

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 18TH & 19TH APRIL 2020

SALE NO: 14

Covid-19 continues to make historical changes in the tea industry, with two auctions being held in a week (Sale No. 13 & 14). In the industry's determination to keep the wheels in motion, auction dates, prompt dates and catalogue closure dates/sequences have all been dismantled from its traditional systematic and extremely regular procedures.

GOOD DEMAND.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns - Select high priced teas were irregular. In the Below Best category, brighter sorts were firm and tended dearer. Others were Rs. 10-20 per kg lower. Nuwara Eliyas continued to sell well although at easier rates to last. Uda Pussellawas gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more. Uvas sold around last, though irregular following quality.

BOPF

Best Westerns were firm and up to Rs. 20 per kg dearer. Below Best and plainer sorts were Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas - high priced teas were barely steady. Others were substantially dearer. Uda Pussellawas were irregular. Uvas -select coloury invoices gained Rs. 20 per kg and more. Others tended easier.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1's- Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. PF1s - Better sorts were firm and tended dearer. Others were irregular.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1's/PF1's - Irregular.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best together with Below Best varieties declined Rs. 30-40 per kg and more at times. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Grown in general firm on last. CTC's- Best and Below Best firm ,whilst poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-20 per kg.

DUSTS

DUST-1

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LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1

Select Best and Best firm. Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom firm to dearer. Others maintained. FBOP1's in general firm to dearer.

BOP

Select Best and Best BOP's firm. Balance appreciated by Rs. 10-20 per kg.

BOP1

Select Best together with a range of improved teas in the Below Best category gained Rs. 50-100 per kg. Others particularly, the cleaner sorts gained Rs. 10-20 per kg, whilst the balance were firm.

OP1

A selection of improved OP1's gained substantially. Others were fully firm to dearer. At the lower end cleaner teas maintained. Balance were irregular.

OP

Better OP's gained substantially. Others too were fully firm to dearer.

OPA

Select Best together with a range of improved Below Best gained substantially, whilst others were fully firm to dearer barring the poor stalky types at the lower end which were irregular.

PEKOE

Select Best PEK/PEK1's gained Rs. 80-100 per kg. Others too were dearer but to a lesser extent.

BOPF

Select Best and Best firm. Below Best and bottom gained.

FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and Below best dearer. Teas at the bottom too appreciated. Balance were firm on last. Select Best and Best FF1's were firm to dearer. Below Best and teas at the bottom appreciated.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 18 TH & 19 TH APRIL 2020		SALE NO. 14	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	750/-
Waltrim	Western High	BOPF	840/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF-1	630/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	580/-

- All-time record price.