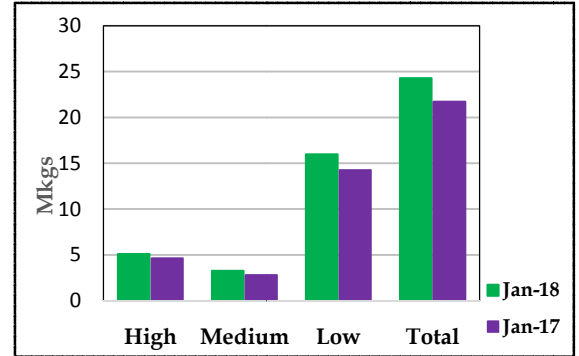


Sri Lanka has achieved a total tea production of 24.2 Mkgs during January, 2018 which shows an increase of 2.5 Mkgs over the production of the corresponding month last year. The elevation wise breakdown of production is given below for your information.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-January 2018 vs. 2017 (In Kgs)

	January-2018	January-2017	Difference (+/-)	%
High	5,076,354	4,627,708	448,646	9.69
Medium	3,236,241	2,795,115	441,126	15.78
Low	15,958,377	14,263,667	1,694,710	11.88
Total	24,270,972	21,686,490	2,584,483	11.92



During the period January 2018 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	4,519,385 Kgs	11	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	529,912 Kgs
2	Galle	3,468,151 Kgs	12	Bogawantalawa	526,337 Kgs
3	Kalutara	1,638,054 Kgs	13	Agarapathana	512,486 Kgs
4	Matara	1,300,362 Kgs	14	Upcot/Maskeliya	504,957 Kgs
5	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	1,293,258 Kgs	15	Kegalle	485,528 Kgs
6	Deniyaya	1,237,956 Kgs	16	Kadugannawa	477,165 Kgs
7	Kelani Valley	920,876 Kgs	17	Morawake	474,245 Kgs
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	818,681 Kgs	18	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	465,751 Kgs
9	Hatton/Dickoya	665,873 Kgs	19	Balangoda	424,747 Kgs
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	601,994 Kgs	20	Patana/Kotagala	356,408 Kgs

February 20, 2018

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