

COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 11TH & 12TH AUGUST 2020

SALE NO: 31

FAIR DEMAND AT IRREGULAR RATES FOLLOWING QUALITY.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns, where quality was maintained, were firm and Rs. 10-20 per kg dearer, whilst the others sold around last week's levels. In the Below Best category, improved teas gained Rs. 20 per kg, whilst the others were irregular. Plainer sorts were barely steady. Nuwara Eliyas were generally firm. Uda Pussellawas were firm and up to Rs. 10 per kg lower. Uvas - Few select brighter invoices gained Rs. 30-40 per kg, whilst the others sold around last.

BOPF

Best Westerns, where quality was maintained, were firm and up to Rs. 10 per kg lower. In the Below Best category, a selection of clean leaf teas gained Rs. 10-20 per kg, whilst the others were firm and lower by a similar margin. Plainer sorts were barely steady. Nuwara Eliyas were firm. Uda Pussellawas were mostly sold around last week's levels. Uvas - Few select brighter teas gained Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the others sold around last.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Barely steady.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Sold around last week's levels.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were firm on last whilst below best sorts gained Rs. 10-20 per kg following quality. Poorer sorts were firm to irregularly lower. Low Grown FGS - In general gained Rs. 10 per kg. CTC's too followed a similar trend.

DUSTS

DUST-1

A few Select Best primaries were firm to irregularly dearer following special inquiry. High Grows - Best and Below Best categories declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more, whilst the others and poorer sorts sold around last week's closing levels. Better Mediums declined Rs. 10-20 per kg, whilst the others and poorer sorts declined further. A few Select Best CTC's gained sharply following special inquiry, whilst the balance sold at last levels. Best and Below Best sold around last week's closing levels, whilst the other and poorer sorts followed a

similar trend. Better Low Grown declined Rs. 10-20 per kg and more. Below Best along with the poorer sorts were firm to irregularly dearer.

DUST

Clean secondaries sold at last week's levels. Below Best too followed a similar trend, whilst the Poorer sorts declined significantly. CTC's sold at last levels. Low Grown were irregular and mostly dearer.

LOW GROWN TEAS

**FBOP/
FBOP1**

Select best and best FBOP's were easier. Few cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the bottom maintained. Others lower. FBOP1's in general easier.

BOP

Select Best and Best BOP's declined. Few cleaner Below Best maintained. Others were easier.

BOP1

A few select best BOP1's maintained. Other high priced teas were lower following quality. Balance though irregular, were firm.

OP1

High priced teas were irregular and often lower. Balance were fully firm to dearer.

OP

High priced OP's were irregular. Others were fully firm to dearer.

OPA

Better OPA's were barely steady. Others were fully firm to dearer.

PEKOE

PEK's in general were easier Rs. 30-40 per kg and more at the commencement but prices gained as the sale progressed and closed Rs. 10-20 per kg easier. PEK1's too were easier at the commencement but closed fully firm to dearer.

BOPF

Few select best maintained. Others were easier.

**FBOPF/
FBOPF1**

Very Tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best too maintained. Below Best and teas at the bottom were irregular. However, the leafier varieties appreciated. Select Best and Best FF1's declined. Few cleaner Below Best and few cleaner teas at the bottom maintained. Others were easier following quality.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF 11TH & 12TH AUGUST 2020		SALE NO. 31	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOP	870/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	570/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP-1	540/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	BPS	510/-
Florence	CTC High	BP-1	540/-

- All-time record price.