

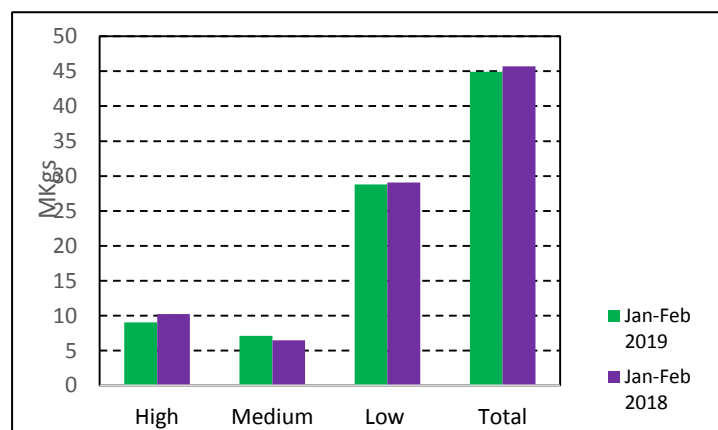
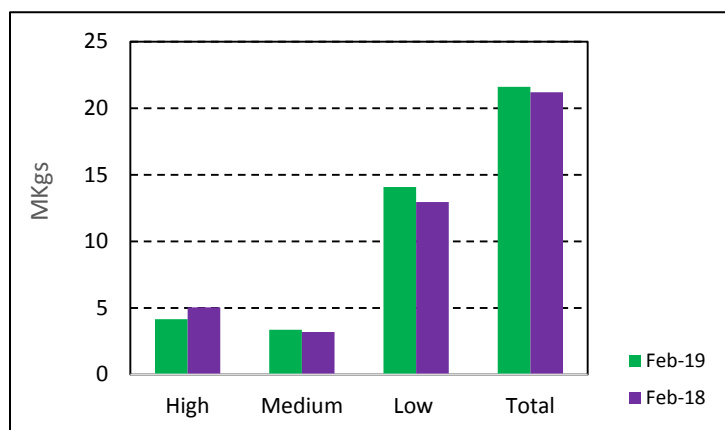
Sri Lanka has recorded a tea crop of 21.5 Mkgs during February 2019 which is marginally higher than the corresponding month in 2018. Analyzing the production for last month, it is noted that the High grown sector has declined almost 0.9 Mkgs month on month whilst the Medium category has shown a marginal increase. The Low Grown plantations however, show an increased production of 1.1 Mkgs when compared to last year's February.

During the year to date period this year, the production of 44.9 Mkgs still reflects a deficit of 0.8 Mkgs over the same period last year. The major drop in production during the cumulative period is again in the High Grown sector.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-February 2019 vs. 2018 (In Kgs)

	2019- February	2018- February	+/-	%	Jan/ Feb 2019	Jan/Feb 2018	+/-	%
High	4,146,244	5,032,947	(886,703)	(17.62)	9,018,773	10,210,320	(1,191,547)	(11.67)
Medium	3,366,146	3,192,765	173,381	5.43	7,103,118	6,470,895	632,223	9.77
Low	<u>14,082,713</u>	<u>12,957,173</u>	<u>1,125,540</u>	<u>8.69</u>	<u>28,805,007</u>	<u>29,044,788</u>	<u>(239,782)</u>	<u>(0.83)</u>
Total	<u>21,595,103</u>	<u>21,182,885</u>	<u>412,218</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>44,926,897</u>	<u>45,726,003</u>	<u>(799,105)</u>	<u>(1.75)</u>



During the period January to February, 2019 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	7,609,881.00	11	Kadugannawa	991,449.00
2	Galle	6,603,547.00	12	Morawaka	958,398.00
3	Kalutara	3,620,042.00	13	Upcot/Maskeliya	945,552.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	2,993,789.00	14	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	935,298.00
5	Matara	2,375,230.00	15	Hatton/Dickoya	899,199.00
6	Deniyaya	2,220,182.00	16	Kegalle	856,496.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	1,392,857.00	17	Balangoda	843,434.00
8	Balangoda/Rakwana	1,146,443.00	18	Bogawantalawa	834,607.00
9	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	1,131,835.00	19	Agarapathana	726,480.00
10	Kelani Valley	1,073,012.00	20	Patana/Kotagala	648,607.00

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