

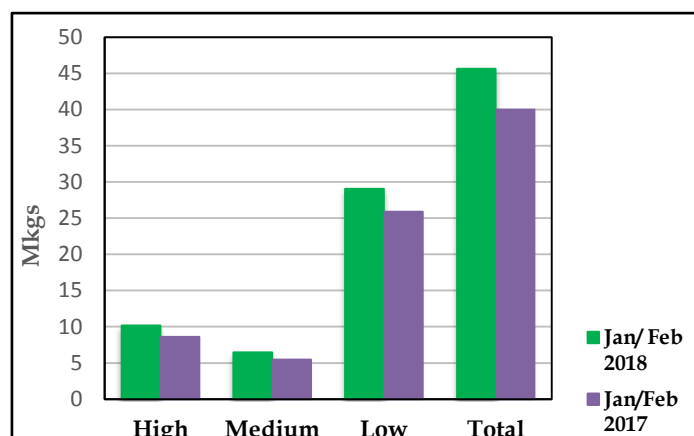
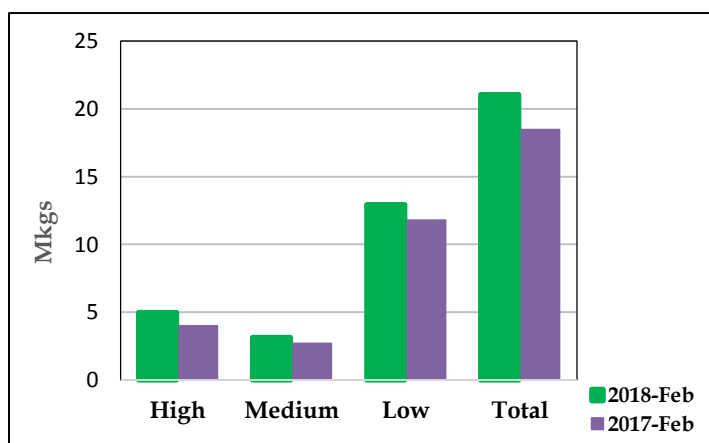
The month of February, 2018 has kept pace with the preceding month and a further gain on production has been recorded when compared to February, 2017. There has been a fairly sharp gain during the month under review from High Grown Plantations with an improvement of approximately 1.0 Mkgs (24.83%) month-on-month whilst the Medium Grown elevation has recorded a gain of 450,000 Kgs (16.67%). The Low Grown sector has recorded a gain of 1.1 Mkgs (9.80%).

During the period January-February, 2018 a total crop of 45.5 Mkgs has been harvested from all three elevations which is a gain of 5.6 Mkgs over the crop figure of 39.9 Mkgs recorded during the same period last year.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-February 2018 vs. 2017 (In Kgs)

	2018- February	2017- February	+/-	%	Jan/ Feb 2018	Jan/Feb 2017	+/-	%
High	4,985,158	3,993,644	991,514	24.83	10,162,531	8,621,351	1,541,179	17.88
Medium	3,142,977	2,693,857	449,121	16.67	6,421,107	5,476,946	944,161	17.24
Low	12,928,166	11,774,803	1,153,364	9.80	29,015,781	25,876,033	3,139,749	12.13
Total	<u>21,056,301</u>	<u>18,462,303</u>	<u>2,593,998</u>	<u>14.05</u>	<u>45,599,419</u>	<u>39,974,330</u>	<u>5,625,089</u>	<u>14.07</u>



During the period January to February, 2018 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	8,072,741.00	11	Agarapathana	1,023,818.00
2	Galle	6,415,151.00	12	Bogawantalawa	1,009,965.00
3	Kalutara	3,042,823.00	13	Upcot/Maskeliya	1,006,321.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	2,497,965.00	14	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	1,000,027.00
5	Matara	2,404,045.00	15	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	978,974.00
6	Deniyaya	2,268,346.00	16	Kadugannawa	900,753.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	1,562,962.00	17	Kegalle	871,745.00
8	Kelani Valley	1,463,710.00	18	Morawake	860,980.00
9	Hatton/Dickoya	1,289,319.00	19	Balangoda	769,639.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	1,251,023.00	20	Patana/Kotagala	713,745.00

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