

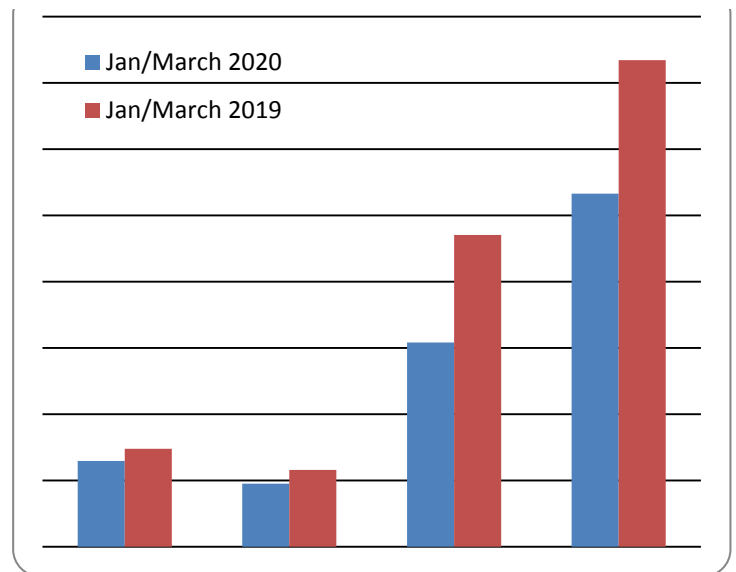
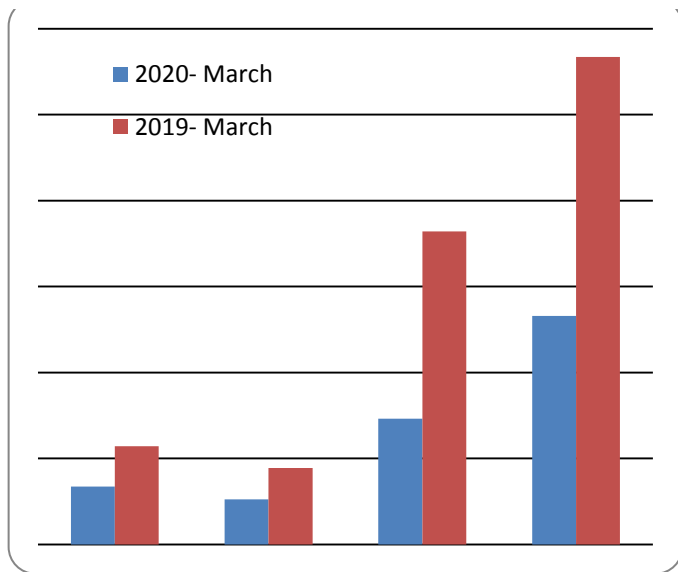
The COVID-19 Lockdown and drought conditions experienced in March, 2020 together have resulted in a substantial drop in production to a mere 13.2 Mkgs for the month under review compared to 28.3 Mkgs in March, 2019, i.e., a decline of 15.0 Mkgs(-53.17%).

The production for January / March, 2020 has been recorded as 53.2 Mkgs which is again a drop of 20.1 Mkgs over the corresponding period last year. A closer look at the detailed crop statistics given below would reveal that the Low Grown plantations have been the worst affected with a decline of a massive 16.2 Mkgs during the first quarter of 2020, in comparison with that of the previous year.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

### Sri Lanka Tea Production - March 2020 vs. 2019 (In Kgs)

	2020 March	2019- March	Change	%	Jan/March 2020	Jan/March 2019	Change	%
<b>High</b>	3,355,617	5,701,796	-2,346,179	-41.15	12,935,440	14,784,455	-1,849,014	-12.5
<b>Medium</b>	2,607,706	4,441,894	-1,834,188	-41.29	9,512,095	11,600,745	-2,088,650	-18.0
<b>Low</b>	7,317,388	18,212,707	-10,895,319	-59.82	30,821,926	47,040,250	-16,218,324	-34.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,280,712</b>	<b>28,356,397</b>	<b>-15,075,685</b>	<b>-53.17</b>	<b>53,269,461</b>	<b>73,425,450</b>	<b>-20,155,989</b>	<b>-27.5</b>



During the period January to March 2020 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	8,564,155	11	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	1,312,658
2	Galle	6,578,585	12	Kegalle	1,231,130
3	Kalutara	3,813,467	13	Bogawantalawa	1,218,411
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	3,706,834	14	Upcot/Maskeliya	1,094,217
5	Deniyaya	2,112,047	15	Kelani Velli	1,043,211
6	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	1,972,366	16	Kadugannawa	1,040,682
7	Matara	1,884,139	17	Morawake	995,250
8	Hatton/Dickoya	1,607,553	18	Agarapathana	945,995
9	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakele	1,598,058	19	Balangoda	893,196
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	1,553,531	20	Kandy/Matale/Kurunegala	832,024

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