

WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT
SALE NO: 8 - 20TH/ 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

Select seasonal teas met with improved demand, others less demand and irregularly easier.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns, select range of seasonal teas appreciated substantially following special inquiry, others were irregular and easier. In the below best category few select brighter invoices were firm and Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer, others were barely steady. Plainer sorts were firm and up to Rs.10/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliyas - few select invoices gained Rs.50/- per kg and more following special inquiry whilst the others were barely steady. Udapussellawas were Rs.10/- per kg easier. Uvas - select range of teas Rs.20-30/- per kg dearer, others firm.

BOPE

Best Westerns Rs.20-40/- per kg easier. Teas in the below best category were Rs.20/- per kg lower. Plainer sorts declined Rs.30/- per kg with many invoices remaining unsold due to lack of bids. Nuwara Eliyas firm and up to Rs.40/- per kg dearer. Udapussellawas Rs.20-40/- per kg easier following quality. Uvas - few select invoices up to Rs.30/- per kg dearer, others lower by a similar margin.

OP/OPA

Better OP/OPA's barely steady, others maintained.

PEKOE/PEKOE1

A limited selection of liquoring PEK's were firm. Orthodox Leafy PEK's were marginally easier whilst PEK1's were firm. Rotovane PEK's met with poor demand and were mostly unsellable.

FBOP/BOPE1

Liquoring Leafy FBOP's met with good demand and gained Rs.10-20/- per kg. Orthodox Leafy FBOP's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best FF1's firm, others declined Rs.10/- per kg and more at times.

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP

Generally firm.

BOPE

Declined Rs.20-30/- per kg and more for the poorer sorts with many withdrawals due to lack of bids.

OP/OPA

OP/OPA's irregularly easier.

PEKOE/PEKOE1

PEK1's firm to dearer. PEK's marginally easier.

FBOP/BOPE1

Select best and below best FBOP's declined Rs.10/- per kg. Poorest firm to marginally easier. Select best FF1's gained selectively. Below best and poorer sorts eased Rs.10-20/- per kg.

LOW GROWN TEAS

<u>FBOP/FBOP1</u>	<i>Few select best FBOP's maintained. Best and below best were lower. Few cleaner teas at the bottom were firm to dearer. Others were lower. Best FBOP1's maintained. All others were lower.</i>
<u>BOP</u>	<i>Select best maintained. Others declined marginally.</i>
<u>BOP1</u>	<i>A few high priced teas together with a limited selection of teas in the best category maintained. All others were irregular and lower particularly for the teas at the lower end.</i>
<u>OPI</u>	<i>A range of select best teas together with clean below best types maintained. Other were mostly lower. At the lower end however prices were fully firm to dearer for the cleaner types.</i>
<u>OP</u>	<i>A selection of better teas were fully firm to selectively dearer. Others were irregular following quality. At the lower end prices were fully firm to dearer.</i>
<u>OPA</u>	<i>A few select best maintained. Other high priced teas were easier. A range of best and below best teas too maintained whilst others were irregular. At the lower end however prices were fully firm to dearer.</i>
<u>PEKOE</u>	<i>High priced PEK1's were barely steady. All others were fully firm to dearer. Better PEK's were barely steady. Others which were irregular at the commencement gained marginally to close at fully firm to marginally dearer rates. At the lower end too prices were firm.</i>
<u>BOPF</u>	<i>Few select best on offer maintained. Others were lower.</i>
<u>FBOPF/FBOPF1</u>	<i>Very tippy teas maintained. Best sold on last levels. Below best and bottom declined. Few select best FBOPF1's were firm. All others eased.</i>

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