

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 13TH & 14TH MAY 2020

SALE NO: 18

BETTER DEMAND, PARTICULARLY FOR THE BOPF GRADE.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns declined Rs. 20-30 per kg and more. Teas in the Below Best category were irregular and easier, whilst the plainer sorts declined Rs. 30-50 per kg. Nuwara Eliyas were unsold. Uva/Uda Pussellawas were barely steady.

BOPF

Westerns were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas were firm and tended dearer. Uda Pussellawas - neat leaf, coloury sorts were substantially dearer, whilst the others were firm and dearer to a lesser extent. Uvas were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BPls - Rs. 20-40 per kg lower. PFls - Firm.

MEDIUM GROWN

BPls - Irregular. PFls - Sold around last.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties gained Rs. 10-20 per kg. Below best sorts too gained Rs. 20 per kg and more towards the closure of the sale. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 20 per kg. Low Grown - Best and below best firm. Poorer sorts were irregularly lower. CTC's in general firm on last.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. High Grown Dust1's in the best and below best categories where quality was maintained sold at last levels. Balance declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts declined further. Better Mediums declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts were irregular and mostly lower. Select best CTC's sold at last levels following quality. Balance declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg and more. Best and Below Best which commenced Rs. 20-30/- per kg lower gained by a similar margin towards the closure. Poorer sorts too followed a similar trend. Better Low Grown gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more following quality. Below Best

sold at last levels. Poorest on offer were firm to irregularly lower.

DUST

Clean secondaries sold at last levels. Below Best gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. A selection of poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg following quality whilst others were firm to irregularly lower. CTC's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Better Low Grown's firm. Others and poorer sorts were irregular and mostly lower.

LOW GROWN TEAS

**FBOP/
FBOP1**

Few Select Best maintained. Others were irregular. Best were firm. Bolder varieties in the Below Best appreciated. Cleaner teas at the bottom were firm. Others tended irregular. Select Best FBOP1's were firm to dearer. Others sold around last levels.

BOP

Few Select Best were firm. Best too maintained. Teas at the bottom end were firm to dearer.

BOP1

Better BOP1's of last week were irregular and lower, whilst a selection of clean/improved below best maintained. At the lower end too prices were easier barring a few cleaner types that maintained.

OP1

Select Best OP1's were easier. Others were mostly irregular with the exception of a few clean/improved teas that were fully firm. Balance too were easier to last.

OP

Better OP's declined Rs. 20-30 per kg and more, whilst a range of improved below best sorts maintained. Others too were mostly easier to last.

OPA

Better OPA's declined Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst others too were easier Rs. 10-15 per kg.

PEKOE

A few Select Best PEK/PEK1's maintained. All others were mostly easier to last.

BOPF

Select Best tended irregular and at times lower. Best maintained. Cleaner below best maintained. Cleaner teas at the bottom too were firm to dearer. Others tended irregular.

**FBOPF/
FBOPF1**

Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand and were dearer. Best too appreciated. Teas at the bottom were firm, barring the poor leaf sorts. Select Best FF1's maintained. Best tended irregular. Cleaner below best were firm. Teas at the bottom tended irregular following quality.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 13 TH & 14 TH MAY 2020		SALE NO. 18	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	800/-
Adisham	Western High	BOPF	870/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	BP-1 BPS	490/- 490/-

- All-time record price.