



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD
TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.51 OF 30TH DECEMBER, 2019.

C O M M E N T S

Bright and clear weather was experienced throughout the week from all planting districts and this pattern is expected to continue in the weeks ahead. Crops harvested from all planting districts have shown a decrease.

This week's auction No.51 which was the final for the year was conducted as a One day sale with a restricted quantity of 3.7 m/kgs on offer in view of Christmas Holidays. Low Grown Leafy/Tippy/Premium Flowery Grades comprised of 1.5 M/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category teas totaled 0.4 M/kgs. Teas on offer in the Ex-Estate catalogue amounted to 647,519 kgs.

In the Low Grown category overall demand for both leafy and small leaf categories were fully maintained this week owing to the limited weight on offer. Small leaf bright tippy teas too attracted strong demand owing to the limited availability and sold at fully firm to dearer levels. Saudi Arabia, Iran, Russia, Turkey, the CIS along with the other Middle Eastern markets were operative.

In the Ex-Estate catalogues there was less general demand witnessed this week owing to a decline in quality coupled with Christmas Holidays as most exporters had completed their purchases for the year. The high priced Western BOPs/BOPFs of last week was barely maintained and lost sharply by Rs.30-40/- and at times further with buyers following quality very closely. In the below best and plainer category, hereto prices declined by Rs.10-20/- and more. A limited selection High Grown CTC PF1's realized attractive prices on account of special enquiry whilst Medium elevational teas shed Rs.30-40/- and at times more. Shippers to Europe and Japan continued to be very selective whilst Russia, CIS, Hong Kong and China operated at lower levels. On the contrary the 'Tea Bag' sector was subdued this week.

We take this opportunity of wishing our valued clients "A Happy & Prosperous New Year".

This week's auction comprised of **6,771** lots with a total quantity of **3,729,073** kgs.
 The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lot	Qty.(Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	2,179	882,517
Low Grown Tippy	1,276	631,908
High & Medium	929	469,007
Off Grade/BOPIA	1,222	681,821
Dust	371	372,800
Premium Flowery	234	43,501
Ex-Estate	<u>560</u>	<u>647,519</u>
Total	<u>6,771</u>	<u>3,729,073</u>

In Lighter Vein

The Priests, the Car and the Warning

Five atheists are driving in a car when they pass a church. Two priests are tending the lawns outside the church. As they see the car they wave their hands and point at a sign outside the church says "Beware! The End is Near! Turn yourself around Right Now before it's too late!"

The atheists shout at the priests "Leave us alone you miserable religious fanatics!" and speed away!

Suddenly there is the sound of screeching breaks and a splash!

One priest turns to the other and says "Do you think the sign should simply read "Bridge out?"

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LOW GROWNS – LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best invoices were maintained; balance was irregularly dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too were dearer.
- OP1** : Teas in the select best category lost Rs.40-50/- and at times more; balance tended irregular. Stalky invoices were generally firm.
- OP** : A few select best OP's held firm; balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were maintained.
- OPA** : A few teas in the select best category advanced Rs.30-40/- and at times more; balance tended irregular. Poorer sorts were firm to lower by Rs.10-15/- per kg.
- PEK/PEK1**: Well made shotty invoices were barely steady; balance declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Best bold Pekoe's firm to lower by Rs.10-15/- per kg; balance too lost Rs.20/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were maintained.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP1	850-1100	870-1100	700-750	700-740	550-600	550-600
OP1	1000-1500	1100-1500	700-750	700-750	300-330	300-350
OP	670-800	680-800	550-600	550-580	340-370	340-380
OPA	670-900	680-950	550-580	540-570	320-360	340-380
PEK/PEK1	750-950	760-980	650-700	650-700	500-550	500-550

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP** : In general dearer.
- BOPF/BOPFSP** : In general dearer.
- FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best together with best and below best appreciated. Cleaner teas at the lower end too were dearer; balance were firm. FBOP1's too in general dearer.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Very tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best together with below best were firm to Dearer; balance sold on last levels. Select best and best FF1's together with cleaner below best appreciated; balance were firm.
- FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Best tippy teas appreciated. Small tippy varieties met with good demand whilst below best were firm to dearer. Teas at the lower end too advanced, particularly the cleaner varieties.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	820-940	800-920	730-780	700-750	450-500	440-500
BOPF /BOPFSP	820-850	800-980	700-750	650-700	450-500	450-500
FBOP/FBOP1	950-1250	850-1200	700-800	650-700	600-650	600-650
FBOPF/FBOPF1	1000-1800	950-1310	800-900	705-850	550-600	500-600
FBOPFSP/EXSP	2500-4000	2500-3200	1800-2200	1500-2000	700-800	650-750

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Best on offer declined Rs.20-40/- whilst the others were Rs.10-20/- lower.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Best on offer shed Rs.30-40/- whilst the others tended irregular and mostly lower.

