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Kenya is the 3rd leading producer of black tea in the world accounting for 10% of the total world tea production and the largest exporter of tea in the world accounting for 22% of the total world tea exports. 10% of the Kenyan population depend on tea and tea contributes 4% of the country's GDP and 26% of the country's export earnings. The tea industry has also contributed significantly to rural development in the country.

Table 1: Production by Sub-Sector and Region (2015 vis-à-vis 2014)

PRODUCTION (KGS)		Dec 2015	Dec 2014	Variance +/-	Var.(%)	Jan-Dec 2015	Jan-Dec 2014	Variance +/-	Var.(%)
Plantation	West of Rift	16,632,461	15,167,719	1,464,742	9.66%	144,479,427	165,468,048	- 20,988,621	12.68%
	East of Rift	2,108,910	1,785,741	323,169	18.10%	17,135,640	17,218,075	- 82,435	-0.48%
	Total	18,741,371	16,953,460	1,787,911	10.55%	161,615,067	182,686,123	- 21,071,056	11.53%
Smallholder	West of Rift	11,292,899	12,117,262	824,363	-6.80%	97,057,574	109,597,020	- 12,539,446	11.44%
	East of Rift	16,353,190	16,000,063	353,127	2.21%	140,538,723	152,821,591	- 12,282,868	-8.04%
	Total	27,646,089	28,117,325	471,236	-1.68%	237,596,297	262,418,611	- 24,822,314	-9.46%
Plantation & Smallholder	West of Rift	27,925,360	27,284,981	640,379	2.35%	241,537,001	275,065,068	- 33,528,067	12.19%
	East of Rift	18,462,100	17,785,804	676,296	3.80%	157,674,363	170,039,666	- 12,365,303	-7.27%
	Total	46,387,460	45,070,785	1,316,675	2.92%	399,211,364	445,104,734	- 45,893,370	10.31%

Table 2: Production by County (2015 vis-à-vis 2014)

COUNTY	DEC 2015	DEC 2014	VARIANCE (+ / -)	PERCENT VARIANCE	JAN / DEC 2015	JAN / DEC 2014	VARIANCE (+ / -)	PERCENT VARIANCE
WEST OF RIFT								
KERICHO	7,848,986	7,394,069	454,917	6.15%	65,657,513	75,676,067	- 10,018,554	- 13.24%
BOMET	7,210,327	7,062,911	147,416	2.09%	62,027,888	67,422,272	- 5,394,384	- 8.00%
TRANS-NZOIA	204,778	194,047	10,731	5.53%	1,763,003	1,766,677	- 3,674	- 0.21%
KAKAMEGA	315,790	285,847	29,943	10.48%	3,015,030	3,319,732	- 304,702	- 9.18%
NANDI	6,195,344	5,555,682	639,662	11.51%	57,262,436	66,084,006	- 8,821,570	- 13.35%
NYAMIRA	2,841,950	2,413,423	428,527	17.76%	22,762,129	28,167,646	- 5,405,517	- 19.19%
KISII	2,729,420	3,916,461	- 1,187,041	- 30.31%	24,125,915	26,046,252	- 1,920,337	- 7.37%
NAKURU	578,765	462,541	116,224	25.13%	4,923,087	6,582,416	- 1,659,329	- 25.21%
SUB-TOTAL WEST	27,925,360	27,284,981	640,379	2.35%	241,537,001	275,065,068	- 33,528,067	- 12.19%
EAST OF RIFT								
KIAMBU	4,685,850	4,229,210	456,640	10.80%	37,516,973	38,706,460	- 1,189,487	- 3.07%
MURANGA	5,134,540	4,817,630	316,910	6.58%	42,986,854	46,061,994	- 3,075,140	- 6.68%
MERU	2,476,939	2,393,539	83,400	3.48%	25,680,070	27,080,793	- 1,400,723	- 5.17%
THARAKA - NITHI	441,564	425,022	16,542	3.89%	3,771,839	3,906,808	- 134,969	- 3.45%
NYERI	2,249,258	2,416,448	- 167,190	- 6.92%	19,081,804	22,554,919	- 3,473,115	- 15.40%
KIRINYAGA	2,033,184	2,059,095	- 25,911	- 1.26%	17,575,818	19,315,738	- 1,739,920	- 9.01%
EMBU	1,440,765	1,444,860	- 4,095	- 0.28%	11,061,005	12,412,954	- 1,351,949	- 10.89%
SUB-TOTAL EAST	18,462,100	17,785,804	676,296	3.80%	157,674,363	170,039,666	- 12,365,303	- 7.27%
GRAND TOTAL	46,387,460	45,070,785	1,316,675	2.92%	399,211,364	445,104,734	- 45,893,370	- 10.31%

