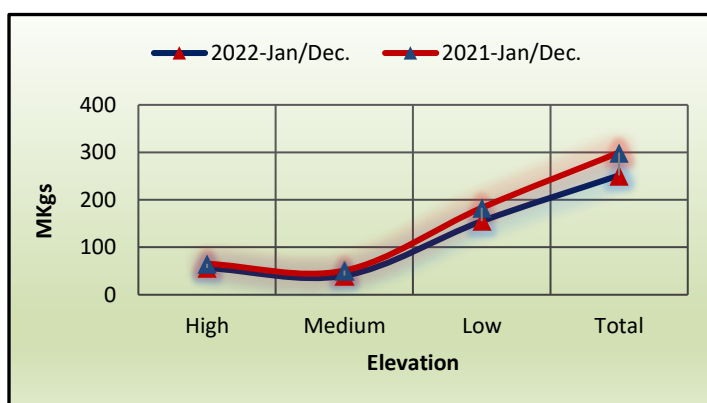
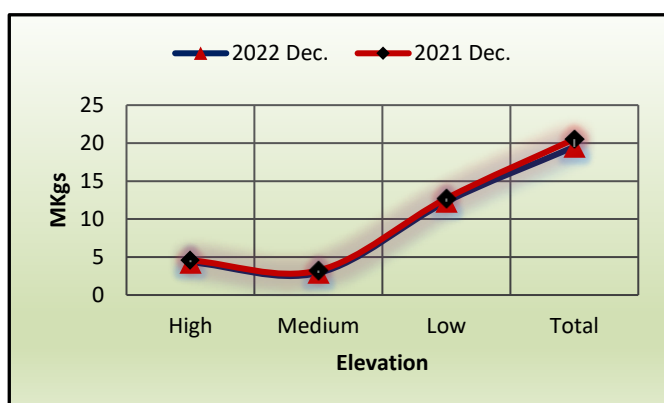


Sri Lanka's Tea Production for 2022 was only 251.5 Mkgs which is a decline of 47.9 Mkgs when compared to 2021, and, is also the lowest harvest recorded for the past 27 years i.e., since 1995, during which year the National Crop was 246 Mkgs. This substantial decline of Tea Crop during 2022 is mostly attributed to the non-availability of fertilizer, besides the ill effects of Global Warming on plantation crops. The Small Holder sector continues to be the largest contributor to the National Tea Crop by producing 168 Mkgs (67%) whilst the Regional Plantation Companies (RPC Sector) produced 33% of the harvest, namely 83.4 Mkgs.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-December 2022 vs. 2021 (In Kgs)

	2022-Dec.	2021-Dec.	+/-	%	Jan/ Dec. 2022	Jan/Dec. 2021	+/-	%
High	4,318,277	4,566,347	(248,070)	(5)	56,320,773	65,326,571	(9,005,798)	(14)
Medium	2,908,277	3,236,898	(328,621)	(10)	40,183,970	50,985,716	(10,801,746)	(21)
Low	<u>12,274,848</u>	<u>12,720,340</u>	<u>(445,492)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>154,994,723</u>	<u>183,176,135</u>	<u>(28,181,411)</u>	<u>(15)</u>
Total	<u>19,501,402</u>	<u>20,523,585</u>	<u>(1,022,183)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>251,499,466</u>	<u>299,488,422</u>	<u>(47,988,955)</u>	<u>(16)</u>



During the period January to December 2022 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts Jan/December 2022 Vs 2021			
DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2022 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2021(KGS)	(+/-)
Ratnapura	40,002,281.0	48,328,640.0	(8,326,359.0)
Galle	36,104,671.0	42,870,141.0	(6,765,470.0)
Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	17,728,354.0	19,650,628.0	(1,922,274.0)
Kalutara	15,989,223.0	18,938,501.0	(2,949,278.0)
Matara	12,743,079.0	14,157,203.0	(1,414,124.0)
Deniyaya	11,637,057.0	13,691,965.0	(2,054,908.0)
Demodara/Haliella/ Badulla	8,960,319.0	9,996,299.0	(1,035,980.0)
Kelani Valley	7,453,456.0	8,231,949.0	(778,493.0)
Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	7,346,084.0	8,514,839.0	(1,168,755.0)
Balangoda/Rakwana	7,090,552.0	8,846,827.0	(1,756,275.0)
Hatton /Dickoya	6,317,777.0	8,096,520.0	(1,778,743.0)
Kegalle	5,401,157.0	7,071,361.0	(1,670,204.0)
Morawaka	5,186,075.0	6,247,860.0	(1,061,785.0)
Pussellawa/Hewaheta	4,877,643.0	5,905,005.0	(1,027,362.0)
Bogawantalawa	4,627,349.0	5,588,128.0	(960,779.0)
Kadugannawa	4,551,687.0	5,462,630.0	(910,943.0)
Upcot/Maskeliya	4,211,417.0	5,488,000.0	(1,276,583.0)
Agarapathana	4,204,143.0	5,069,113.0	(864,970.0)
Balangoda	4,111,372.0	5,177,128.0	(1,065,756.0)
Haputale	3,681,191.0	4,130,515.0	(449,324.0)