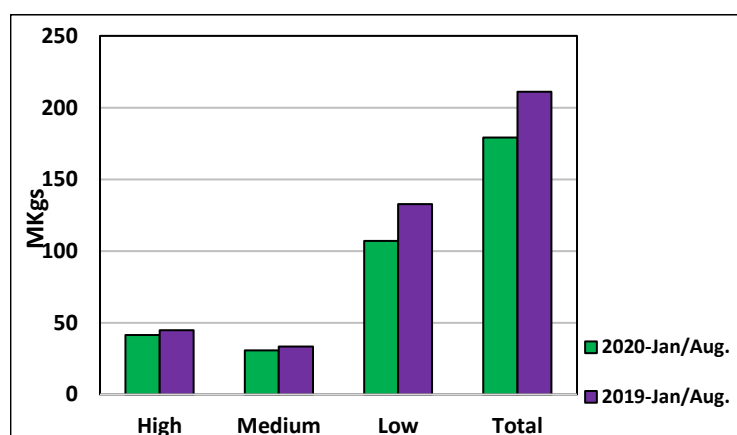
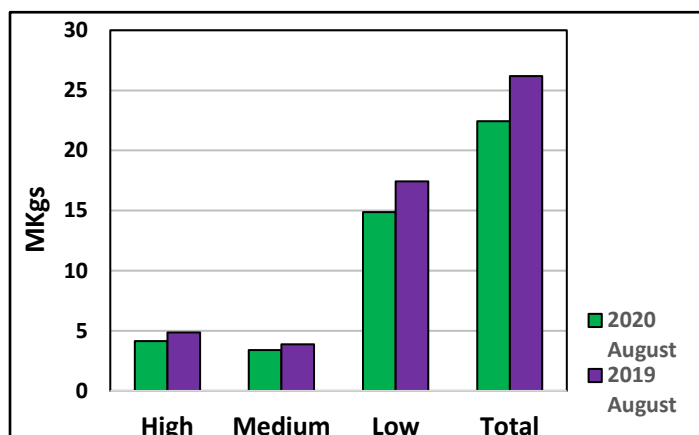


The month of August, 2020 has been a struggle for the plantations due to the noticeable drop in yields following dull and overcast conditions and heavy precipitation along with strong winds. There has not been sufficient sunlight throughout the month and the National Harvest of 224 Mkgs shows a deficit of -3.7 Mkgs over the corresponding month last year.

The cumulative shortfall which stood at -28.4 Mkgs at the end of July, 2020 has now widened to -31.8 Mkgs, and, given below are more comprehensive details relating to production.

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

	2020- August	2019- August	+/-	%	Jan/Aug 2020	Jan/Aug 2019	+/-	%
High	4,138,376	4,871,773	(733,397)	(15.05)	41,401,245	44,777,495	(3,376,250)	(7.54)
Medium	3,406,576	3,887,641	(481,065)	(12.37)	30,687,298	33,556,506	(2,869,209)	(8.55)
Low	<u>14,882,249</u>	<u>17,442,073</u>	<u>(2,559,824)</u>	<u>(14.68)</u>	<u>107,105,767</u>	<u>132,685,293</u>	<u>(25,579,526)</u>	<u>(19.28)</u>
Total	<u>22,427,201</u>	<u>26,201,487</u>	<u>(3,774,285)</u>	<u>(14.40)</u>	<u>179,194,311</u>	<u>211,019,295</u>	<u>(31,824,984)</u>	<u>(15.08)</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	30,053,032.00	11	Kelani Valley	4,564,545.00
2	Galle	23,535,016.00	12	Kegalle	4,048,474.00
3	Kalutara	12,120,263.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	4,001,739.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	11,482,479.00	14	Bogawantalawa	3,599,818.00
5	Deniyaya	7,993,547.00	15	Morawake	3,504,221.00
6	Matara	6,977,115.00	16	Upcot/Maskeliya	3,274,863.00
7	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	6,581,201.00	17	Kadugannawa	3,202,636.00
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	5,215,509.00	18	Balangoda	3,188,144.00
9	Hatton/Dickoya	5,190,921.00	19	Agarapathana	2,902,690.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	5,089,613.00	20	Patana/Kotagala	2,854,708.00

September 21, 2020

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