Table 3: Kenya Tea Exports by Destination (Jan.- Dec. 2015 vis-à-vis Jan.- Dec. 2014)

DESTINATION	2015 QUANTITY KGS	2014 QUANTITY KGS
PAKISTAN	116,435,448	105,679,860
EGYPT	77,189,409	101,947,308
UK	45,137,669	53,275,126
AFGHANISTAN	41,608,705	45,445,982
U.A.E	37,767,697	41,461,938
RUSSIA	22,812,584	27,567,457
SUDAN	19,946,067	27,772,828
YEMEN	13,591,969	17,072,698
KAZAKHSTAN	8,731,698	13,355,957
POLAND	7,559,126	6,714,418
SOMALIA	4,772,110	4,352,634
NIGERIA	4,265,196	3,695,605
SAUDI ARABIA	4,187,983	3,489,159
U.S.A.	3,842,249	5,094,945
IRAN	3,513,768	8,257,006
INDIA	3,426,462	4,454,278
IRELAND	3,291,017	3,821,714
BANGLADESH	2,412,834	-
CHILE	2,121,777	1,933,287
INDONESIA	1,981,682	2,217,957
JAPAN	1,878,666	1,454,477
NETHERLANDS	1,825,876	2,545,196
MALAYSIA	1,746,909	1,472,614
TURKEY	1,713,974	1,888,143
JORDAN	1,509,520	-
OMAN	1,359,369	2,624,529
CHINA	1,195,830	935,600
SOUTH AFRICA	935,873	778,620
GERMANY	853,622	940,462
UKRAINE	781,240	924,667
CANADA	720,893	1,792,117
VIETNAM	704,739	686,350
BELGIUM	490,920	206,320
CHAD	420,536	583,538
ERITREA	390,000	307,893
SRI LANKA	331,989	738,430
UZBEKISTAN	276,309	367,381
MYANMAR	274,043	398,360
SINGAPORE	216,669	323,670
NEW ZEALAND	185,830	91,220
DJIBOUTI	176,000	1,587,663
MAURITIUS	169,804	20,000
SWITZERLAND	140,100	93,920
UGANDA	92,311	274,400
TAIWAN	73,490	301,316
AUSTRALIA	64,389	18,865

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LATVIA	56,588	8,120
GEORGIA	55,856	49,700
KYRGZSTAN	48,200	59,350
ISRAEL	36,000	24,000
BRAZIL	35,500	45,900
AZERBAIJAN	25,000	14,800
SPAIN	22,328	-
IRAQ	13,880	-
BELARUS	11,700	13,575
HONG KONG	11,564	-
COMOROS	7,000	-
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	5,432	-
GREECE	5,000	12,842
TANZANIA	2,720	15,380
CZECH REPUBLIC	100	700
CAMEROON	-	74,572
SYRIA	-	26,840
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	-	25,236
SOUTH SUDAN	-	20,024
FINLAND	-	11,375
SEYCHELLES	-	9,000
ITALY	-	2,300
GRAND TOTAL	443,461,219	499,379,622