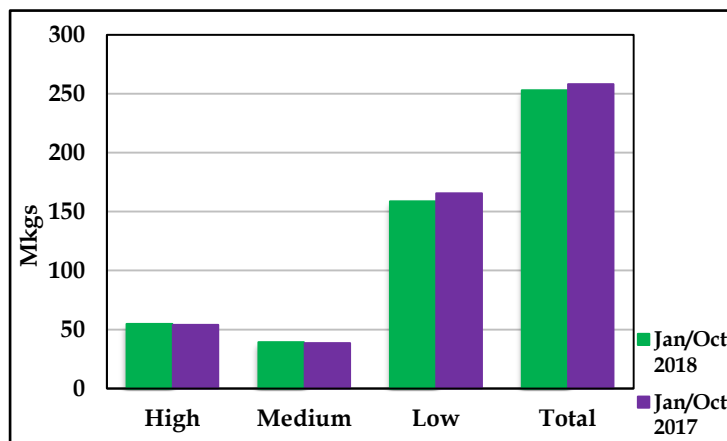
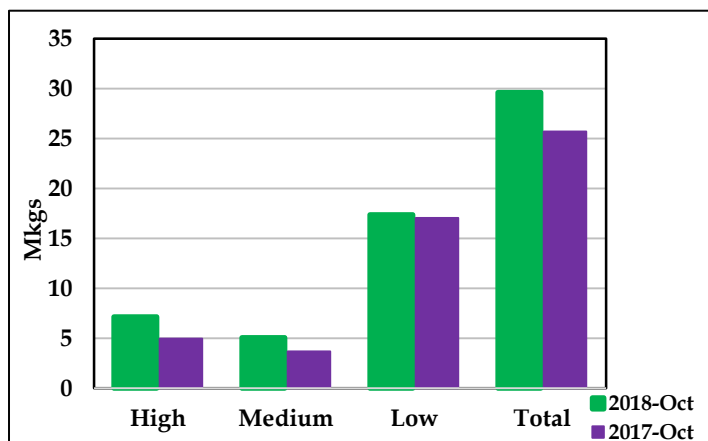


The month of October has seen a favorable production when compared to the same month last year. The total production of 29.6 Mkgs reflects a gain of 3.8 Mkgs over the corresponding month last year, and it is salient to mention that the majority of the increase has been from the High & Medium elevations following the favorable weather experienced during the period under review. The January to October position this year is that Sri Lanka has produced 252.9 Mkgs as opposed to 258.1 Mkgs during the corresponding period last year. Due to the favorable production in October, the year-to date production deficit of 9.2 Mkg as at end September, 2018 has been reduced to -5.2 Mkgs for the period January/October, 2018.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2018- October	2017- October	+/-	%	Jan/Oct 2018	Jan/Oct 2017	+/-	%
<b>High</b>	7,160,247	4,972,549	2,187,698	44.00	54,846,978	54,067,088	779,890	1.44
<b>Medium</b>	5,078,431	3,683,394	1,395,038	37.87	39,352,846	38,629,101	723,745	1.87
<b>Low</b>	<u>17,378,084</u>	<u>17,062,971</u>	<u>315,113</u>	<u>1.85</u>	<u>158,726,657</u>	<u>165,454,038</u>	<u>(6,727,381)</u>	<u>(4.07)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>29,616,762</u>	<u>25,718,913</u>	<u>3,897,849</u>	<u>15.16</u>	<u>252,926,481</u>	<u>258,150,227</u>	<u>(5,223,746)</u>	<u>(2.02)</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	43,681,502.00	11	Hatton/Dickoya	5,908,722.00
2	Galle	36,310,228.00	12	Agarapathana	5,497,696.00
3	Kalutara	18,696,692.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	5,320,305.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	14,618,771.00	14	Upcot/Maskeliya	5,123,496.00
5	Matarara	12,516,939.00	15	Kadugannawa	5,000,079.00
6	Deniyaya	11,834,760.00	16	Kegalle	4,865,749.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	7,295,744.00	17	Morawake	4,861,206.00
8	Kelani Valley	7,274,622.00	18	Bogawantalawa	4,754,010.00
9	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	6,873,535.00	19	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	4,136,416.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	6,263,236.00	20	Patana/Kotagala	3,795,976.00