WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT SALE NO: 16 - 23RD/ 24TH APRIL 2018

Improved demand

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns - Selection of teas gained Rs.30-50/- per kg whilst the others sold around last week's levels. Teas in the below best category were irregular and barely steady. Plainer clean leaf teas were firm whilst the poorer sorts tended dearer. Nuwara Eliyas were selectively dearer and at times substantially, following special inquiry. Udapussellawas were irregular. Uvas - selection of teas continued to realize premium prices following special inquiry, others were barely steady.

BOPF

Best Westens gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more for select invoices following special inquiry. Teas in the below best category were irregular with select coloury types gaining Rs.10-20/- per kg. Plainer clean leaf teas were irregularly dearer whilst the poorer leaf types were up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas were saleable this week whilst Udapussellawas which gained Rs.20-30/- per kg at the commencement, were firm and dearer to a lesser extent towards the close. Uvas gained Rs.20-40/- per kg and more following special inquiry.

OP/OPA

Better OP/OPA's were barely steady, others shed Rs.10-20/- per kg.

PEKOE/PEKOE1

A limited selection of liquoring PEK's were lower Rs.50/- per kg and mostly unsellable. Orthodox Leafy PEK1's were marginally easier. PEK's were irregular and mostly lower. Rotovane best PEK's were dearer Rs.30/- per kg following quality and below best were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer. Bottom were firm.

FBOP/FBOPF1

Liquoring Leafy FBOP's shed Rs.50/- per kg and were mostly unsellable. Best Orthodox Leafy FBOP's shed Rs.10/- per kg, others were lower Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best and below best FF1's marginally easier. Poorest shed Rs.10-20/- per kg and more at times.

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP Firm.

BOPF Clean leaf types were Rs.30-40/- per kg dearer. Poorer sorts were firm.

OP/OPA Better OP/OPA's maintained, others declined Rs.10/- per kg.

PEKOE/PEKOE1 PEK1's were firm. PEK's were irregularly lower and mostly unsellable.

Select best FBOP's lower Rs.20/- per kg. Below best and poorest declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and were unsellable towards the closure of the sale. Select

best and below best FF1's lower Rs.10-20/- per kg. Poorer sorts easier Rs.20/-

per kg.

UNORTHODOX TEAS

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Irregular and often difficult of sale. PF1s - Firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg

dearer.

MEDIUM GROWN BP1s - Rs.10/- per kg dearer. PF1s - Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Select invoices were firm, others Rs.20/- per kg lower

whilst poorer sorts gained by a similar margin.

OFF GRADES

Best varieties gained Rs.10-15/- per kg. Below best sorts were dearer Rs.20-FGS1/FGS

25/- per kg and more at times. Poorer sorts were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Low Growns - In general were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg. CTC's - Best varieties were firm whilst below best sorts were dearer Rs.10-15/- per kg. Poorer sorts

were lower Rs.10/- per kg.

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whilst poorer sorts declined Rs.10-15/- per kg. BP's - Best and below best

varieties were firm on last whilst poorer sorts gained Rs.10-15/- per kg.

BOP1A

Best categories were lower Rs.10-15/- per kg. Below best and poorer sorts were

dearer by Rs.10-15/- per kg and more towards the closure.

DUSTS

Select best primaries sold at last levels. A selection of best Dust1's where quality was maintained, sold at last week's closing levels following special

inquiry. Balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Below best varieties too followed a similar trend. Others and poorer sorts declined sharply and were mostly discounted. Best Mediums declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Others declined further. Select best CTC's sold at last levels. Best and below best irregular and mostly lower. Poorer sorts declined Rs.20-30/- per kg. Better Low Growns

declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Below best sold at last levels. Poorest on offer

irregular and mostly lower.

Clean secondaries declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Below best sold at last levels.

Poorest on offer too followed a similar trend. Better CTC's declined Rs.10-20/-per kg. Others declined further. Better Low growns sold at last levels. Others

and poorer sorts declined Rs.10-20/- per kg.

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LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/FBOP1	Select best and best FBOP's were fully firm to dearer whilst below best and cleaner teas at the bottom too appreciated. Balance sold around last levels.
	FBOP1's in general dearer.
ВОР	Select best tended irregular whilst best together with below best and cleaner teas at the bottom maintained. Balance were irregularly lower.
BOP1	Select best though irregular were firm. Others and improved below best were firm to irregularly dearer. Balance were barely steady.
<u>OP1</u>	Select best together with improved/cleaner below best were fully firm to irregularly dearer. Others, particularly where leaf style was not maintained prices
	were lower. At the bottom end cleaner types maintained.
<u>OP</u>	Better OP's were fully firm to dearer. At the lower end cleaner types maintained. Balance were barely steady.
<u>OPA</u>	Select best were firm to marginally dearer. Others and below best gained Rs.5-10/- per kg and more. At the lower end prices were barely steady particularly for
	the stalky types.
<u>PEKOE</u>	High priced PEK1's were barely steady. All others were fully firm to dearer. PEK's too were fully firm to dearer barring the poor teas at the lower end.
BOPF	Few select best maintained. Balance together with best declined. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the bottom were firm to dearer. Others sold around last
FBOPF/FBOPF1	levels. Very tippy teas continued to attract good demand and were fully firm to dearer. Best and below best were irregular and mostly lower. Balance declined following quality. Select best and best FBOPF1's were irregular whilst few cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the bottom sold around last levels. Balance declined.

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