PEK/PEK1 : Best on offer lost by Rs.30-40/- whilst the others were firm on last levels.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	800-920	820-960	700-800	720-820	500-700	520-720
FBOPF/FBOPF1	700-820	730-840	600-700	620-730	500-600	500-620
PEK/PEK1	800-900	840-960	700-800	760-840	500-700	580-760

HIGH GROWN

BOP: Best Westerns declined Rs.30-40/-per kg and more at times. In the below best category, prices were firm where quality was maintained whilst the balance declined by Rs.10-20/-per kg and more. Plainer varieties were Rs.10-20/-per kg lower. Nuwara Eliyas were irregularly lower. Udupussellawas were lower by Rs.10-20/-per kg. Uvas declined Rs.20-30/- per kg.

BOPF: Best Westerns declined Rs.40-50/-per kg and more. In the below best category too, prices declined but to a lesser extent. Plainer sorts were Rs.10-20/-per kg lower. Nuwara Eliyas declined Rs.20-30/-per kg whilst Uva/Udupussellawas followed a similar trend.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	590-660	600-750	600-710	650-780
Below Best Westerns	500-580	500-590	520-590	540-640
Plainer Westerns	415-470	410-490	420-510	430-530
Nuwara Eliyas	445-490	420-500	400-420	420-570
Other Uda Pussellawas	370	410-430	370-425	430-450
Best Uva's	500-520	550-580	470-550	530-690
Other Uva's	400-425	425-500	440	500-520

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP : Lower by Rs.10-20/-per kg.

BOPF: Dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	435-800	425-850	420-580	360-550

CTC

PF1: A few selected High Grown PF1's gained Rs.20-30/- whilst the balance declined by a similar margin. The majority of the Medium PF1's lost Rs.30-40/- and at times further. A selection of best Low Grown PF1's maintained last levels whilst the balance declined Rs.20-30/- and more.

BP1: Teas from all evaluations lost Rs.10-30/- and at times further.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	440-670	460-630	360-400	380-450
Medium	230-570	300-600	270-420	385-470
Low	370-850	380-890	325-600	320-500

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OFF GRADES

Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 lost Rs.20-30/-. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1 were lower by Rs.10-20/-. Best BPs' too irregularly lower. Well made BMs were firm whilst poorer types advanced Rs.10/-. Well-made BOP1A's firm whilst poorer types held firm.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	270-470	270-490	220-310	220-320	220-330	220-350
Good Fannings (CTC)	210-240	210-240	200-240	200-240	200-230	200-230
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	210-320	210-330	210-310	210-320	210-310	210-320
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	320-420	320-450	310-420	320-450	310-470	310-500
Other BM's	270-310	270-320	270-300	270-310	270-310	270-310
Best BOP1As	280-310	280-310	280-310	280-310	400-520	400-520
Other BOP1As	270-310	270-310	270-310	270-310	270-310	270-310

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's were firm to easier by Rs.30-40/- per kg and at times more whilst the secondary and below best types maintained last levels. The poor varieties too held firm. Low Grown Clean D/D1s advanced Rs.50-60/- per kg whilst the balance appreciated by Rs.40-50/- per kg. CTC Low Grown PD's firm to dearer by Rs.10-20/-.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	750-810	750-1150	550-620	550-650	500-670	480-560
Good Primary PD (CTC)	500-610	540-680	550-620	550-640	550-680	550-670
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	260-270	260-270	260-280	260-280	280-300	280-300
Other Primary Dust (CTC)	N/A	N/A	260-290	260-290	260-280	260-280
Secondary Dust	240-270	240-270	240-260	240-260	240-270	240-270
Poorer Dust	230-250	230-250	180-250	180-250	190-250	190-250

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2018	2019	Difference +/-	To-date 2018	To-date 2019	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Nov.	24.89	23.96	-0.93	277.63	278.17	0.54
BANGLADESH	Oct.	11.90	13.40	1.50	66.7	79.3	12.6
MALAWI	Oct.	2.2	2.3	0.1	42.8	42.0	-0.8
NORTH INDIA	Oct.	155.8	151.7	-4.1	976.5	1004.1	27.6
SOUTH INDIA	Oct.	27.0	25.2	-1.8	185.5	179.2	-6.30
KENYA	Oct.	49.28	46.30	-2.98	395.52	363.10	-32.4
UGANDA	May	7.30	6.10	-1.2	28.18	21.95	-6.23

