



Production and Consumption of Tea in the World

The Tea Producing District in the World

Tea is a typical preferable beverage as well as coffee. Therefore, tea is produced in a lot of countries. China is the one of the largest tea producing country that produces non-fermented tea (Green tea) semi-fermented tea(Oolong tea) and

various kind of fermented tea(Black tea).

Other than in China,Oolong tea is produced mainly in Taiwan. Black tea is produced in India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Kenya, etc.. Green tea is produced also in the old Soviet Union, Japan, and some other places.



North India



A minority race in China



Taiwan



Darjeeling



Kenya



Sri Lanka



Indonesia



Vietnam



India

Old Soviet Union

China

Japan

India

Vietnam

Sri Lanka

Kenya

Indonesia

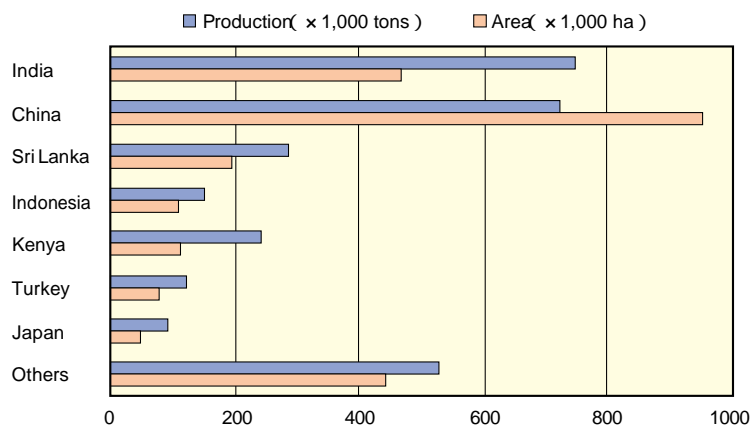
Australia

Production of Tea in the World

The annual production of tea in the world is about 2.9 million tons. The most production of tea and the largest areas under tea planting are belonged to India and China respectively. Tea production in India is about 750,000 tons. China's tea area is

950,000 hectares. Recently, Kenya and Turkey remarkably increase their production. In Japan, in spite of limited areas(about 50,000 ha) the amount of production(about 90,000 tons)is large enough, as well as Kenya.

Production and area of tea in the world (FAO,1999-2000)



Consumption of Tea

A lot of tea is consumed in British countries such as Ireland and United Kingdom, and also in the countries where tea is produced. In USA and European countries, the consumption of tea is lower than that of coffee. Also in Japan, the consumption of tea is only 760 g per a head per a year(approximately one third of coffee).

In Japan, tea consumption(money basis)in the home is about 16 percent of all drinks. During last two decades, the consumption of tea has been continuously decreasing. This tendency suits as results of change in Japanese meal and life style. By far green tea had been served only with hot water inside tea cups. Recently, however, new goods of green tea in cans and PET bottles were developed and the demand for these is largely increased.

In Japan, tea consumption(money basis)in the

Consumption of drinks in the home in Japan

