

Sri Lanka - Cost of Production of Made Tea per Kilo - 1979

Tea Commissioner - Ministry of Plantation Industries

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Overview

Identification

ID NUMBER

LKA-STB-CPT-1979-v1.0

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

V1.0: Full edited dataset, for internal DPD Use

PRODUCTION DATE

1980-01-01

Overview

ABSTRACT

The cost of production of tea estimates are based on a survey carried out jointly by the Department of Census and Statistics and the Tea Commissioner's Division - Sri Lanka Tea Board.

Brief History

Sri Lanka Tea Board was established on 1st January 1976 by amalgamating the Tea Control Department, Tea Export Commissioner's Department, Ceylon tea Propaganda Board and the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka under the Sri Lanka Tea Board law No. 14 of 1975 as amended by Act No. 17 of 1985, No. 14 of 1990, No. 29 of 2003 and No. 44 of 2006.

In the year 1994 the Tea Research Institute separated from the Sri Lanka Tea Board law and came under the Tea Research Board established under the Tea Research Board Act. No. 52 of 1993.

The Primary objectives of the Sri Lanka Tea Board under the above act are the Development of the Tea Industry in Sri Lanka, promotion of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) Tea globally, implementing Regulatory requirements of the tea industry. The major regulatory activities of the tea industry covering production, cultivating and replanting, establishment of tea factories, their operation, regulate Colombo Tea Auction, maintaining quality standards of tea, packaging and warehousing requirements etc framed both under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law and the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957 and the Tea (Tax and Control of Exports) Act No. 16 of 1959.

Tea is grown in the cold climate - usually in the hill country. In Sri Lanka, Tea plantations which are called tea estates are clustered into three regions according to their elevation from mean sea level. The teas coming from estates located in the regions of the highest elevation is called High grown tea or Up-country tea which is famous as the best tea in the world. Low grown tea also grows in cold climates especially in the southern hilly region where the elevation is not as high as of the Up-country. The three kinds of teas thus produced by Sri Lanka have their own characteristics such as flavour, color, texture etc. specific to the elevation.

A tea estate is normally managed by a superintendent who has to report to a private owner (provided the estate is owned by a private owner) or a plantation company handling multiple estates. Some estates have their own factories, those who do not own a factory supply their green leaf to a nearby factory for processing where they are paid at a weekly rate declared by the government taking the market conditions into into account. The teas purchased from outside estates by a factory are called Bought leaf.

The number of workers employed in a large tea estate can well exceed thousand. Some of them are resident in the estate. The activities that the workers perform are monitored on a daily basis such as plucking, pruning, fertilizing and so forth. The cost of production of made tea is a good indicator of measuring the performance of an estate. Therefore all costs are closely monitored. To facilitate this, a special kind of ledger called the CHECKROLL is used in the offices of the factory and the estates. This is like a day book. The estate can decide on the type of checkrolls they are maintaining in order to simplify the recording of various types of estate costs as well as the tasks assigned to workers and the material quantities utilized.

Some examples of different checkrolls are daily wages checkroll, fertilizer checkroll, factory process checkroll etc. The daily wages checkroll has a name column and thirty one columns for each month. In the name column the worker's name is recorded. Any task he is assigned to on a particular day is recorded with a task code in the day's column against his name.

Each activity has a task code. At the end of the month the costs are analyzed by the task codes to obtain payables and to work out accounting entries.

KIND OF DATA

Administrative records data [adm]

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Tea factory

Scope

NOTES

The purpose of this operation is to determine the Cost of production of Made Tea per kilo for the year per each factory categorized into High, Mid and Low grown areas.

This scope includes :

Extent of plantation under Bearing and non-bearing by V.P and Seedling

Quantity of tea produced in factory categorized by estate leaf and bought leaf

Expenditure incurred during the year on

Replanting

Upkeep and cultivation

Green leaf

Manufacturing

General expenses

Marketing, Management and other expenses

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National Coverage of Tea estates under the ownership of Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation, Janatha Estate Development Board, Cooperatives, Other tea manufacturing organizations and private estates.

UNIVERSE

This data collection operation covered all tea factories in the High grown, Mid grown and Low grown elevations in Sri Lanka.

