



The Table Rock Tea Consortium is an informal affiliation of tea farmers local to the Table Rock Mountain area, with Table Rock Tea Company, Ltd. as its central processing facility.

How does it Work?

- Anyone interested in planting tea (*Camellia sinensis*) on a larger scale than personal use may join the consortium.
- Tea plants and seeds are bought in bulk from Table Rock Tea Company to be planted by the farmer on the farmer's land.
- Table Rock Tea Company provides training and expertise to the farmer to become a successful grower.
- Following standardized harvesting guidelines, the farmer will be able to sell bulk quantity fresh leaves to Table Rock Tea Company as a consistent, primary buyer.
- Fresh leaves are brought to Table Rock Tea Company's central processing facility, where they will be weighed and paid for at a set market price per pound.

What are the Benefits to the Farmer?

- Tea can be planted almost anywhere in the Table Rock area, allowing the farmer to gain profitable use from otherwise unproductive land.
- Farmers own their land and their plants.
- Farmers have a consistent, local, immediate buyer for their bulk harvest.
- Tea is fairly easy to maintain and is typically ready to harvest at 4-6 years old. Plants bought from Table Rock Tea Company are already 1 ½-years old. Tea plants remain productive for an average of 50 years and can live into the hundreds.
- *Camellia sinensis* is an excellent landscaping plant that looks good even if the farmer no longer wishes to harvest for profit.