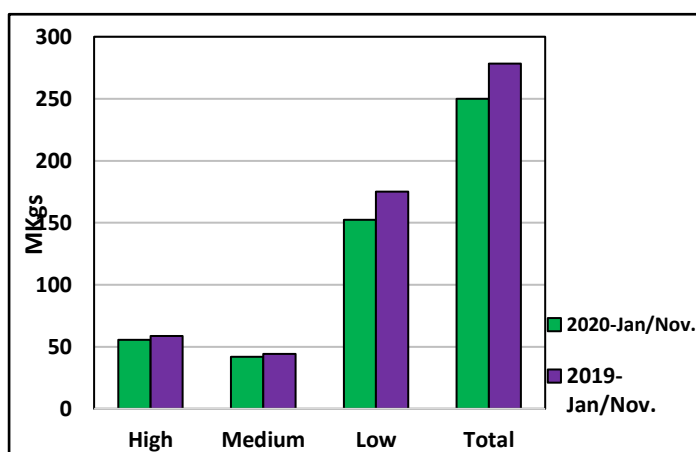
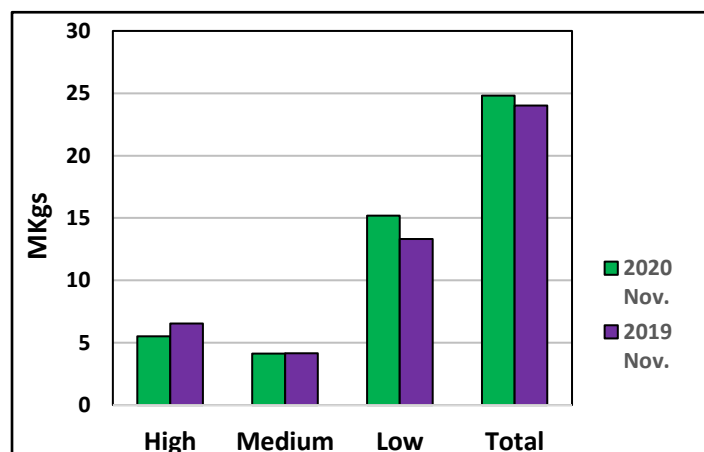


Sri Lanka's tea production in November 2020, has recorded an increase of 3.25Mkgs over the corresponding month last year which is largely attributed to the increased crop intakes of the Low Grown elevation, despite the deficits recorded by both High & Medium elevations. During the period January to November, 2020, the total harvest is only 249.9Mkgs which is a disappointing figure when compared to the crop achieved during the same period in 2019, which was 278.2Mkgs; a deficit of a massive 28.3Mkgs. It is now patently clear that the year 2020, will end up with a much lower tea production than the previous year, as a direct impact of global warming, the ill effects of which have not spared our tea production and agricultural economy at large.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2020- November	2019- November	+/-	%	Jan/Nov 2020	Jan/Nov 2019	+/-	%
High	5,502,338	6,550,656	(1,048,318)	(16.00)	55,693,887	58,776,075	(3,082,188)	(5.24)
Medium	4,118,477	4,160,108	(41,631)	(1.00)	41,889,608	44,333,877	(2,444,269)	(5.51)
Low	<u>15,186,211</u>	<u>13,315,362</u>	<u>1,870,850</u>	<u>14.05</u>	<u>152,320,545</u>	<u>175,116,900</u>	<u>(22,796,355)</u>	<u>(13.02)</u>
Total	<u>24,807,027</u>	<u>24,026,126</u>	<u>780,901</u>	<u>3.25</u>	<u>249,904,040</u>	<u>278,226,851</u>	<u>(28,322,812)</u>	<u>(10.18)</u>



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

1	Ratnapura	42,876,479.00	11	Kelani Valley	6,638,281.00
2	Galle	33,439,077.00	12	Kegalle	5,804,756.00
3	Kalutara	16,652,754.00	13	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	5,378,012.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	15,918,440.00	14	Morawake	5,036,091.00
5	Deniyaya	11,583,794.00	15	Bogawantalawa	4,928,489.00
6	Matara	10,518,787.00	16	Upcot/Maskeliya	4,451,473.00
7	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	8,603,898.00	17	Balangoda	4,443,354.00
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	7,158,625.00	18	Kadugannawa	4,276,582.00
9	Balangoda/Rakwana	7,076,459.00	19	Patana/Kotagala	4,041,708.00
10	Hatton/Dickoya	6,928,487.00	20	Agarapathana	3,914,948.00

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