Producers and Sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

Name	Affiliation
Tea Commissioner	Ministry of Plantation Industries

FUNDING

Name	Abbreviation	Role
Sri Lanka Tea Board	STB	Source of funds

Metadata Production

METADATA PRODUCED BY

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Department of Census and Statistics	DCS	Ministry of Finance and Planning	Processing data
The Tea Commissioner		Sri Lanka Tea Board	Collecting data

DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2009-08-14

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 1.0 (2009)

DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI-LKA-STB-CPT-1979-v1.0

Sampling

No content available

Questionnaires

Overview

The purpose of the questionnaire is to collect data pertaining to the cost of production of made tea by each factory. Therefore the quantity of tea produced and cost incurred were important.

The quantity of tea produced depend on two figures viz green leaf produced by the estate if the factory is the property of the estate and the bought leaf supplied to the factory by the registered outside estate owners.

The extent of the tea planted in the estate is need.

Cost of production of tea includes the following costs:

Replanting costs (uprooting, conservation of soil, planting materials and planting, fertilizer, weeding)

Upkeep and cultivation (labour, materials/tools, transport)

Green leaf cost (estate leaf and bought leaf)

Manufacturing costs

General charges (staff, admin charges, marketing and management charges)

Quantity of tea produced by the factory

Data Collection

Data Collection Dates

Start	End	Cycle
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Data Collection Mode

Mail Questionnaire [mail]

Data Collectors

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation

SUPERVISION

Each estate / factory has its own office. The main register in recording all estate activities such as routine expenses, daily labour hours, etc is the checkroll. The estate / factory staff record the information in the checkroll. At the end of the month total figures are posted from the checkroll to the ledgers.

Data Processing

Data Editing

A simple form has been administered to collect the information as this operation is an administrative record keeping activity. The data filled in the form must be in consistence with the figures in the books maintained by the estate / factory.

Against each cost item, a unit cost column is provided in the questionnaire. This has to be computed by the estate / factory staff. The unit cost figure helps the staff to know whether the cost figures they provide are consistent.

Data Appraisal

No content available

File Description

Variable List

Rec1

Content	Record type 1 records pertaining to the microdata file constitute this file.
Cases	383
Variable(s)	11
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	
Missing Data	

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V1	REC\$TYPE		discrete	character	
V2	RECID	Record ID	contin	numeric	
V3	EXTBRVP	Extent in Bearing - V.P.	contin	numeric	
V4	EXTNBRVP	Extent not in Bearing - V.P.	contin	numeric	
V5	EXTBRSEED	Extent in Bearing - Seedling	contin	numeric	
V6	EXTNBRSEED	Extent not in Bearing - Seedling	contin	numeric	
V7	EXTTOT	Extent total in Hectares	contin	numeric	
V8	QTYESTLEAF	Qty of Tea Produced in factory from estate leaf	contin	numeric	
V9	QTYBGTLEAF	Qty of Tea Produced in factory from bought leaf	contin	numeric	
V10	QTYTOT	Qty of Tea Produced Total	contin	numeric	
V11	UNKNOWN	Unknown Field	contin	numeric	

Rec2

Content	Record type 2 records pertaining to the microdata file constitute this file.
Cases	1511
Variable(s)	22
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	
Missing Data	

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V44	REC\$TYPE		discrete	character	
V45	RECID	Record ID	contin	numeric	
V46	CODEA	Cost item.	contin	numeric	
V47	COSTA	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V48	CODEB	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V49	COSTB	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V50	CODEC	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V51	COSTC	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V52	CODED	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V53	COSTD	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V54	CODEE	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V55	COSTE	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V56	CODEF	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V57	COSTF	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V58	CODEG	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V59	COSTG	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V60	CODEH	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V61	COSTH	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V62	CODEI	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V63	COSTI	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	
V64	CODEJ	Cost item	contin	numeric	
V65	COSTJ	Cost (Rs)	contin	numeric	

Rec3

Content	Record type 3 records pertaining to the microdata file constitute this file.
Cases	382
Variable(s)	10
Structure	Type: Keys: ()
Version	
Producer	
Missing Data	

Variables

ID	Name	Label	Type	Format	Question
V34	REC\$TYPE		discrete	character	
V35	RECID	Record ID	contin	numeric	
V36	UPROOTING	Uprooting area	contin	numeric	
V37	UPROOTCOST	Uprooting cost	contin	numeric	
V38	PLANTING_AREA	Planting area	contin	numeric	
V39	PLANTING_COST	Planting cost	contin	numeric	
V40	FERTILIZER_AREA	Fertilizer area	contin	numeric	
V41	FERTILIZER_COST	Fertilizer cost	contin	numeric	
V42	WEEDING_AREA	Weeding area	contin	numeric	
V43	WEEDING_COST	Weeding cost	contin	numeric	

