

Sale 5 - January 21, 2023

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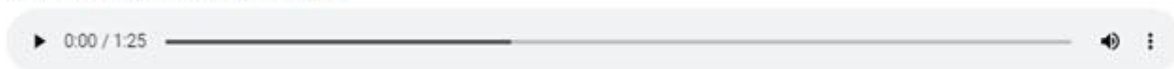
Darjeeling Continues to Seek Board Interventions

Darjeeling tea planters have expressed concerns over the rampant influx of teas from Nepal for several years. Disappointed to see no allocation in the Union Budget, planters and their supporters in Parliament urged the Tea Board of India and the Commerce Ministry to control imports from Nepal while ensuring proper food safety (FSSAI) checks.

Takeaways

- Nilgiris small tea farmers face losses following recent heavy frost, which has hampered harvest.
- Good demand at auctions in Kolkata and Cochin

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Darjeeling tea planters have resumed their demands to control imports from Nepal. Member of the Parliament from Darjeeling, Raju Bista, raised the issues concerning unchecked imports and lack of sufficient testing of these teas, which is having a significant impact on the GI-protected Darjeeling tea. The response is that the tea board will ensure that the directives related to declaring the origin of imports, storing imported tea, and properly labeling the origin of tea in the blend are done. - [Telegraph of India](#)

Farmers have claimed severe financial losses in the Nilgiris following the recent severe frost. Media reports say that tea gardens saw severe damage to the bushes. The harvest has been affected, and they are seeking compensation from the government.

Tea Prices

Sale 5 saw 11,345 tons of tea on offer at auctions with an average price of Rs 140 per kilo. This is a slightly higher volume compared to 2022 and

2021. The top three grades are BP, BOPSM, and BOP, followed by various Dust and Fanning grades.

Kolkata saw good demand from major blenders for CTC and Dust grades, while the Middle East and CIS countries are still active for Orthodox.

Auction averages were lower than Sale 4 but higher than or similar to Sale 5 in 2022. Guwahati was similar to the previous week, with volumes on sale slightly lower.

Tea Prices Sale 4 vs. Sale 3 North India

Season		Sale No		Season		Sale No							
2023		4		2023		3							
2023-4						2023-3					Change %		
Tea Type	Sold Qty (tons)	Price/kg	Offer Qty (tons)	Unsold Qty (tons)	Sold%	Sold Qty (tons)	Price/kg	Offer Qty (tons)	Unsold Qty (tons)	Sold%	Sold Qty%	Price/kg%	Offer Qty%
CTCLEAF	5063	144	6738	1675	75%	7079	141	10123	3044	70%	-28%	2%	-33%
CTCDUST	1407	151	1672	266	84%	1669	150	2145	475	78%	-16%	1%	-22%
ORTHODOXLEAF	973	179	1107	134	88%	1053	183	1290	237	82%	-8%	-2%	-14%
ORTHODOXDUST	90	113	96	6	93%	74	117	76	3	97%	22%	-4%	26%
DARJEELINGLEAF	40	143	60	20	66%	36	148	71	36	50%	11%	-3%	-16%
GREENLEAF	1	277	1	0	100%	0	124	0	0	29%	418%	125%	49%
Total	7573	150	9675	2102	78%	9910	147	13705	3795	72%	-24%	2%	-29%

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Tea Prices Sale 4 vs. Sale 3 South India

Season		Sale No		Season		Sale No							
2023		4		2023		3							
2023-4						2023-3					Change %		
Tea Type	Sold Qty (tons)	Price/kg	Offer Qty (tons)	Unsold Qty (tons)	Sold%	Sold Qty (tons)	Price/kg	Offer Qty (tons)	Unsold Qty (tons)	Sold%	Sold Qty%	Price/kg%	Offer Qty%
CTCDUST	1122	143	1166	43	96%	1237	138	1307	71	95%	-9%	4%	-11%
CTCLEAF	830	116	967	138	86%	755	114	1092	337	69%	10%	1%	-11%
ORTHODOXLEAF	226	158	345	119	66%	263	164	408	145	64%	-14%	-3%	-15%
ORTHODOXDUST	31	111	32	1	96%	38	103	40	2	95%	-20%	8%	-21%
GREENLEAF						0	300	0	0	50%	-100%	-100%	-100%
Total	2209	134	2510	301	88%	2293	133	2848	555	81%	-4%	1%	-12%

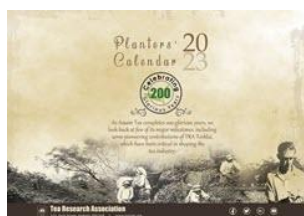
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Tea Price charts, courtesy [TSigma Consultancy](#)

Weather & Production (climate impact)

Weather has been dry over Upper Assam, with cloudy weather and light rain predicted over parts of the state. Some rain is expected in Darjeeling as well. Kangra is seeing light rain or snow in places.

[Source: India Meteorological Department](#)



Tocklai Tea Research Institute

Each year, the tea institute at Tocklai, Assam, produces a calendar with information helpful to planters. Click to download the [Tea Planters Calendar 2023](#).

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