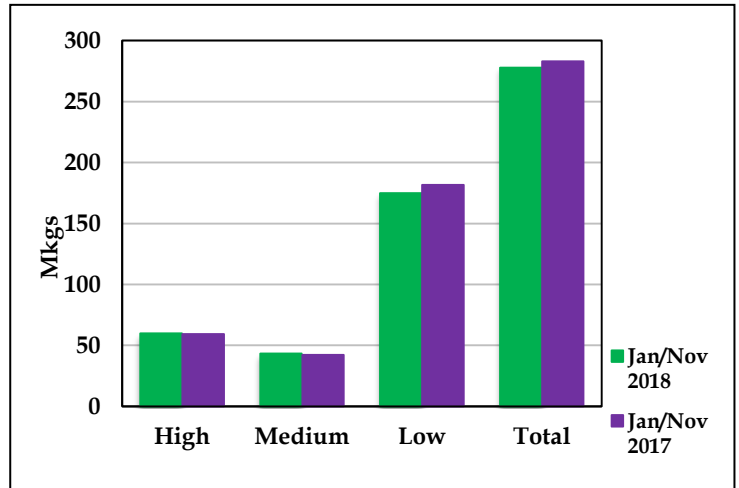
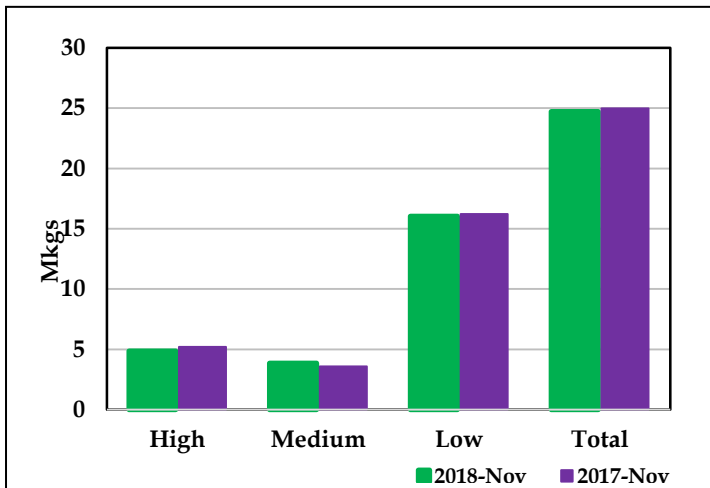


The month of November, 2018 has recorded a total tea production of 24.7 Mkgs which is marginally lower to what was attained in the corresponding month in 2017. October, 2018 was a record month for crop but the output in November could not unfortunately keep pace on account of the closure of Estates for approximately 10 days with the workers demanding a wage increase. In the period Jan - Nov, 2018 a total crop of 277.7 Mkgs has been produced which is 5.4 Mkgs lower than the production of Jan - Nov, 2017. During the period under review, both the High and Medium Grown elevations have surpassed the production of 2017, whilst, the Low Grown sector has recorded a deficit of 6.8 Mkgs.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2018- November	2017- November	+/-	%	Jan/Nov 2018	Jan/Nov 2017	+/-	%
High	4,842,807	5,190,547	(347,739)	(6.70)	59,689,785	59,257,635	432,151	0.73
Medium	3,836,784	3,568,752	268,032	7.51	43,189,630	42,197,853	991,776	2.35
Low	<u>16,044,171</u>	<u>16,219,347</u>	<u>(175,176)</u>	<u>(1.08)</u>	<u>174,850,575</u>	<u>181,673,384</u>	<u>(6,822,809)</u>	<u>(3.76)</u>
Total	<u>24,723,762</u>	<u>24,978,645</u>	<u>(254,883)</u>	<u>(1.02)</u>	<u>277,729,990</u>	<u>283,128,872</u>	<u>(5,398,882)</u>	<u>(1.91)</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	48,122,411.00	11	Hatton/Dickoya	6,300,669.00
2	Galle	39,874,251.00	12	Agarapathana	5,926,037.00
3	Kalutara	20,685,097.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	5,771,893.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	16,081,807.00	14	Upcot/Maskeliya	5,619,358.00
5	Matara	13,709,783.00	15	Kadugannawa	5,581,668.00
6	Deniyaya	13,011,995.00	16	Kegalle	5,408,833.00
7	Kelani Valley	7,999,039.00	17	Morawake	5,338,621.00
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	7,922,643.00	18	Bogawantalawa	5,112,045.00
9	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	7,652,167.00	19	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	4,483,923.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	6,950,689.00	20	Balangoda	4,227,080.00