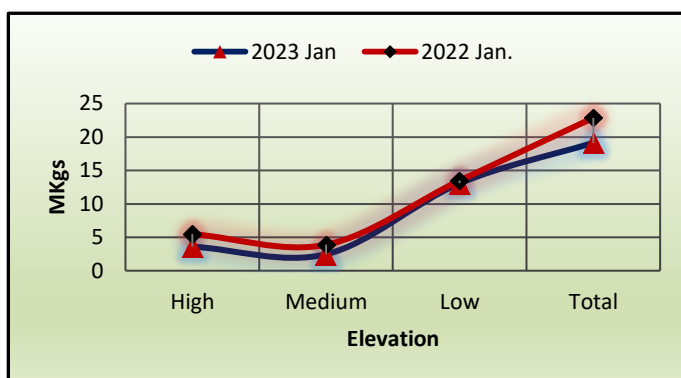


Sri Lanka has recorded a disappointing production figure of only 19.1 Mkgs during January 2023, which is a decline of 3.7 Mkgs when compared to January 2022. The largest drop in production when comparing January 2023 vs 2022, is seen from the High Grown elevation with 1.8 Mkgs followed by the Medium elevation with a decline of 1.4 Mkgs.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-January 2023 vs. 2022 (In Kgs)

	January-2023	January-2022	Difference (+/-)	%
High	3,602,233	5,491,108	(1,888,875)	(34)
Medium	2,465,070	3,891,205	(1,426,135)	(37)
Low	13,070,219	13,486,162	(415,943)	(3)
Total	19,137,522	22,868,475	(3,730,953)	(16)



During the period January 2023 /2022, the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts January 2023 Vs 2022				
	DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2023 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2022(KGS)	(+/-)
1	Galle	3,214,304.0	2,854,024.0	360,280.0
2	Ratnapura	3,104,897.0	3,591,180.0	(486,283.0)
3	Kelani Valley	1,371,460.0	647,698.0	723,762.0
4	Kalutara	1,293,503.0	1,407,417.0	(113,914.0)
5	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	1,117,694.0	1,694,120.0	(576,426.0)
6	Matara	980,026.0	1,096,449.0	(116,423.0)
7	Deniyaya	891,507.0	994,386.0	(102,879.0)
8	Morawaka	495,366.0	457,002.0	38,364.0
9	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	485,767.0	875,170.0	(389,403.0)
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	451,635.0	667,971.0	(216,336.0)
11	Hatton /Dickoya	437,305.0	765,092.0	(327,787.0)
12	Demodara/Haliella/ Badulla	390,269.0	551,290.0	(161,021.0)
13	Kegalle	388,625.0	541,624.0	(152,999.0)
14	Kadugannawa	343,727.0	457,993.0	(114,266.0)
15	Agarapathana	336,510.0	503,228.0	(166,718.0)
16	Bogawantalawa	333,316.0	572,909.0	(239,593.0)
17	Upcot/Maskeliya	303,709.0	502,016.0	(198,307.0)
18	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	290,028.0	517,754.0	(227,726.0)
19	Balangoda	277,007.0	386,695.0	(109,688.0)
20	Pundaluoya	275,287.0	394,293.0	(119,006.0)

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