(REC\$TYPE)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 383
Format: character	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	

Record ID (RECID)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 383
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1001
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3097
Range: 1001-3097	Mean: 1868.4
	Standard deviation: 784.9

Extent in Bearing - V.P. (EXTBRVP)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 362
Format: numeric	Invalid: 21
Width: 7	Minimum: 0.8
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 491
Range: 0.8-491	Mean: 49.6
	Standard deviation: 52.7

Extent not in Bearing - V.P. (EXTNBRVP)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 257
Format: numeric	Invalid: 126
Width: 7	Minimum: 0.3
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 265.1
Range: 0.3-265.1	Mean: 20.6
	Standard deviation: 22.5

Extent in Bearing - Seedling (EXTBRSEED)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 369
Format: numeric	Invalid: 14
Width: 7	Minimum: 1.2
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 591.5
Range: 1.2-591.47	Mean: 202.4
	Standard deviation: 123.8

Extent not in Bearing - Seedling (EXTNBRSEED)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 78
Format: numeric	Invalid: 305
Width: 7	Minimum: 0.2
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 404
Range: 0.2-404	Mean: 45.7
	Standard deviation: 76.5

Extent total in Hectares (EXTTOT)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 383
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 8	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 858.3
Range: 0-858.29	Mean: 265
	Standard deviation: 158.8

Qty of Tea Produced in factory from estate leaf (QTYESTLEAF)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 383
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 7	Minimum: 5533
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3789841
Range: 5533-3789841	Mean: 296594.4
	Standard deviation: 276847.7

Qty of Tea Produced in factory from bought leaf (QTYBGTLEAF)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 260
Format: numeric	Invalid: 123
Width: 7	Minimum: 191
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 744142
Range: 191-744142	Mean: 90769.2
	Standard deviation: 102817.3

Qty of Tea Produced Total (QTYTOT)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 383
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 7	Minimum: 21324
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3789841
Range: 21324-3789841	Mean: 358213.1
	Standard deviation: 278862.7

Unknown Field (UNKNOWN)

File: Rec1

Overview

Type: Continuous
Format: numeric
Width: 7
Decimals: 0
Range: 600-3331165

Valid cases: 259
Invalid: 124
Minimum: 600
Maximum: 3331165
Mean: 402921.3
Standard deviation: 493223

(REC\$TYPE)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 1511
Format: character	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	

Record ID (RECID)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1511
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1001
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3097
Range: 1001-3097	Mean: 1855.5
	Standard deviation: 783.6

Cost item. (CODEA)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1511
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 2	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 1-46	Mean: 19.3
	Standard deviation: 14

Cost (Rs) (COSTA)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1511
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 91085
Range: 0-91085	Mean: 4052.9
	Standard deviation: 6671.4

Cost item (CODEB)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1479
Format: numeric	Invalid: 32
Width: 2	Minimum: 2
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 2-46	Mean: 20.2
	Standard deviation: 13.7

Cost (Rs) (COSTB)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1479
Format: numeric	Invalid: 32
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 69845
Range: 0-69845	Mean: 2647.2
	Standard deviation: 5067.8

Cost item (CODEC)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1453
Format: numeric	Invalid: 58
Width: 2	Minimum: 3
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 3-46	Mean: 21.1
	Standard deviation: 13.5

Cost (Rs) (COSTC)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1453
Format: numeric	Invalid: 58
Width: 5	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 98164
Range: 1-98164	Mean: 4209.3
	Standard deviation: 6944.9

Cost item (CODED)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1427
Format: numeric	Invalid: 84
Width: 2	Minimum: 4
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 4-46	Mean: 21.9
	Standard deviation: 13.4

Cost (Rs) (COSTD)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1427
Format: numeric	Invalid: 84
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 74737
Range: 0-74737	Mean: 3632.4
	Standard deviation: 5873.3

Cost item (CODEE)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1390
Format: numeric	Invalid: 121
Width: 2	Minimum: 5
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 5-46	Mean: 22.5
	Standard deviation: 13.2

