Tea

Softs

Leaves of Camellia sinensis, withered, rolled, oxidized and dried, then sold at auction or by contract.

Key facts

World production, 2024
32.7 million tonnes

Top producer
China, 50%

Top exporter, tea (HS 0902), 2024
Kenya, 18% of export value

Benchmark price, September 2026
$2.85/kg
Average of three auctions; -3% over 12 months

HS code
0902 Tea, whether or not flavoured

FAOSTAT item
667 Tea leaves

Also called
tea leaves, black tea, green tea, camellia sinensis

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	16.3 million	50%
India	6.2 million	19%
Kenya	2.7 million	8.2%

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Sri Lanka	1.5 million	4.6%
Turkey (Türkiye)	1.4 million	4.3%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Kenya	1.4 billion USD	18%
Sri Lanka	1.4 billion USD	18%
China	1.3 billion USD	17%
India	843.1 million USD	11%
Poland	269.1 million USD	3.5%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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