

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 8TH, 9TH & 10TH April 2020

SALE NO: 12

FIRST DIGITAL CEYLON TEA AUCTION

Covid 19 has changed the world in many ways and the 137 year old Colombo Tea Auction from its famous outcry system to a digital auction system. Once again, the industry showed its resilience by rising to the occasion in digitalising the auction in a very short period of time, which was facilitated by the Colombo Tea Traders' Association (CTTA) and supported by the Colombo Brokers' Association (CBA) and CICRA Holdings.

IMPROVED WIDESPREAD DEMAND.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns - Select high priced teas were irregular. Others gained Rs. 50-80 per kg and more. Teas in the Below Best and plainer categories gained Rs. 80-100 per kg. Nuwara Eliyas were substantially dearer. Uva/Uda Pussellawas were up to Rs. 100 per kg dearer.

BOPE

Best Westerns - Select high priced teas were irregular and dearer. Others were Rs. 20-40 per kg dearer. Teas in the Below Best category gained Rs. 50-60 per kg and more, whilst at the lower end teas appreciated up to Rs. 100 per kg. Nuwara Eliyas were irregularly dearer. Uva/Uda Pussellawas gained Rs. 100 per kg and more.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

Rs. 50-70 per kg dearer, PFIs - Firm and Rs. 20 per kg dearer following quality.

MEDIUM GROWN

Gained Rs. 50 per kg and more. PFIs - Rs. 20-30 per kg dearer.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best together with Below Best varieties gained Rs. 80-100 per kg and more at times. Poorer sorts too gained Rs. 50 per kg and more. Low Grows in general

gained Rs. 80 per kg and more. CTC's- Best and Below Best gained Rs. 50 per kg, whilst poorer sorts too gained Rs. 30-40 per kg.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select Best Primaries gained Rs. 20-30 per kg. A selection of Well-made Dust1's in the Best and Below best gained Rs. 30-40 per kg. Balance gained to a lesser extent. Poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Better Mediums gained Rs. 20-30 per kg. Others gained Rs. 10-20 per kg. Select Best CTC's sold at last levels. Best and Below Best gained Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Balance along with the poorer sorts followed a similar trend. Better Low Grown gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more. Below Best gained further. Poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-20 per kg.

DUST

Clean secondaries gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more. Below Best too followed a similar trend. Poorest on offer were irregularly dearer. CTC's gained Rs. 10-20 per kg. Others and poorer sorts gained to a lesser extent. Better Low Grown gained Rs. 20-30 per kg and more. Others were firm.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1

Select Best and Best gained in value by Rs. 150 and more. Below Best and teas at the bottom too appreciated by Rs. 120-150 per kg and at times more. FBOP1's in general dearer by Rs. 100-140 per kg.

BOP

In general appreciated by Rs. 140-150 per kg and more.

BOP1

Select Best BOP1's gained Rs. 80-100 per kg and more. All others were dearer Rs. 60-80 per kg.

OP1

Select Best OP1's gained Rs. 100 per kg and more. Others were dearer Rs. 80-100 per kg.

OP

Better OP's gained Rs. 120-140 per kg and more. Others were dearer Rs. 70-90 per kg.

OPA

A range of better OPA's gained Rs. 150-170 per kg and more. Others gained Rs. 100-120 per kg, whilst teas at the lower end gained Rs. 60-80 per kg

PEKOE

Better PEK/PEK1's together with the bolder types gained Rs. 120-140 per kg, whilst others were dearer Rs. 80-100 per kg.

BOPF

Select Best appreciated by Rs. 120-150 per kg and more, whilst the balance gained by Rs. 100 per kg and more.

FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand and appreciated sharply, whilst the balance in general gained value by Rs. 100 per kg and at times more. Select Best and Best FF1's were dearer by Rs. 120-150 per kg and more, whilst others appreciated sharply by Rs. 100-120 per kg and more at times.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 8 TH , 9 TH & 10 TH MARCH 2020		SALE NO. 12	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOP	780/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	525/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	BPS	530/-

- All-time record price.