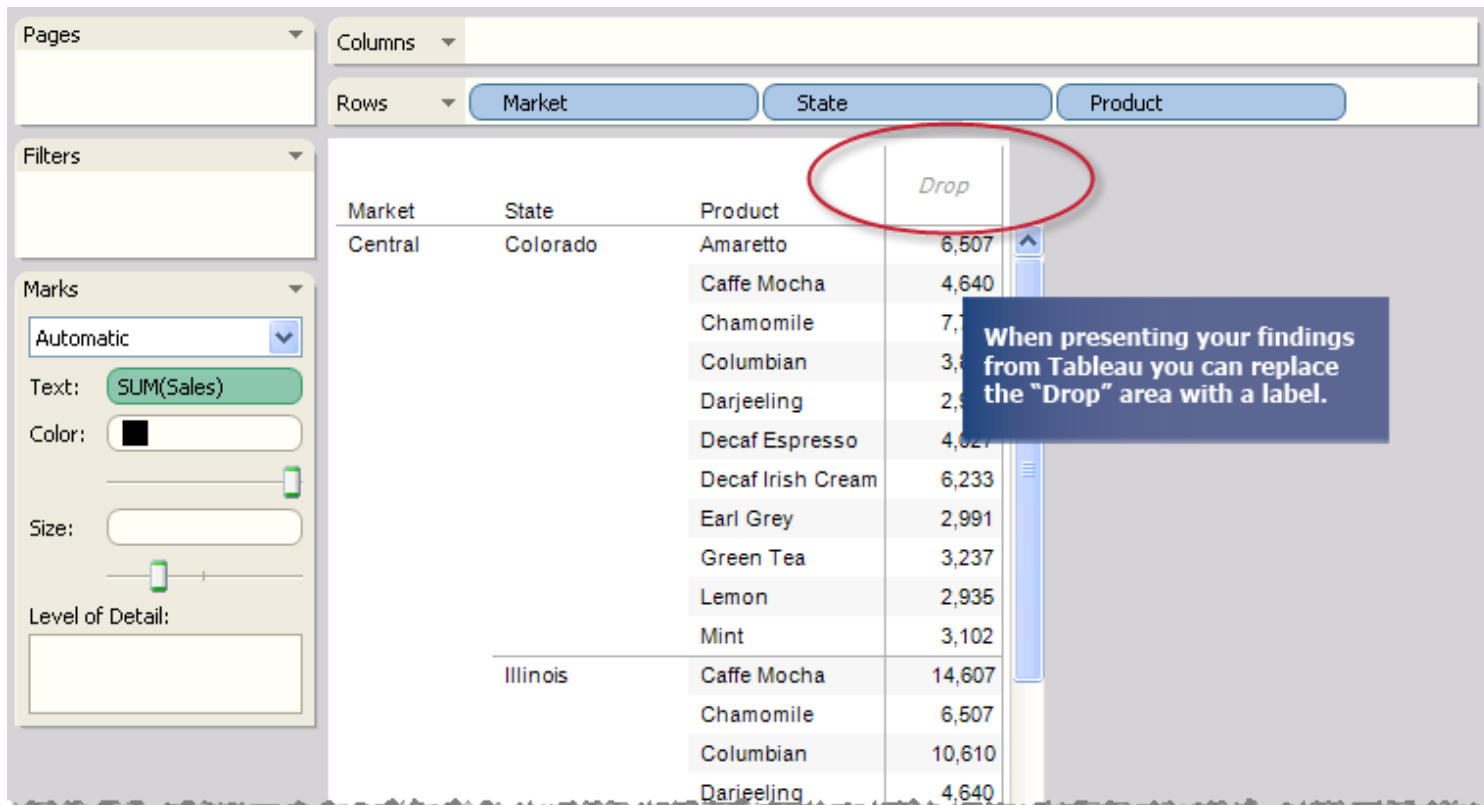


## Getting Rid of the “Drop” Label in a Text Table

This month’s tip is pretty simple but really useful if you often present your findings straight out of Tableau. When you build a text table in Tableau that has several dimensions on the Rows shelf and a single measure on the Text shelf, you’ve probably noticed the “Drop” area at the top of the view. While this is fine to leave there when you are just building views for yourself, you may want to add a label to the column when you are preparing your views for presentation. You can easily add a label using the Measure Names field.

