at the lower end were barely steady.

OPA

Better OPA's maintained. Others and a selection of improved below best types gained Rs.10-15/- per kg. At the lower end too cleaner types gained. Balance were firm.

PEKOE

Better PEK/PEK1's were fully firm to dearer. Others and below best gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

BOPF

Few select best gained following special inquiry. Best maintained. Teas at the bottom lower.

**FBOPF/
FBOPF1**

Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and well made teas in the below best were firm to dearer. Others and teas at the bottom were irregularly lower. Few select best FF1's maintained. Others and teas in the best category were irregularly lower. Cleaner below best sorts were firm to dearer. Others and teas at the bottom were discounted.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 8 TH & 9 TH OCTOBER 2019		SALE NO. 40	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Adisham	Western High	BOPF	750/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	405/-

- All-time record price.