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<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>		
*Dartry valley	BOP	810/-
Doombagastalawa	BOPSP	750/-
Craighead	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-
*Harangalla	BOP1	850/-
*Dartry Valley	BOP1	850/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	920/-
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	820/-
Harangalla	OP/OPA	700/-
*Harangalla	OP1	850/-
*Dartry Valley	OP1	830/-
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	900/-
Craighead	PEK/PEK1	900/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>		
Venture	BOP	750/-
Glentilt	BOPSP	570/-
Adisham	BOPF/BOPFSP	710/-
Inverness	BOP1	700/-
Venture	FBOP/ FBOP1	760/-
Inverness	FBOP/ FBOP1	760/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	780/-
Weddemulla	OP/OPA	620/-
Venture	OP1	740/-
Weddemulla	PEK/PEK1	820/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>		
Mahagastotte	BOP	490/-
Court Lodge	BOPF /BOPF SP	420/-
Kenmare	BOPF /BOPF SP	420/-
Court Lodge	FBOP/ FBOP1	790/-
Lovers Leap	PEK/PEK1	500/-
<u>CTC TEAS</u>		
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>		
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	670/-
Florence CTC	BP1	410/-
Mount Vernon	BPS	400/-
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>		
*New Peacock	PF1	550/-
Delta CTC	BP1	420/-
Strathdon	BPS	400/-
<u>LOW GROWN</u>		
Kalubovitiyana CTC	PF1	850/-
Cecilayan CTC	BP1	600/-

<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>		
Demodera S	BOP	710/-
*Halpewatte Uva	BOPSP	720/-
Aruna Passara	BOPF/BOPFSP	640/-
Telbedde	BOP1	750/-
Telbedde	FBOP /FBOP1	770/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOP /FBOP1	760/-
*Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-
Wewesse	OP/OPA	700/-
Aruna Passara	OP1	650/-
Dickwella	PEK /PEK1	850/-
<u>UVA HIGH</u>		
Ranaya	BOP	700/-
Spring Valley	BOPSP	700/-
Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	480/-
Battawatte	BOP1	780/-
Uvakellie	FBOP/ FBOP1	790/-
Craig	FBOPF/FBOPF1	750/-
*Battawatte	FBOPF/FBOPF1	720/-
*Battawatte	OP/OPA	670/-
Oodoowerra	OP1	630/-
Uva Highlands	PEK /PEK1	790/-
<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>		
Kirklees	BOP	470/-
Ragalla	BOPF/BOPFSP	510/-
Gordon	FBOP/ FBOP1	660/-
Gordon	FBOPF/FBOPF1	700/-
Gonapitiya	OP/OPA	570/-
Gonapitiya	OP1	470/-
Gonapitiya	PEK /PEK1	700/-
<u>OFF GRADES</u>		
Clydesdale	FNGS/FNGS1	660/-
Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	680/-
*Aldora	BM	590/-
Cecilayan	BP	630/-
Chandrika Est	BOP1A	620/-
*Chandrika Est	BOPIA	610/-

<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
*Sithaka	BOP1	1200/-
Pothotuwa	BOP1	1150/-
*Makandura	BOP1	1100/-
*Sithaka	OP1	1750/-
*Makandura	OP1	1650/-
Rotumba	OP	900/-
Sunrise	OPA	1150/-
New Vithanakande	PEKOE	1160/-
Matuwagala Super	PEKOE1	1200/-
Three Times Tea	PEKOE1	1175/-
*Nawalakanda Sup	PEKOE1	1150/-
<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u>		
Brombil	BOP	940/-
*Geekiyanahena	BOP	880/-
Kelani	BOPSP	820/-
Pothatuwa	BOPF	850/-
Broadlands SH	BOPFSP	850/-
*Sithaka	FBOP	1250/-
Pothatuwa	FBOP	1250/-
Gangaboda	FBOP1	1110/-
Gangaboda	FBOPF	1800/-
Cecilayan	FBOPF1	900/-
<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u>		
Co-op Tea	FBOPFSP	3250/-
Mulathiyana Hills	FBOPFSP	2800/-
*Makandura	FBOPFSP	2600/-
Dickwella	FBOPFEXSP	4000/-
Berubeula	FBOPFEXSP1	3550/-
<u>DUST</u>		
Mattakelle	Dust1	860/-
Kalubovitiyana	PD	680/-

*** Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
+++ All Time Record Price
++ Equal All Time Record Price

COLOMBO AUCTION – GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.50 OF 17TH DECEMBER, 2019.

