

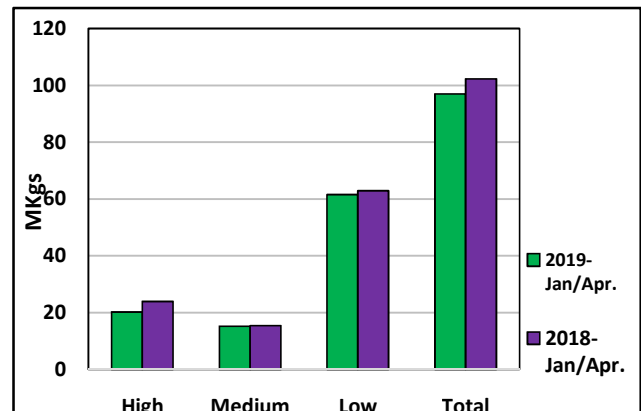
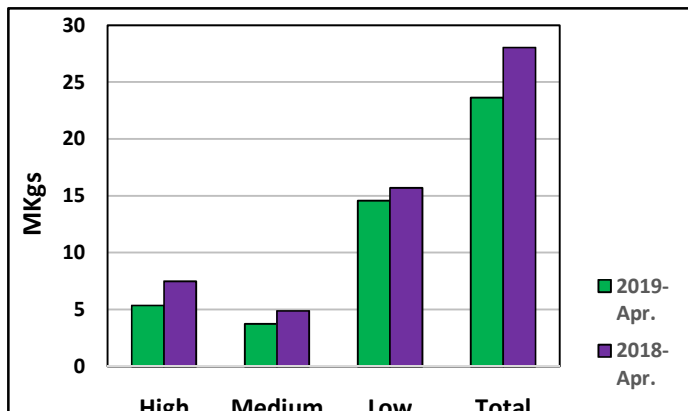
A much lower harvest has been recorded in the month of April, 2019 with the total production declining by 4.3 Mkgs when compared to the same month last year. On analyzing the elevation-wise production for April 2019 it is noted that the High and Medium grown elevations together have recorded a month on month drop of 51.90% whilst the Low Grown declined 7.20%. The drought conditions experienced during last month has had a telling effect on yields particularly affecting the crop intakes in the High and Medium elevations which have not been able to withstand the rising temperatures that have stunted growth.

During the period January to April 2019, a total production 97.0 Mkgs has been recorded and here again the cumulative drop year on year is now 5.2 Mkgs with a 15.57% drop from High Grown plantations.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production

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

| | 2019-April | 2018-April | +/- | % | Jan/ Apr 2019 | Jan/Apr 2018 | +/- | % |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| High | 5,338,196 | 7,461,180 | (2,122,985) | (28.45) | 20,202,694 | 23,928,809 | (3,726,115) | (15.57) |
| Medium | 3,730,150 | 4,872,604 | (1,142,454) | (23.45) | 15,250,678 | 15,432,616 | (181,938) | (1.18) |
| Low | 14,554,829 | 15,684,552 | (1,129,723) | (7.20) | 61,599,662 | 62,991,004 | (1,391,342) | (2.21) |
| Total | 23,623,174 | 28,018,336 | (4,395,162) | (15.69) | 97,053,034 | 102,352,429 | (5,299,395) | (5.18) |



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

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| 1 | Ratnapura | 16,977,993.00 | 11 | Kegalle | 2,014,507.00 |
| 2 | Galle | 13,479,360.00 | 12 | Morawaka | 2,005,432.00 |
| 3 | Kalutara | 7,513,595.00 | 13 | Hatton/Dickoya | 2,003,446.00 |
| 4 | Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage | 6,095,943.00 | 14 | Upcot/Maskeliya | 1,990,724.00 |
| 5 | Matara | 4,896,634.00 | 15 | Kadugannawa | 1,961,088.00 |
| 6 | Deniyaya | 4,717,314.00 | 16 | Pussellawa/Hewaheta | 1,949,681.00 |
| 7 | Demodara/Haliella/Badulla | 2,989,556.00 | 17 | Balangoda | 1,889,677.00 |
| 8 | Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle | 2,654,502.00 | 18 | Bogawanthalawa | 1,789,084.00 |
| 9 | Balangoda/Rakwana | 2,646,474.00 | 19 | Agarapathana | 1,621,486.00 |
| 10 | Kelani Valley | 2,543,563.00 | 20 | Udapussellawa/Halgranoya | 1,251,118.00 |