

[Tea Price Report](#)

Sale 1

January 3, 2023

Headline

This week saw the beginning of celebrations of 200 years of Assam tea. The celebrations are expected to continue year-long and were kickstarted with the release of a book, *200 years of Assam Tea*, by Dr. Pradip Baruah.



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Tea Prices

North Indian tea gardens are closed for the winter, but auctions continued this week. Sale 1 saw 5,565 tons of tea on offer, of which 3,590 tons were sold. The average price was Rs 149 per kilo, with tea from Arunachal Pradesh's East Siang district topping the list at Rs 254/ kilo.

In Kolkata Sale 1, prices dropped compared with the previous week. 72 tons of Darjeeling was on offer and about half sold, with prices averaging Rs 223/ kilo. Orthodox saw a sale percentage of 72%, averaging Rs 183/kilo, with CIS countries active. CTC saw better demand, with 61% sales at an average price of Rs 169/kilo.

In Guwahati, Hindustan Unilever was the top buyer for CTC, purchasing 401 tons. The overall sale was 65%. 96 tons of orthodox was on offer, and a little over half was sold for an average price of Rs 191/kilo.

Hindustan Unilever was also active in Siliguri and was the top buyer for the CTC tea here this week.

Cochin saw a good week in the south, with 97% of CTC sold.

AV Thomas was the main buyer picking up nearly a third of the offering. Coonoor saw a cumulative 79% tea on offer sold for an average price of Rs 113/ kilo.

Tea Prices Sale 49 North India

| Tea Type | 2022-49 | | | | | 2022-48 | | | | | Change % | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | 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 | 9593 | 177 | 14432 | 4839 | 66% | 9130 | 177 | 14665 | 5535 | 62% | 5% | -0% | -2% |
| CTCDUST | 2662 | 186 | 3777 | 1115 | 70% | 2666 | 192 | 3723 | 1057 | 72% | -0% | -3% | 1% |
| ORTHODOXLEAF | 1320 | 247 | 1653 | 333 | 80% | 1333 | 262 | 1567 | 234 | 85% | -1% | -5% | 6% |
| DARJEELINGLEAF | 51 | 305 | 84 | 33 | 60% | 41 | 359 | 67 | 26 | 61% | 25% | -15% | 26% |
| ORTHODOXDUST | 57 | 126 | 62 | 5 | 92% | 69 | 132 | 76 | 7 | 90% | -18% | -5% | -19% |
| GREENLEAF | 0 | 351 | 0 | 0 | 47% | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0% | | | -15% |
| Total | 13683 | 185 | 20008 | 6325 | 68% | 13239 | 189 | 20099 | 6859 | 66% | 3% | -2% | -0% |

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Tea Prices Sale 49 South India

| Tea Type | 2022-49 | | | | | 2022-48 | | | | | Change % | | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | 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 | 1304 | 124 | 1949 | 645 | 67% | 1124 | 127 | 2131 | 1007 | 53% | 16% | -2% | -9% |
| CTCLEAF | 1276 | 107 | 1870 | 594 | 68% | 1193 | 110 | 1895 | 702 | 63% | 7% | -2% | -1% |
| ORTHODOXLEAF | 360 | 167 | 499 | 139 | 72% | 83 | 139 | 141 | 58 | 59% | 335% | 19% | 254% |
| ORTHODOXDUST | 47 | 100 | 95 | 49 | 49% | 40 | 104 | 72 | 31 | 56% | 16% | -4% | 33% |
| GREENLEAF | 0 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 100% | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0% | | | -50% |
| Total | 2987 | 122 | 4413 | 1426 | 68% | 2440 | 118 | 4239 | 1799 | 58% | 22% | 3% | 4% |

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Tea Price charts, courtesy [TSigma Consultancy](https://TSigmaConsultancy)

Weather and Production (climate impact)

Extreme weather significantly impacts tea auction prices. Natural disasters such as typhoons, droughts, hail, and heavy rainfall disrupt tea production, leading to a decrease in supply and an increase in prices. Favorable weather conditions can lead to higher crop yields and a surplus of tea, causing a decrease in prices. Additionally, the quality of tea is affected by extreme weather, with lower-quality teas fetching lower prices at auction. The effect of extreme weather on tea auction prices depends on the specific conditions and the tea-growing region affected. Tea Biz reports on conditions in North and South India.



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