

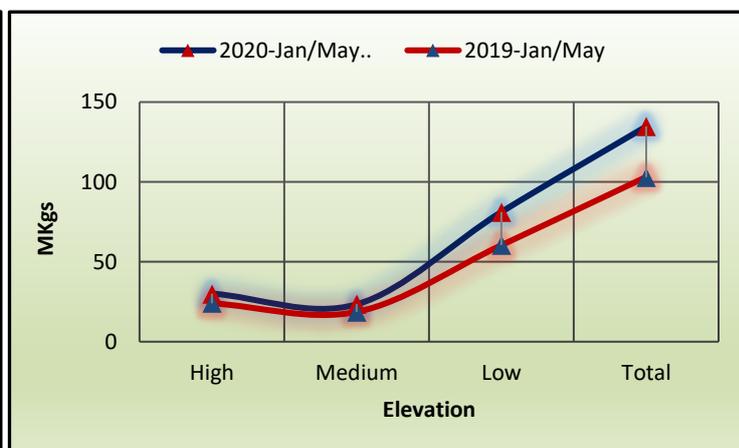
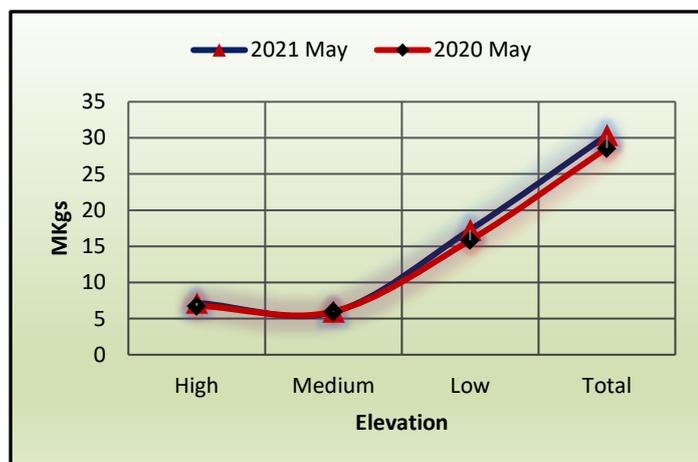
Sri Lanka's Tea Production of 30.3Mkgs recorded for May 2021, shows a gain of 1.7Mkgs when compared to the corresponding month in 2020. A noticeable improvement is seen from the Low Grown sector with a gain of 1.4Mkgs whilst High Growns have improved only 0.4Mkgs. During the year to-date period of 2021, the total production of 134.7Mkgs reflects an improvement of 31.6Mkgs over that of January to May 2020. The main contribution towards this increase is seen from the Low Grown sector with a gain of 20.8Mkgs whilst the High & Medium elevations have recorded increases of 6.0Mkgs and 4.7Mkgs respectively.

The current favorable cropping conditions seen so far this year however, is somewhat compromised by the non-availability of fertilizer. It is hoped that this issue will be resolved at an early date since the country is heavily dependent on the foreign exchange earnings from the tea industry.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-May 2021 vs. 2020 (In Kgs)

	2021-May	2020-May	+/-	%	Jan/ May 2021	Jan/May 2020	+/-	%
High	7,176,417	6,788,532	387,884	5.71	30,108,406	24,045,415	6,062,991	25.21
Medium	5,910,791	5,971,322	(60,531)	(1.01)	23,379,968	18,645,910	4,734,058	25.39
Low	<u>17,288,611</u>	<u>15,843,192</u>	<u>1,445,418</u>	<u>9.12</u>	<u>81,230,291</u>	<u>60,416,609</u>	<u>20,813,682</u>	<u>34.45</u>
Total	<u>30,375,818</u>	<u>28,603,046</u>	<u>1,772,772</u>	<u>6.20</u>	<u>134,718,665</u>	<u>103,107,934</u>	<u>31,610,730</u>	<u>30.66</u>



During the period January to May, 2021 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	21,869,334.00	11	Kelani Valley	3,778,977.00
2	Galle	19,131,946.00	12	Kegalle	3,220,362.00
3	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	8,844,860.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	2,708,049.00
4	Kalutara	8,283,530.00	14	Morawaka	2,704,252.00
5	Matara	6,277,151.00	15	Bogawantalawa	2,640,647.00
6	Deniyaya	5,999,679.00	16	Agarapathana	2,595,537.00
7	Hatton/Dickoya	4,134,663.00	17	Upcot/Maskeliya	2,420,432.00
8	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	4,121,089.00	18	Patana/Kotagala	2,281,344.00
9	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	4,092,199.00	19	Balangoda	2,267,195.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	3,953,658.00	20	Kadugannawa	2,009,519.00