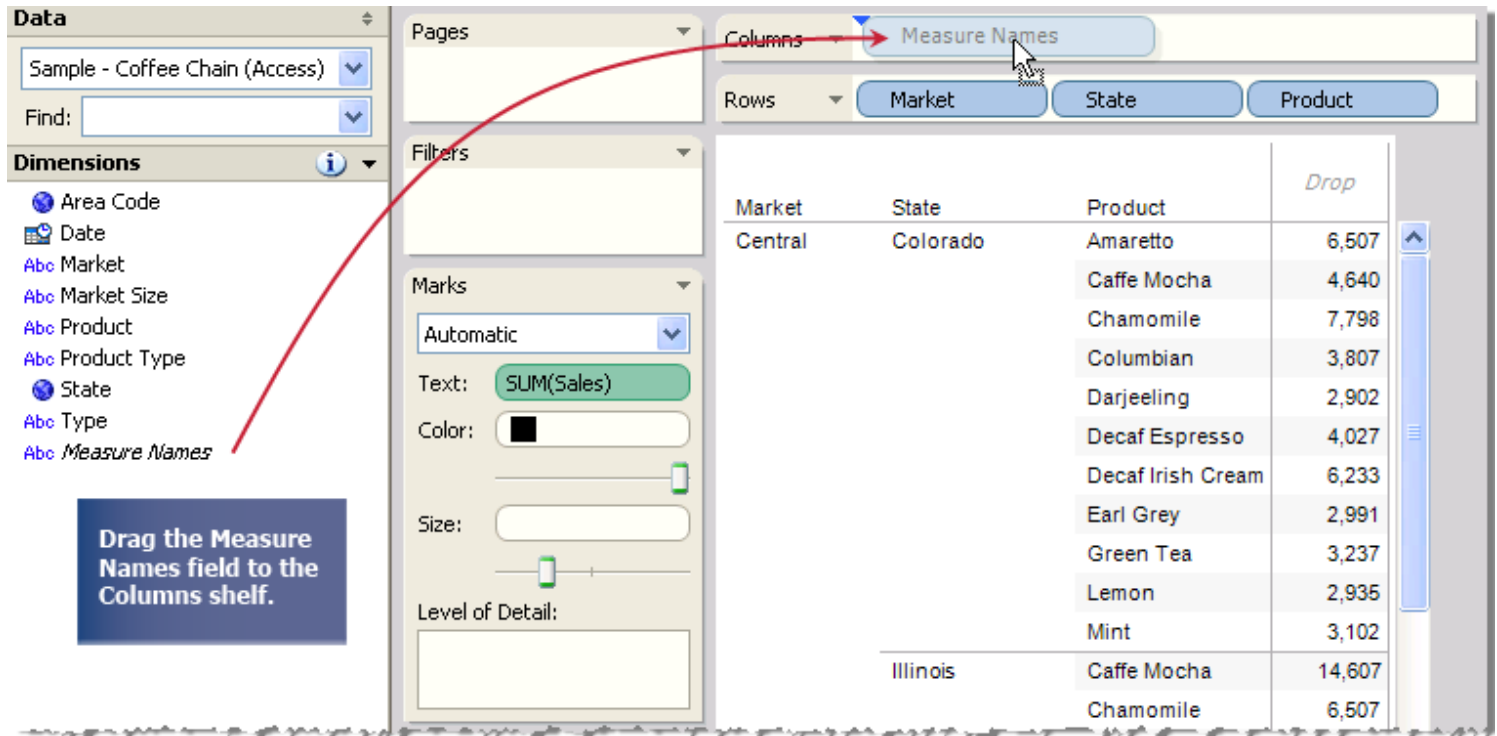


The screenshot shows the Tableau interface with a text table view. The Rows shelf contains 'Market', 'State', and 'Product'. The Marks shelf is set to 'Automatic' with 'SUM(Sales)' as the text. A red circle highlights the 'Drop' label at the top of the table. A callout box points to this area with the text: "When presenting your findings from Tableau you can replace the “Drop” area with a label."

Market	State	Product	Drop
Central	Colorado	Amaretto	6,507
		Caffe Mocha	4,640
		Chamomile	7,100
		Columbian	3,800
		Darjeeling	2,900
		Decaf Espresso	4,000
		Decaf Irish Cream	6,233
		Earl Grey	2,991
		Green Tea	3,237
		Lemon	2,935
Illinois		Caffe Mocha	14,607
		Chamomile	6,507
		Columbian	10,610
		Darjeeling	4,640

## Here's How it Works

The Measure Names field is automatically generated and is usually used in coordination with the Measure Values field. The Measure Names field contains all of the names of your measures. To get a label for that final column in your text table simply drag the **Measure Names** field to the **Columns** shelf.



