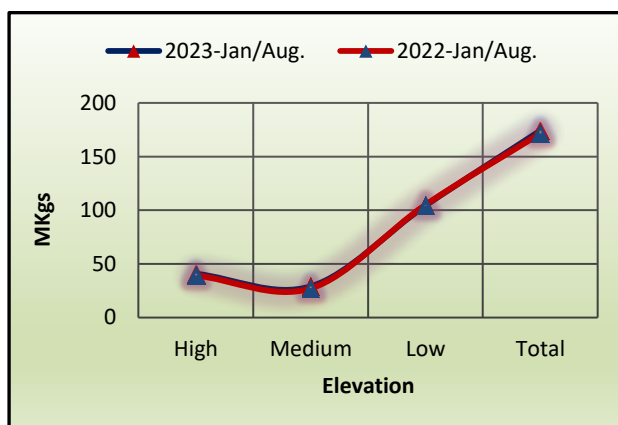
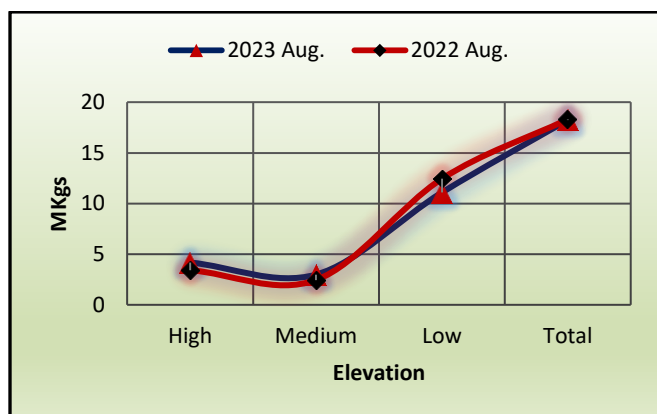


Sri Lanka's Tea production of approx. 18.3 MKGS for the month of August, 2023 reflected a marginal decline (-66,043) when compared with the corresponding month of last year. During the month under review, High & Medium elevations have recorded gains over the corresponding month of the previous year as shown below whilst Low Grown elevation has recorded a decline. The total crop of approx. 174.3 MKGS was recorded during the period January/ August, 2023 which shows a gain when compared to the corresponding period of 2022. Conducive weather patterns in the Medium & High areas were a contributory factor for the increasing crop levels.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

**Sri Lanka Tea Production-August 2023 vs. 2022 (In Kgs)**

	2023-Aug.	2022-Aug.	+/-	%	Jan/ Aug. 2023	Jan/Aug 2022	+/-	%
<b>High</b>	4,175,773	3,421,665	754,108	22.0	40,827,673	39,300,477	1,527,195	3.9
<b>Medium</b>	2,985,110	2,453,545	531,565	21.7	28,970,805	27,208,675	1,762,129	6.5
<b>Low</b>	11,091,047	12,442,763	(1,351,716)	(10.9)	104,410,457	105,034,522	(624,065)	(0.6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,251,931</b>	<b>18,317,974</b>	<b>(66,043)</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>174,208,934</b>	<b>171,543,675</b>	<b>2,665,259</b>	<b>1.6</b>



During the period January to August, 2023 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

**Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts August 2023 Vs 2022**

DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2023 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2022(KGS)	(+/-)
Ratnapura	26,872,784.0	27,266,576.0	(393,792.0)
Galle	26,075,603.0	24,055,227.0	2,020,376.0
Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	11,484,875.0	12,204,796.0	(719,921.0)
Kalutara	11,098,653.0	10,798,465.0	300,188.0
Matara	8,277,475.0	8,505,969.0	(228,494.0)
Deniyaya	7,549,203.0	7,816,426.0	(267,223.0)
Demodara/Haliella/ Badulla	5,823,278.0	6,192,968.0	(369,690.0)
Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	5,359,070.0	5,194,959.0	164,111.0
Kelani Valley	4,697,338.0	5,037,616.0	(340,278.0)
Hatton /Dickoya	4,692,609.0	4,382,010.0	310,599.0
Balangoda/Rakwana	4,454,046.0	5,090,341.0	(636,295.0)
Morawaka	4,027,910.0	3,454,966.0	572,944.0
Kegalle	3,752,657.0	3,601,326.0	(92,349.0)
Bogawantalawa	3,508,977.0	3,267,552.0	485,105.0
Upcot/Maskeliya	3,412,081.0	2,861,017.0	551,064.0
Pussellawa/Hewaheta	3,408,756.0	3,341,151.0	(144,299.0)
Agarapathana	3,196,852.0	2,892,503.0	516,253.0
Kadugannawa	2,874,528.0	3,149,448.0	(274,920.0)
Pundaluoya	2,872,905.0	2,464,953.0	407,952.0
Udapussellawa/Halgranoya	2,688,252.0	2,453,592.0	234,660.0