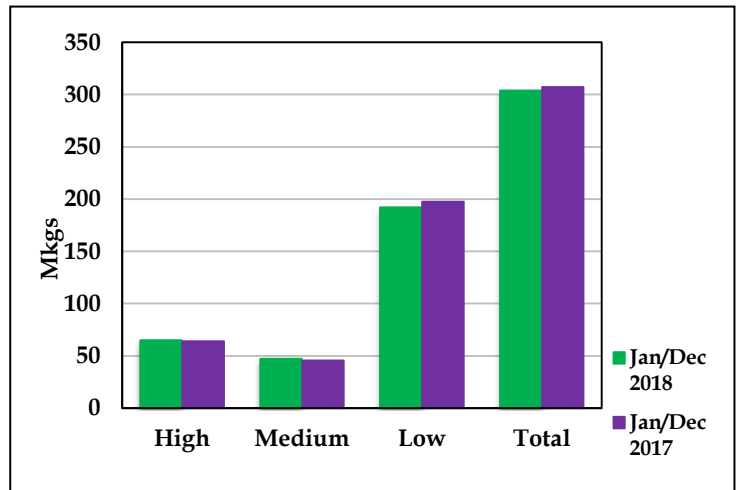
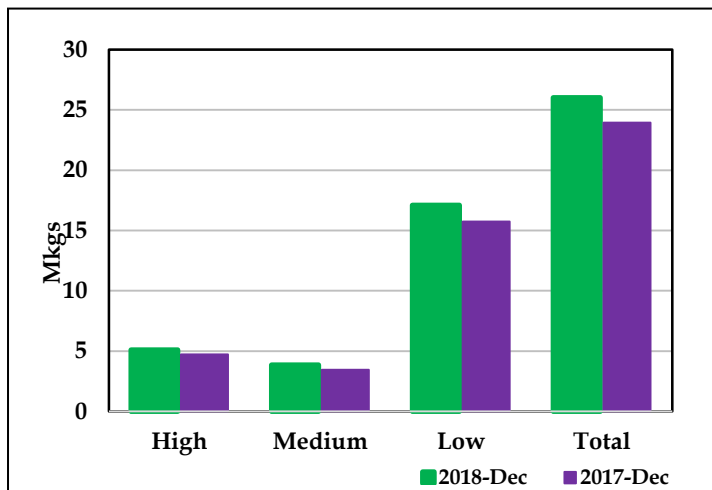


Sri Lanka has produced 26 Mkgs in December, 2018 which is a gain of 2 Mkgs over the production of the corresponding month in 2017. During the January/December, 2018 period however, the total harvest of 303.8 Mkgs shows a decline of 3.2 Mkgs over the Tea Crop attained in the year 2017. An analysis of the cumulative production in 2018 shows both High and Medium elevations performing better than in 2017 whilst the teas from Low Grown Plantations have dropped by 5.4 Mkgs which has eventually resulted in the overall crop for 2018 being lower than 2017.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2018- December	2017- December	+/-	%	Jan/Dec 2018	Jan/Dec 2017	+/-	%
High	5,083,645	4,728,015	355,630	7.52	64,806,537	63,985,650	820,888	1.28
Medium	3,834,147	3,456,739	377,408	10.92	47,023,777	45,654,592	1,369,185	3.00
Low	<u>17,086,380</u>	<u>15,748,232</u>	<u>1,338,147</u>	<u>8.50</u>	<u>192,012,663</u>	<u>197,421,616</u>	<u>(5,408,953)</u>	<u>(2.74)</u>
Total	<u>26,004,171</u>	<u>23,932,986</u>	<u>2,071,185</u>	<u>8.65</u>	<u>303,842,977</u>	<u>307,061,858</u>	<u>(3,218,881)</u>	<u>(1.05)</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	52,745,528.00	11	Hatton/Dickoya	6,902,498.00
2	Galle	43,876,545.00	12	Agarapathana	6,402,182.00
3	Kalutara	22,809,355.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	6,274,360.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	17,848,466.00	14	Kadugannawa	6,170,927.00
5	Matara	14,997,334.00	15	Upcot/Maskeliya	6,161,318.00
6	Deniyaya	14,282,321.00	16	Kegalle	5,920,537.00
7	Kelani Valley	8,776,618.00	17	Morawake	5,898,035.00
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	8,740,694.00	18	Bogawantalawa	5,592,467.00
9	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	8,174,761.00	19	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	4,848,298.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	7,536,344.00	20	Balangoda	4,686,541.00

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