**Data**  
 Sample - Coffee Chain (Access)  
 Find:

**Dimensions**

- Area Code
- Date
- Market
- Market Size
- Product
- Product Type
- State
- Type
- Measure Names

**Columns** → Measure Names

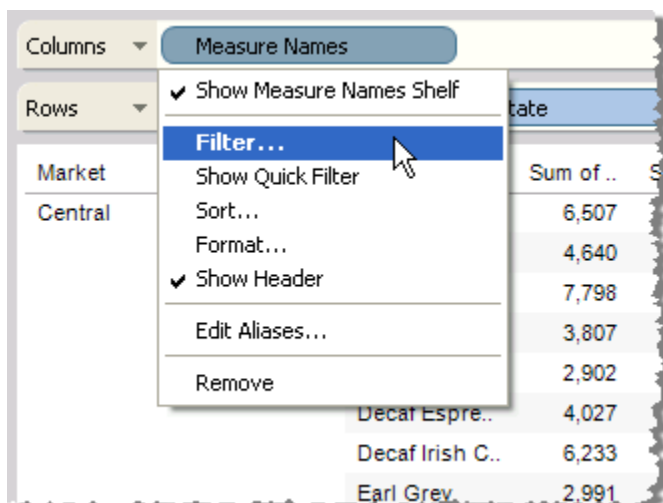
**Rows** → Market State Product

**Marks**  
 Automatic  
 Text: SUM(Sales)  
 Color:

Market	State	Product	Drop
Central	Colorado	Amaretto	6,507
		Caffe Mocha	4,640
		Chamomile	7,798
		Columbian	3,807
		Darjeeling	2,902
		Decaf Espresso	4,027
		Decaf Irish Cream	6,233
		Earl Grey	2,991
		Green Tea	3,237
		Lemon	2,935
Illinois		Caffe Mocha	14,607
		Chamomile	6,507

**Drag the Measure Names field to the Columns shelf.**

Then right-click the **Measure Names** field and select **Filter**.



**Columns** → Measure Names

**Rows** →  Show Measure Names Shelf State

**Market**

**Central**

Sum of .. S

6,507

4,640

7,798

3,807

2,902

4,027

6,233

2,991

**Filter...**

Show Quick Filter

Sort...

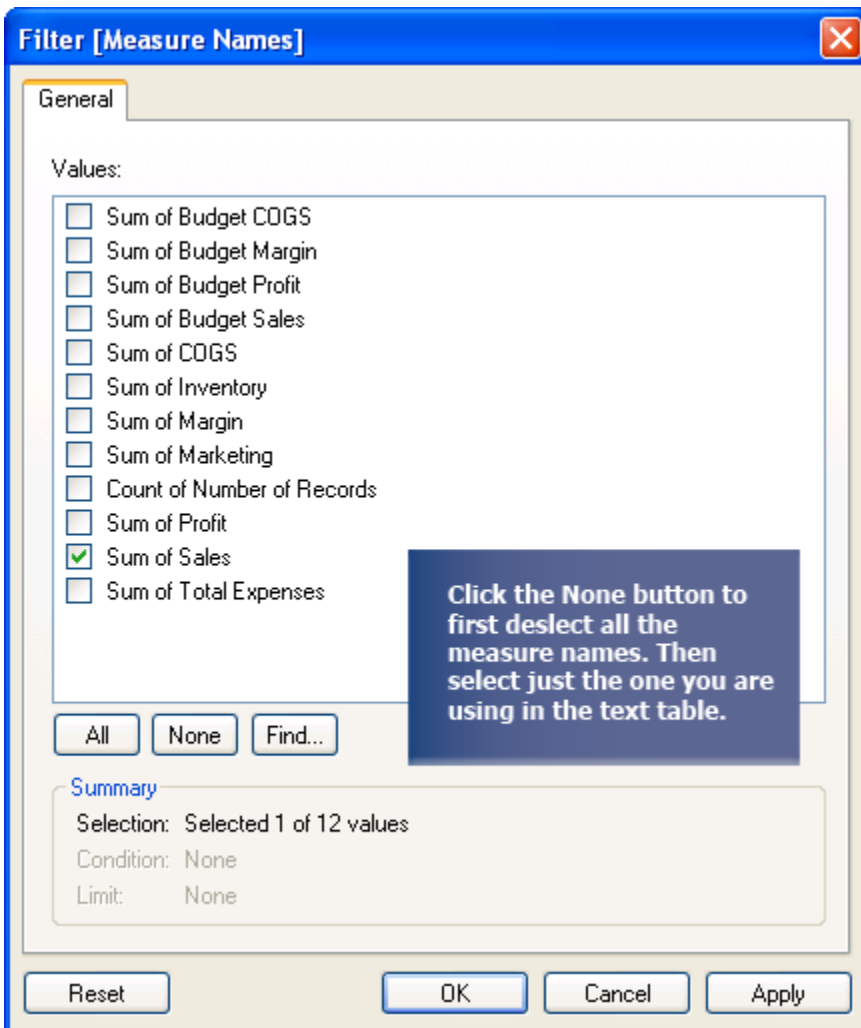
Format...

