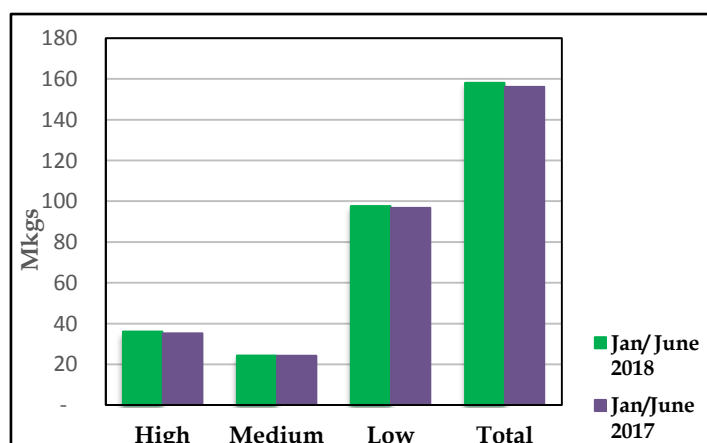
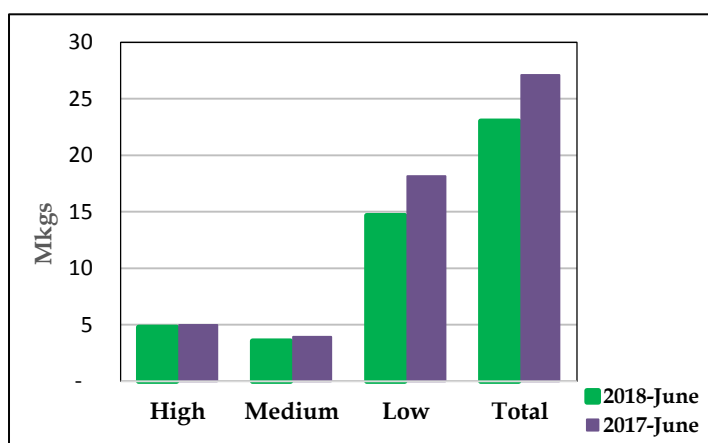


The Marked decline in crop for June has been directly due to the adverse weather conditions which prevailed throughout May and June with excessive rain and dull, overcast skies which in turn greatly hampered growth. Following the poor harvest recorded in June, the cumulative surplus which stood at 6.1 Mkgs at the end of May has now come down to a mere +2.1Mkgs for Jan/June, 2018 compared to the first six months of 2017.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2018-June	2017-June	+/-	%	Jan/ June 2018	Jan/June 2017	+/-	%
High	4,782,273	4,998,707	(216,433)	(4.33)	36,115,834	35,204,207	911,626	2.59
Medium	3,581,712	3,941,501	(359,789)	(9.13)	24,374,263	24,206,445	167,818	0.69
Low	14,667,417	18,154,054	(3,486,637)	(19.21)	97,714,565	96,713,340	1,001,225	1.04
Total	<u>23,031,402</u>	<u>27,094,261</u>	<u>(4,062,859)</u>	<u>(15.00)</u>	<u>158,204,662</u>	<u>156,123,992</u>	<u>2,080,670</u>	<u>1.33</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	26,648,628.00	11	Hatton/Dickoya	3,979,533.00
2	Galle	22,537,055.00	12	Agarapathana	3,643,722.00
3	Kalutara	11,239,304.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	3,335,097.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	8,617,378.00	14	Upcot/Maskeliya	3,310,527.00
5	Matara	8,025,488.00	15	Bogawantalawa	3,145,671.00
6	Deniyaya	7,281,506.00	16	Kadugannawa	3,008,675.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	4,828,636.00	17	Morawake	2,935,933.00
8	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	4,523,154.00	18	Kegalle	2,835,391.00
9	Kelani Valley	4,488,267.00	19	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	2,584,553.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	4,051,630.00	20	Patana/Kotagala	2,579,346.00