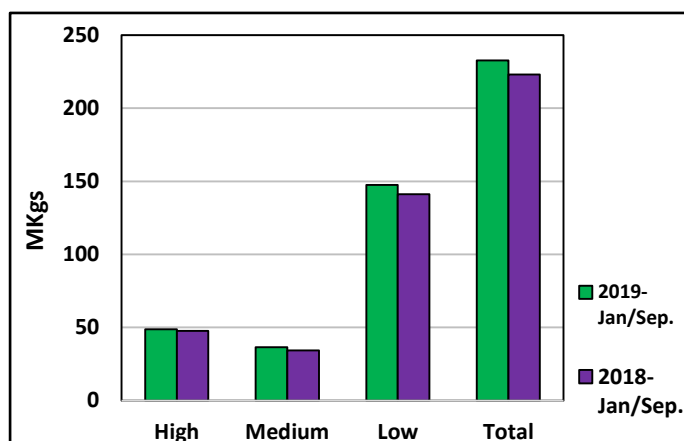
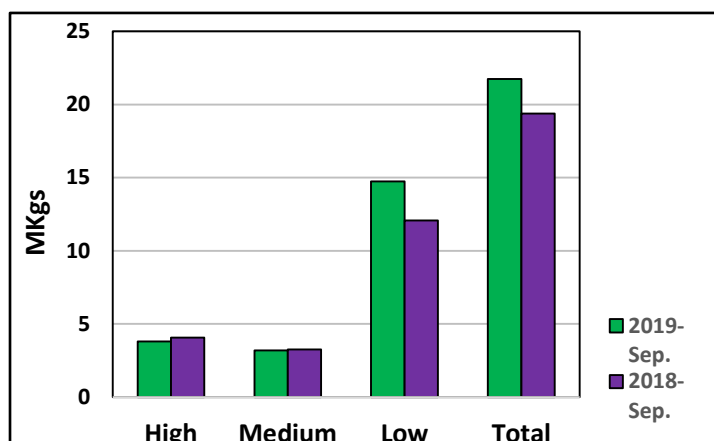


An overall improved crop intake has been recorded for the month of September 2019, due largely to the +2.6 Mkgs month-on-month harvest made in the Low Grown elevation whilst both High & Medium elevations recorded a lower crop than September, 2018, due to the heavy showery conditions that were experienced, which hampered growth. During the period January to September 2019, a total crop of 232.7 Mkgs has been harvested reflecting a year-on-year improvement of 9.6 Mkgs.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-September 2019 vs. 2018 (In Kgs)

	2019- September	2018- September	+/-	%	Jan/Sep 2019	Jan/Sep 2018	+/-	%
High	3,799,812	4,063,313	(263,501)	(6.48)	48,837,958	47,686,731	1,151,227	2.41
Medium	3,190,851	3,248,922	(58,071)	(1.79)	36,443,226	34,274,415	2,168,811	6.33
Low	<u>14,746,662</u>	<u>12,075,127</u>	<u>2,671,536</u>	<u>22.12</u>	<u>147,445,281</u>	<u>141,068,900</u>	<u>6,376,381</u>	<u>4.52</u>
Total	<u>21,737,325</u>	<u>19,387,362</u>	<u>2,349,963</u>	<u>12.12</u>	<u>232,726,464</u>	<u>223,030,045</u>	<u>9,696,419</u>	<u>4.35</u>



During the period January to September, 2019 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	39,954,850.00	11	Kegalle	5,451,088.00
2	Galle	33,721,980.00	12	Hatton/Dickoya	5,372,906.00
3	Kalutara	17,632,570.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	4,736,973.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	14,505,246.00	14	Morawake	4,714,391.00
5	Matara	11,667,017.00	15	Kadugannawa	4,521,498.00
6	Deniyaya	11,239,761.00	16	Upcot/Maskeliya	4,520,960.00
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	6,840,760.00	17	Bogawantalawa	4,287,447.00
8	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	6,642,746.00	18	Agarapathana	4,136,643.00
9	Balangoda/Rakwana	6,136,209.00	19	Balangoda	4,135,841.00
10	Kelani Valley	6,041,803.00	20	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	3,060,257.00

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