

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 10TH & 11TH MARCH 2020

SALE NO: 10

FAIR GENERAL DEMAND AT IRREGULARLY EASIER RATES.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns - A selection of seasonal teas continued to sell well at firm to dearer rates following special inquiry, others were easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher price bracket declined up to Rs. 50 per kg and were often difficult of sale. Others together with teas at the lower end of the market declined Rs. 20-30 per kg. Nuwara Eliyas continued to sell well following quality. Uva/Uda Pussellawas were irregularly easier following quality.

BOPF

Best Westerns - Few select invoices were firm and dearer following special inquiry, others were easier. Teas in the Below Best category declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. At the lower end, clean leaf teas were firm, whilst the others tended easier. Nuwara Eliyas were barely steady. Uda Pussellawas sold around last though prices fluctuated following quality. Uvas were Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1 - Mostly unsold due to a lack of interest. PF1s - Sold around last levels.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1 - Mostly unsold. PF1s - Sold around last with prices fluctuating following quality.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Few select best invoices were firm on last whilst others together with below best varieties declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. Poorer sorts too declined Rs. 20 per kg. Low Grown - Best and below best varieties were firm to Rs. 10 per kg dearer whilst poorer sorts declined Rs. 20 per kg and more at times. CTC's in general declined Rs. 10-15 per kg.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries declined Rs. 20 per kg. High Grown Dust1's in the best category declined Rs. 20 per kg and more. Below best declined further. Poorer sorts declined sharply. Better Mediums declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. Others and

poorer sorts declined further. Select best CTC's sold at last levels following special inquiry. Best and below best firm to irregularly lower. Poorer sorts sold at last levels. Better Low Grown declined sharply. Below best too followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more.

DUST

Clean secondaries declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Below best too followed a similar trend. Poorest on offer irregular but mostly lower. Better CTC's sold at last levels. Others declined RS. 10-20 per kg and more. Better Low Grown declined sharply. Others declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Poorest on offer sold at last levels.

LOW GROWN TEAS

**FBOP/
FBOP1**

Select best FBOP's were firm. Best tended irregular. Bolder below best varieties were firm to dearer. Others were easier following quality. Best FBOP1's were firm to dearer. Others tended irregular.

BOP

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

BOP1

Select best BOP1's were fully firm while others and cleaner teas in the below best category were dearer. Teas at the lower end were fully firm.

OP1

Select best varieties were fully firm to selectively dearer while others and cleaner varieties were firm. Poorer sorts were fully firm to dearer.

OP

Better OP's were fully firm. Others and cleaner varieties in the below best category were dearer. Cleaner teas at the lower end were fully firm to dearer.

OPA

Better OPA's were fully firm to dearer. Others together with the poorer sorts were dearer by Rs. 10-20 per kg.

PEKOE

Select best PEK/PEK1's were fully firm. Others and particularly bolder varieties in the below best category were dearer. Teas at the lower end were fully firm.

BOPF

Select best and best BOPF maintained. Cleaner below best sorts were firm. Others were discounted following quality.

**FBOPF/
FBOPF1**

Very tippy teas attracted good demand and were substantially dearer. Best and cleaner below best sorts too appreciated. Teas at the bottom tended irregular. Select best and best FF1's were firm. Cleaner below best were firm. Others and teas at the bottom tended irregular.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 10 TH & 11 TH MARCH 2020		SALE NO. 10	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	590/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	440/-
Florence	CTC Medium	PF-1	550/-

- All-time record price.