

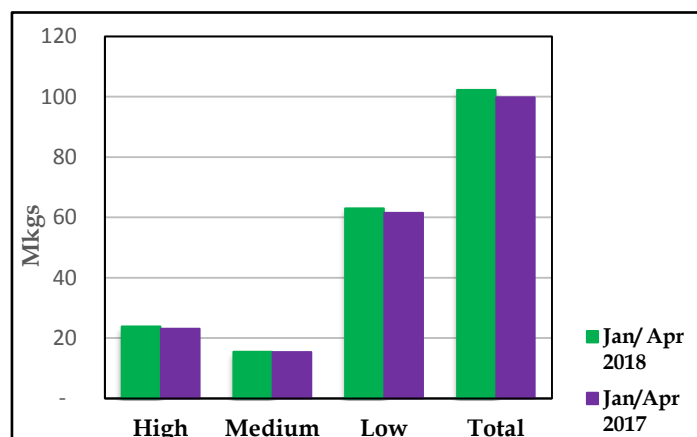
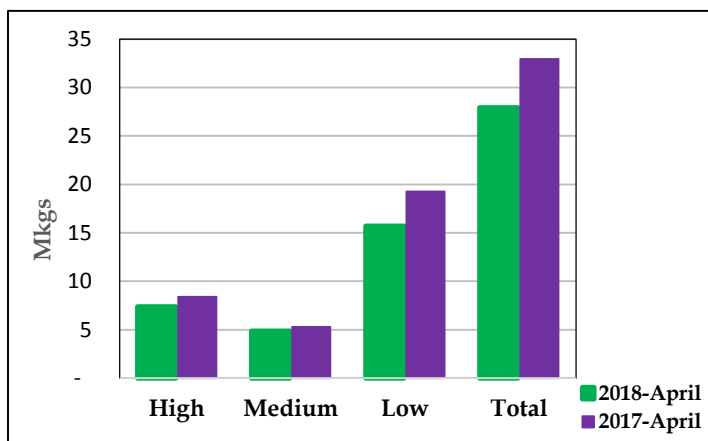
The production for April, 2018 is rather disappointing as a total decline of 15.28% is seen when compared to April, 2017. All elevations have shown a drop vis-a-vis April, 2017. High Grown have declined by 11.95% and Medium Elevation teas by 8.61%. The Low Grown drop is 18.56%.

On analyzing the Jan/ April, 2018 crop, it will be seen that the poor harvest in April, 2018 has resulted in the Jan/March surplus of 7.3 Mkgs narrowing down to 2.4 Mkgs by end April, 2018.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2018-April	2017-April	+/-	%	Jan/ Apr 2018	Jan/Apr 2017	+/-	%
High	7,383,388	8,385,882	(1,002,493)	(11.95)	23,851,017	23,053,899	797,118	3.46
Medium	4,843,486	5,299,646	(456,159)	(8.61)	15,403,145	15,306,627	96,518	0.63
Low	<u>15,684,552</u>	<u>19,259,103</u>	<u>(3,574,552)</u>	<u>(18.56)</u>	<u>62,991,004</u>	<u>61,460,883</u>	<u>1,530,121</u>	<u>2.49</u>
Total	<u>27,911,426</u>	<u>32,944,630</u>	<u>(5,033,204)</u>	<u>(15.28)</u>	<u>102,245,166</u>	<u>99,821,409</u>	<u>2,423,757</u>	<u>2.43</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	17,322,397.00	11	Balangoda/Rakwana	2,724,658.00
2	Galle	14,222,978.00	12	Agarapathana	2,311,715.00
3	Kalutara	7,011,688.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	2,181,943.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	5,470,148.00	14	Upcot/Maskeliya	2,158,857.00
5	Matara	5,119,932.00	15	Bogawantalawa	2,145,275.00
6	Deniyaya	4,802,811.00	16	Kegalle	1,918,845.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	3,299,561.00	17	Kadugannawa	1,867,777.00
8	Kelani Valley	2,994,255.00	18	Morawake	1,867,681.00
9	Hatton/Dickoya	2,816,933.00	19	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	1,701,324.00
10	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	2,763,282.00	20	Patana/Kotagala	1,684,856.00

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