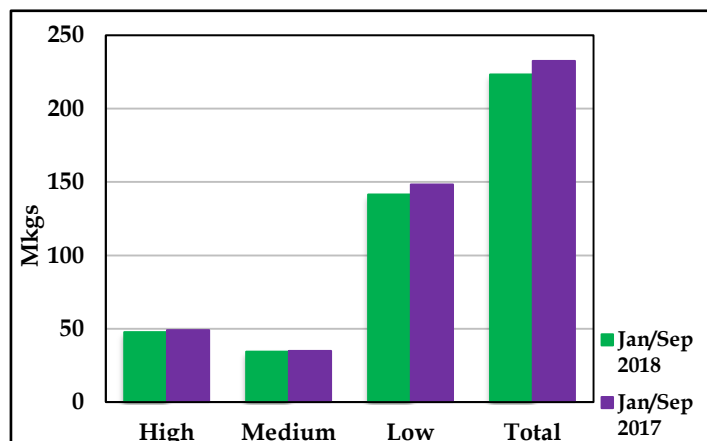
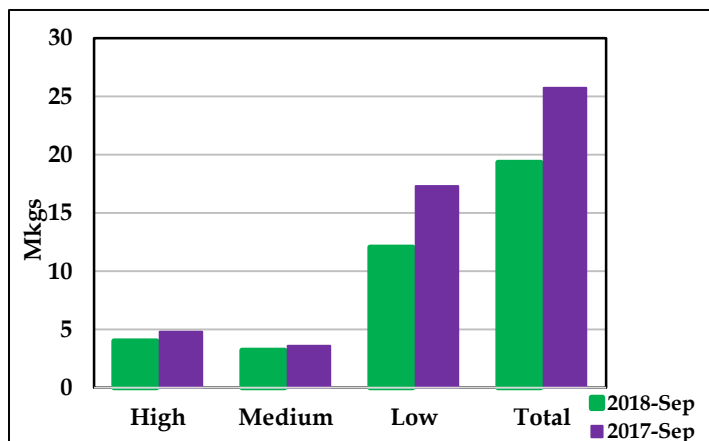


The very low production of 19.3 Mkgs achieved during the month of September, 2018 shows a drop of 6.4 Mkgs when compared to the same month in 2017. The largest decline of 5.23 Mkgs (30.25%) is seen from the Low Grown elevation whilst the High Grown have declined 0.8 Mkgs (16.49%) and Medium Grown by 0.3 Mkgs (10.36%). The year-to-date tea production (January-September, 2018) amounts to only 223.2 Mkgs when compared to 232.4 Mkgs achieved during the same period last year. The year-to-date decline which stood had 3.0 Mkgs as at the end of August, 2018 has now widened to a 9.2 Mkgs. A recovery of crop to a certain extent is possible following the more favourable growing conditions seen in the recent weeks, but to surpass last year's production of 37.7 Mkgs will still be quite a challenge.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2018- September	2017- September	+/-	%	Jan/Sep 2018	Jan/Sep 2017	+/-	%
High	4,027,145	4,822,555	(795,410)	(16.49)	47,623,715	49,094,539	(1,470,824)	(3.00)
Medium	3,228,674	3,601,988	(373,314)	(10.36)	34,254,166	34,945,708	(691,541)	(1.98)
Low	12,075,127	17,311,333	(5,236,206)	(30.25)	141,339,159	148,391,067	(7,051,908)	(4.75)
Total	19,330,946	25,735,876	(6,404,930)	(24.89)	223,217,040	232,431,314	(9,214,273)	(3.96)



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

1	Ratnapura	38,880,731.00	11	Hatton/Dickoya	4,993,956.00
2	Galle	32,457,218.00	12	Agarapathana	4,766,655.00
3	Kalutara	16,702,036.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	4,607,936.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	12,769,200.00	14	Kadugannawa	4,399,459.00
5	Matarara	11,151,136.00	15	Upcot/Maskeliya	4,384,658.00
6	Deniyaya	10,436,230.00	16	Kegalle	4,282,856.00
7	Kelani Valley	6,465,441.00	17	Morawake	4,273,450.00
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	6,255,958.00	18	Bogawantalawa	4,099,096.00
9	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	6,173,613.00	19	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	3,615,943.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	5,666,239.00	20	Balangoda	3,307,831.00