Cost (Rs) (COSTE)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1390
Format: numeric	Invalid: 121
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 91503
Range: 0-91503	Mean: 3585.6
	Standard deviation: 7581.8

Cost item (CODEF)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1344
Format: numeric	Invalid: 167
Width: 2	Minimum: 6
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 6-46	Mean: 22.9
	Standard deviation: 12.9

Cost (Rs) (COSTF)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1344
Format: numeric	Invalid: 167
Width: 5	Minimum: 3
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 88369
Range: 3-88369	Mean: 5070.4
	Standard deviation: 10732.7

Cost item (CODEG)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1282
Format: numeric	Invalid: 229
Width: 2	Minimum: 4
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 4-46	Mean: 23
	Standard deviation: 12.5

Cost (Rs) (COSTG)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1282
Format: numeric	Invalid: 229
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 83231
Range: 0-83231	Mean: 7872.8
	Standard deviation: 10894.4

Cost item (CODEH)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1227
Format: numeric	Invalid: 284
Width: 2	Minimum: 8
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 8-46	Mean: 23.2
	Standard deviation: 12

Cost (Rs) (COSTH)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1227
Format: numeric	Invalid: 284
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 86800
Range: 0-86800	Mean: 5374.4
	Standard deviation: 10650.3

Cost item (CODEI)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1184
Format: numeric	Invalid: 327
Width: 2	Minimum: 9
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 9-46	Mean: 23.7
	Standard deviation: 11.6

Cost (Rs) (COSTI)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1184
Format: numeric	Invalid: 327
Width: 5	Minimum: 2
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 83348
Range: 2-83348	Mean: 3321.4
	Standard deviation: 8769.7

Cost item (CODEJ)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1148
Format: numeric	Invalid: 363
Width: 2	Minimum: 10
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 46
Range: 10-46	Mean: 24.4
	Standard deviation: 11.1

Cost (Rs) (COSTJ)

File: Rec2

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 1148
Format: numeric	Invalid: 363
Width: 5	Minimum: 0
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 91753
Range: 0-91753	Mean: 2784.1
	Standard deviation: 6701.3

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File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Discrete	Valid cases: 382
Format: character	Invalid: 0
Width: 1	

Record ID (RECID)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 382
Format: numeric	Invalid: 0
Width: 4	Minimum: 1001
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 3097
Range: 1001-3097	Mean: 1867.8
	Standard deviation: 785.8

Uprooting area (UPROOTING)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 252
Format: numeric	Invalid: 130
Width: 7	Minimum: 5
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 4970
Range: 5-4970	Mean: 165.7
	Standard deviation: 363.1

Uprooting cost (UPROOTCOST)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 252
Format: numeric	Invalid: 130
Width: 6	Minimum: 2900
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 970000
Range: 2900-970000	Mean: 322431.6
	Standard deviation: 229570.8

Planting area (PLANTING_AREA)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 249
Format: numeric	Invalid: 133
Width: 7	Minimum: 5
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 4970
Range: 5-4970	Mean: 165.4
	Standard deviation: 364.5

Planting cost (PLANTING_COST)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 249
Format: numeric	Invalid: 133
Width: 6	Minimum: 200
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 980800
Range: 200-980800	Mean: 314573.4
	Standard deviation: 237436.9

Fertilizer area (FERTILIZER_AREA)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 258
Format: numeric	Invalid: 124
Width: 7	Minimum: 1
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 4970
Range: 1-4970	Mean: 258.3
	Standard deviation: 474.8

Fertilizer cost (FERTILIZER_COST)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 258
Format: numeric	Invalid: 124
Width: 6	Minimum: 138
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 736422
Range: 138-736422	Mean: 112134
	Standard deviation: 93829.5

Weeding area (WEEDING_AREA)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 263
Format: numeric	Invalid: 119
Width: 7	Minimum: 5
Decimals: 2	Maximum: 7282.5
Range: 5-7282.5	Mean: 336
	Standard deviation: 784.6

Weeding cost (WEEDING_COST)

File: Rec3

Overview

Type: Continuous	Valid cases: 263
Format: numeric	Invalid: 119
Width: 6	Minimum: 2410
Decimals: 0	Maximum: 999999
Range: 2410-999999	Mean: 360345.1
	Standard deviation: 243090.8

Related Materials

Other materials

Cost of Production of Made Tea per Kilo - Questionnaire

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Study Documentation of CPT79 Project

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