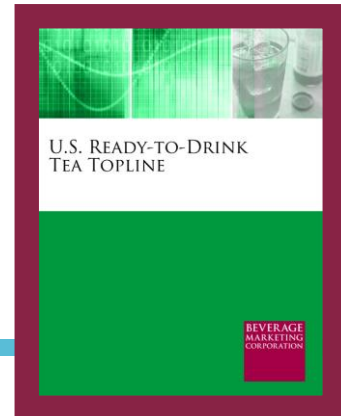


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## THE ANSWERS YOU NEED

*U.S. Ready-to-Drink Tea Topline* offers a data overview of the overall market. Questions answered include:

- How is tea volume divided among RTD tea, tea bags, tea mixes/powders, tea capsules and loose tea? How have these segments performed in the first half of 2023?
- How has the RTD tea market fared in terms of volume and wholesale dollar sales? What are the projections to 2027?
- Which are the leading RTD tea brands in terms of advertising expenditures?
- What are the imports of black versus green tea into the United States?

## THIS REPORT FEATURES

This topline report contains key information and identifies important trends concerning the U.S. RTD tea market. It features category volume, wholesale dollar sales and per capita consumption data, overall tea market volume and five-year projections.



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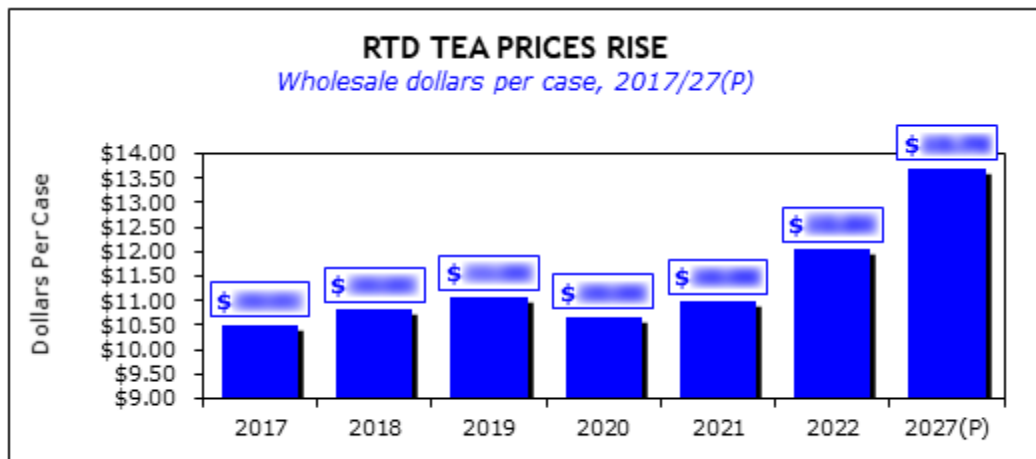
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A negative factor affecting the tea market is the fact that brewed tea is difficult to prepare. This has been counteracted partially by the growing messages about tea's health benefits and the clever lifestyle positioning carved out by certain entities.

- Loose tea and tea bags have the disadvantage of being perceived as "messy." And consumers have opted in recent years for the convenience and portability of RTD teas.
- Another complaint is that creating fresh-brewed iced tea from tea bags requires too much time for the boiling and cool-down routine. Lipton tried to address this by introducing its "five-minute" Cold Brew.
- Loose tea, perhaps the messiest and most difficult type to prepare, has generally grown, albeit slowly. Brewing tea well is not easy, which makes loose tea the province of connoisseurs who know what to do with tea leaves.
- The trend towards convenience also benefited tea pods, which primarily sourced volume from tea bags in spite of a much higher unit price. But the segment has headed in the wrong direction since 2014.

On the other hand, a small portion of the population has taken to drinking more exotic varieties of teas, including bags and loose tea.

- The specialty tea segment appeals to certain members of the population who are looking for healthful products as part of a genteel lifestyle. While volume is relatively low compared to mainstream tea products, they have helped to subsidize volume levels in the tea market.
- The health message of tea has brought in consumers who might otherwise not be inclined to drink the beverage. The more open-minded of these consumers have come to recognize that there are many varieties of tea and that finding one suited to one's individual taste is not so far-fetched.
- So while loose tea is not a big player at all in supermarkets, it is used by fine tea salons and sold by specialty tea stores. There are various e-commerce sites selling premium loose teas as well.



(P) Projected

Source: Beverage Marketing Corporation

### Exhibit 3

## U.S. TEA MARKET CHANGE IN CONSUMPTION BY SEGMENT 2018 – 2027(P)

Segment	CAGR					
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23(p) 2022/27(P)
RTD Tea	5.2%	5.1%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%
Tea Bags	4.8%	4.7%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%
Iced Tea Mix	6.1%	6.0%	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%
Loose Tea	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%
Tea Pods	7.5%	7.4%	7.6%	7.7%	7.8%	7.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

(p) Preliminary; (P) Projected

Note: Does not include institutional tea sales.

CAGR: Compound annual growth rate.

Source: Beverage Marketing Corporation