	Weekly	2019		Weekly	2018
		Month to Date	Year to Date		Year to Date
Uva High Grown	463.39	490.49	462.21	467.03	520.63
Western High Grown	554.76	567.94	524.56	596.43	589.82
High Grown	531.21	547.55	507.21	559.14	570.84
Uva Medium	475.44	493.30	491.63	510.52	527.05
Western Medium	488.35	479.93	455.12	492.56	512.90
Medium Grown	484.52	484.01	465.17	497.86	517.27
Low Grown (Orthodox)	639.79	633.20	587.33	605.92	609.08
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	624.66	618.19	576.39	591.52	601.38
Total	579.20	577.69	544.63	570.22	581.93

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 06th/ 07th January'20</u>		<u>Sale of 13th/ 14th January'20</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	3,681	1,577,694	3,641	1,630,278
Low Grown Tippy	2,213	1,143,229	2,175	1,180,761
High & Medium	1,538	761,140	1,282	656,798
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,276	1,300,031	2,121	1,209,139
Dust	687	697,123	652	649,556
Premium Flowery	415	83,314	392	79,776
Ex-Estate	<u>848</u>	<u>989,222</u>	<u>815</u>	<u>967,230</u>
Total	<u>11,658</u>	<u>6,551,753</u>	<u>11,078</u>	<u>6,373,538</u>

Weekly Private Sale Figures (From 16/12/2019 - 28/12/2019) - 85,988.00 Kgs.

Cumulative - 5,410,516.00 Kgs.

Crop & Weather

For the period 23-29 December 2019

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions:Bright weather was reported throughout the week and the prevailing weather conditions are expected to continue in the week ahead too according to the Department of Meteorology.
Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:Clear weather was experienced during the week. **Low Growns:**Both Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions reported bright weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology forecasts misty conditions during the morning hours in the Sabaragamuwa Region.

Crop Intake: All planting regions showed a decrease in the crop intake.

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CATALOGUES

Sale No.02 of 13th/14th January, 2020

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **19th December, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** on scheduled.

Sale No.03 of 21st/22nd January, 2020

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **02nd January, 2020** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

Sale No.04 of 28th /29th January, 2020

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **09th January, 2020** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.01

BROKER'S ORDER

Auction of 06th/07th January, 2020.

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

Ex-Estate

1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
3. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
4. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
6. John Keells PLC
7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
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LCBL APPROXIMATE SELLING TIMES

Monday 6th January, 2020

High & Medium : 12.00 noon.
 BOP1A : 05.45 p.m.

Tuesday 7th January, 2020

Low Grown Tippy : 08.00 a.m.
 Premium Flowery : 09.05 a.m.
 Low Grown Leafy : 09.50 a.m.
 Ex-Estate : 10.15 a.m.
 Off Grades : 11.20 a.m.
 Dust : 02.30 p.m.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

January 01, 2020

- ❖ **Head-Office**:- will be closed for business on the above day.
- ❖ **Tea Sample Room/ Stores**:- will remain open for business until 12.30 p.m.

OTHER MARKETS

BANGLADESH AUCTION

Sale 33 held on Tuesday 24th December, 2019.

CTC LEAF: 63,824 packages of Current Season & 384 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a fairly good demand.

BROKENS: All clean Brokens were a fairly strong feature and were generally firm to slightly dearer following competition. Other varieties saw more demand but sold at around last levels. However, there were some withdrawals particularly for the plainer varieties. Poor types met with a restricted demand and only a few were sold and there were heavy withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Good liquoring types were a stronger feature and were mostly well competed for resulting in higher prices. Medium varieties saw a better demand and were generally firm. Plain and poor types met with a limited interest but were generally easier with several withdrawals.

CTC DUST: 9,726 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with an improved demand. Good liquoring teas once again met with good competition and were dearer by Tk.3/- to Tk.5/- closely following quality. Others also sold well at around last levels. However, plain, BLF teas were easier and also witnessed quite fair withdrawals. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS: Market followed a similar trend as of last week, whereby good liquoring types continued to meet with a stronger demand at higher rates. Blenders were the mainstay of the market with only limited support from the Loose tea buyers. Dusts sold well.

Our catalogue (Sale 33): Avg: Tk 186.39, Sold 60.5% & (Sale 32) Avg: Tk 176.12 sold 60.7%.