Show Header

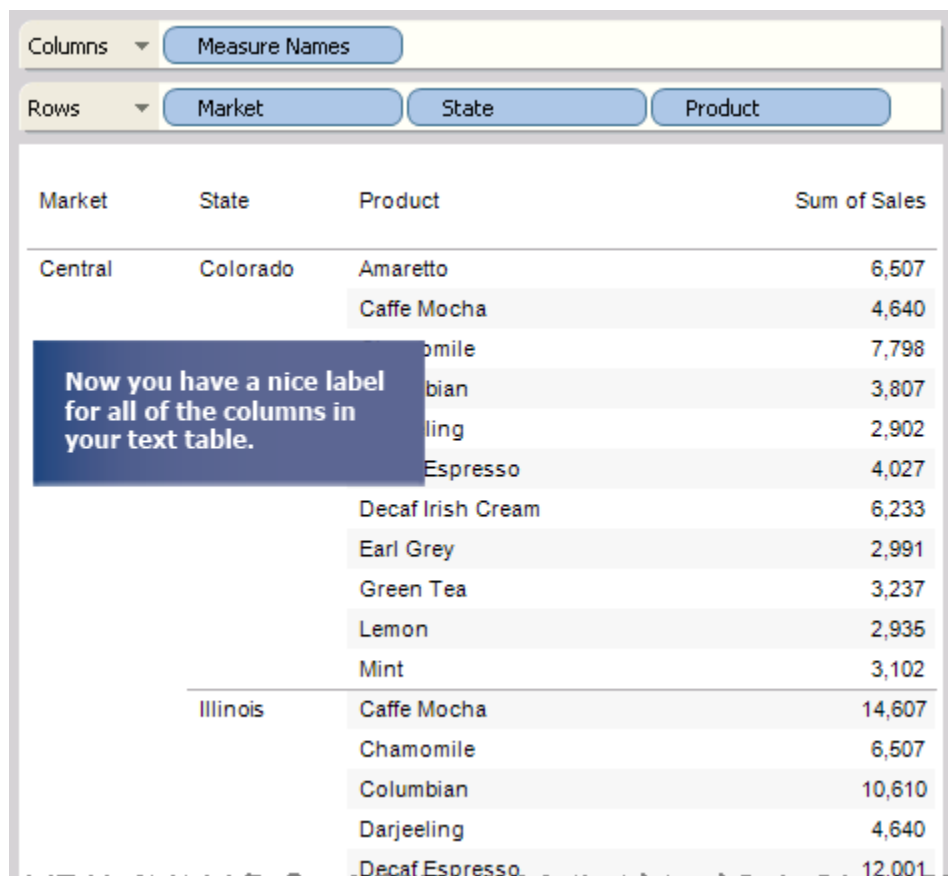
Edit Aliases...

Remove

In the Filter dialog box click the **None** button to deselect all of the measure names and then select just the one that you have on the Text shelf. When finished, click **OK**.



Now the cross tab has a nice label for all of the columns in the view. You can change the name for the measure shown by right-clicking the Measure Names field and selecting **Edit Aliases**.



Market	State	Product	Sum of Sales
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		Green Tea	3,237
		Lemon	2,935
Illinois		Caffe Mocha	14,607
		Chamomile	6,507
		Columbian	10,610
		Darjeeling	4,640
		Decaf Espresso	12,001

**Note:** To avoid changing the aliases of your measure names you could create a calculated field that contains the text of the label. When you drag that field to the columns shelf the label you specified is shown. You can create a calculated field by selecting **Analysis > Create Calculated Field**.

## Learn More

- Learn more about Text Tables by searching for Text Table in the [Product Manual](#).
- Contact Tableau User Support at: (206) 633 3400 x2.