

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 25TH & 26TH FEBRUARY 2020

SALE NO: 08

SELECT IMPROVED WESTERNS CONTINUED TO MEET WITH GOOD DEMAND, WHILST THE OTHERS WITNESSED LESS INTEREST.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns - Select invoices gained in value at times substantially following quality. Others were irregular. Teas in the Below Best category declined Rs. 30-40 per kg and more, whilst at the lower end, prices eased by Rs. 20 per kg. Nuwara Eliyas - Brighter teas were substantially dearer. Uda Pussellawas were irregular and barely steady. Uvas - Select high priced teas were easier. Others tend to fluctuate following quality and sold around last.

BOPF

In general, majority of the offerings declined Rs. 30-50 per kg, whilst select high price teas of last week showed a greater negative variance. Nuwara Eliyas continued to sell well, although last week's dizzy heights were not achieved. Uda Pussellawas were neglected with a fair weight remaining unsold. Uvas declined Rs. 20-40 per kg.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1 - Irregular and Rs. 10-20 per kg easier. PFls - Declined Rs. 20-40 per kg and more as the sale progressed.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1 - Irregularly easier. PFls - Declined Rs. 20 per kg and more as the sale progressed.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best together with below best varieties declined Rs.10-15 per kg whilst poorer sorts gained Rs. 10 per kg. Low Grown - Best together with below best declined Rs.10-15 per kg whilst poorer sorts gained Rs. 10 per kg. CTC's - Best varieties firm to dearer whilst below best together with poorer sorts were firm to Rs. 10 per kg lower.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries were firm at last levels. Dust1's in the best category declined sharply Rs. 10-20 per kg and further towards the closure. Below best varieties also followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts were firm at last. Better mediums were Rs. 10-20 per kg lower. Others declined further. Select best

CTC's were firm to dearer by Rs. 20-30 per kg and a few gained sharply following special inquiry. Balance too were firm at last levels. Best and below best too were firm. Poorer sorts declined by Rs. 10-20 per kg. Better Low Grows declined Rs. 20-30 per kg. Below best too were irregularly lower by Rs. 10-20 per kg. Poorer sorts were firm at last.

DUST

Clean secondaries irregularly lower by Rs. 10-20 per kg. Below best and poorer sorts too declined by a similar margin. CTC's declined by Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Better Low Grows declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. Others and poorer sorts too declined by a similar margin.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1

Select best FBOP's were firm. Others together with best and below best were easier. Bolder below best FBOP varieties too declined. However teas at the bottom maintained. Select best and best FBOP1's were easier. Balance were firm.

BOP

Few select best BOP's maintained. Balance together with best and below best declined. Teas at the bottom were firm to last.

BOP1

A few select best together with a range of improved below best maintained. Others were irregular and mostly lower. Bottom end teas were fully firm to dearer.

OP1

Select best together with a range of improved below best were dearer. Others were barely steady following quality. Teas at the lower end were fully firm to dearer.

OP

A selection of better teas maintained. Others were easier by Rs. 10-20 per kg. At the lower end prices were fully firm to dearer.

OPA

A selection of best and improved below best maintained. Others were lower. At the lower end prices were fully firm to dearer.

PEKOE

A few select best PEK/PEK1's maintained. Others were mostly lower by Rs. 10-20 per kg and more towards the close of the sale. Bottom end PEK's maintained while the PEK1's were irregular.

BOPE

In general were easier.

FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best sold around last levels. Below best and teas at the bottom were irregularly easier following quality. Select best and best FF1's declined. Few cleaner below best maintained. Balance were easier. Teas at the bottom sold around last levels.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

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MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	OP PEK	700/- 810/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	600/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF-1	570/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BPS	440/-

- All-time record price.