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This Week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	155-165nom	155-170	Best	205-215	200-210	PD	160-249	168-262
Medium	165-180	160-175	Good	185-200	185-195	RD	108-249	100-267
Small	170-185	165-180	Medium	165-180	160-175	D	132-264	100-266
Plain	115-145	110-140	Plain	115-145	110-140	CD	125-275	143-284
BLF	110-135	105-130	BLF	110-135	105-130	BLF	108-165	100-170

Courtesy: NATIONAL BROKERS LIMITED

30th December, 2019.

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SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION-NOVEMBER 2019

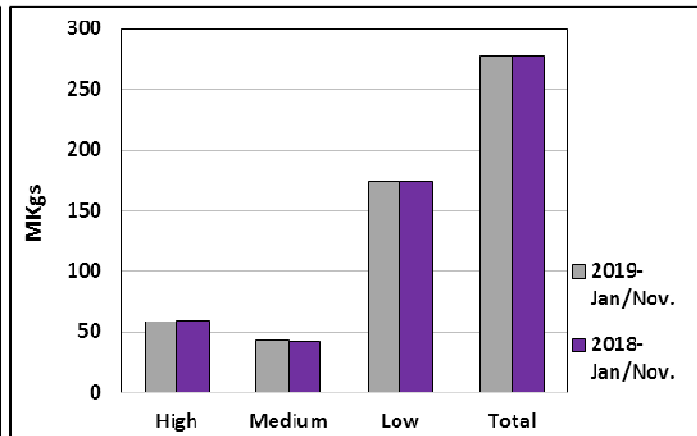
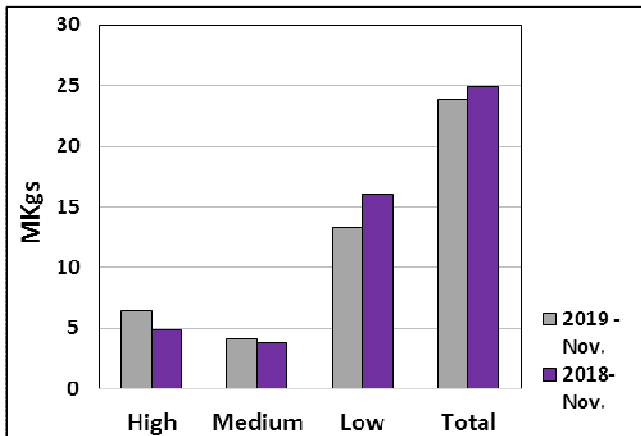


Sri Lanka Tea Production for November recorded as 23.9 Mkgs shows a decline of 0.928 Mkgs when compared with the corresponding period of last year. However, the cumulative tea production for the period January to November, 2019 when compared with same period of last year reflects an overall increase of 0.540 Mkgs. The High & Medium elevation showed a healthy increase when compared to the same period of last year whilst the Low Grown elevation has recorded a sharp decline of 2.8 Mkgs.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2019- November	2018- November	+/-	%	Jan/Nov 2019	Jan/Nov 2018	+/-	%
High	6,513,740	4,924,348	1,589,393	32.28	58,739,159	59,771,326	(1,032,167)	(1.73)
Medium	4,159,682	3,836,784	322,898	8.42	44,333,451	43,189,630	1,143,821	2.65
Low	<u>13,290,602</u>	<u>16,131,773</u>	<u>(2,841,171)</u>	<u>(17.61)</u>	<u>175,105,465</u>	<u>174,676,125</u>	<u>429,339</u>	<u>0.25</u>
Total	<u>23,964,024</u>	<u>24,892,904</u>	<u>(928,881)</u>	<u>(3.73)</u>	<u>278,178,074</u>	<u>277,637,081</u>	<u>540,994</u>	<u>0.19</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	47,102,879.00	11	Hatton/Dickoya	6,703,758.00
2	Galle	40,386,292.00	12	Kegalle	6,488,232.00
3	Kalutara	20,800,760.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	5,737,577.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	17,234,038.00	14	Morawake	5,565,943.00
5	Matara	13,796,839.00	15	Kadugannawa	5,449,876.00
6	Deniyaya	13,191,775.00	16	Upcot/Maskeliya	5,376,491.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	8,365,438.00	17	Bogawantalawa	5,234,766.00
8	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	8,217,233.00	18	Agarapathana	5,063,321.00
9	Kelani Valley	7,240,461.00	19	Balangoda	4,813,757.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	7,208,950.00	20	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	3,852,766.00

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