



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*) within a 1-hour drive from TRTCo may join the Consortium.
- Consortium farmers buy tea plants and seeds from TRTCo to be planted by the farmer on the farmer's land. Membership requires a 100-plant minimum initial purchase. You own your land, you own your plants, and you can do with them as you please.
- TRTCo provides training, expertise, and additional resources to Consortium farmers to help them become successful tea growers.
- When plants are ready to harvest, Consortium farmers, following standardized harvesting guidelines, are approved to bring fresh leaves to TRTCo's central processing facility where they will be weighed and bought by TRTCo 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.
- No contracts! Farmers own their land and their plants.
- Farmers have a consistent, local, immediate buyer for their bulk tea harvest.
- Tea is fairly easy to maintain and is typically ready to harvest at 4-6 years old. Plants bought from TRTCo are 1-year old. Tea plants remain productive for an average of 50-80 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.