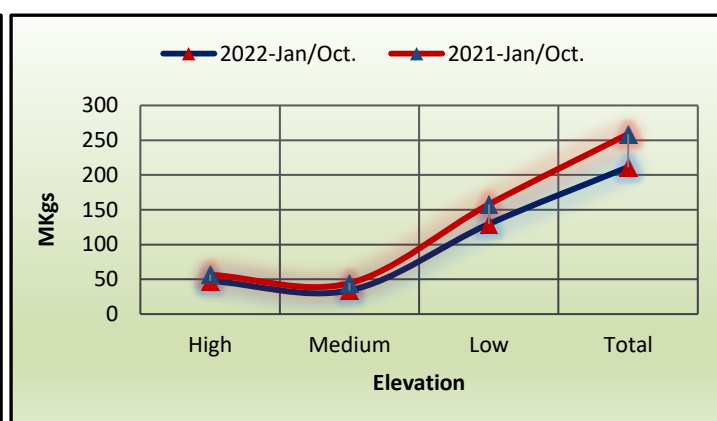
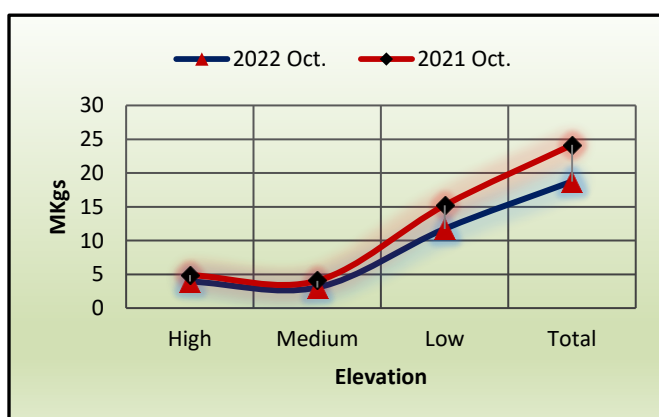


The cumulative deficit in production so far recorded this year has widened with the disappointingly low tea crop of 18.7 Mkgs recorded in October, 2022, and, the January / October, 2022 figure of 211.3Mkgs is a massive drop of 47.5 Mkgs against the crop of 258.9 Mkgs recorded during the same period in 2021. With two more months for the year-end, and, the current month's crop levels also being on the low side, Sri Lanka is poised to record an all-time low tea production figure by end December 2022.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

Sri Lanka Tea Production-October 2022 vs. 2021 (In Kgs)

	2022-Oct.	2021-Oct.	+/-	%	Jan/ Oct. 2022	Jan/Oct. 2021	+/-	%
High	3,955,169	4,900,308	(945,140)	(19)	47,635,775	56,632,561	(8,996,787)	(16)
Medium	3,059,949	4,054,865	(994,916)	(25)	34,148,320	44,511,536	(10,363,216)	(23)
Low	<u>11,736,446</u>	<u>15,221,909</u>	<u>(3,485,463)</u>	<u>(23)</u>	<u>129,602,458</u>	<u>157,756,033</u>	<u>(28,153,576)</u>	<u>(18)</u>
Total	<u>18,751,563</u>	<u>24,177,082</u>	<u>(5,425,519)</u>	<u>(22)</u>	<u>211,386,553</u>	<u>258,900,131</u>	<u>(47,513,578)</u>	<u>(18)</u>



During the period January to Oct, 2022 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts Jan/October 2022 Vs 2021				
	DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2022 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2021(KGS)	(+/-)
1	Ratnapura	33,794,112.0	41,994,154.00	(8,200,042.0)
2	Galle	29,813,048.0	36,790,611.00	(6,977,563.0)
3	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	15,092,493.0	16,904,254.00	(1,811,761.0)
4	Kalutara	13,178,882.0	16,228,077.00	(3,049,195.0)
5	Matara	10,560,050.0	12,127,872.00	(1,567,822.0)
6	Deniyaya	9,686,842.0	11,806,300.00	(2,119,458.0)
7	Demodara/Haliella/ Badulla	7,751,569.0	8,499,486.00	(747,917.0)
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	6,294,626.0	7,416,492.00	(1,121,866.0)
9	Kelani Valley	6,253,711.0	7,151,210.00	(897,499.0)
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	6,135,373.0	7,567,972.00	(1,432,599.0)
11	Hatton /Dickoya	5,224,197.0	7,055,613.00	(1,831,416.0)
12	Kegalle	4,462,945.0	6,171,838.00	(1,708,893.0)
13	Morawaka	4,275,319.0	5,404,528.00	(1,129,209.0)
14	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	4,094,900.0	5,136,609.00	(1,041,709.0)
15	Bogawantalawa	3,886,709.0	4,827,984.00	(941,275.0)
16	Kadugannawa	3,877,414.0	4,531,456.00	(654,042.0)
17	Upcot/Maskeliya	3,517,190.0	4,787,996.00	(1,270,806.0)
18	Balangoda	3,463,857.0	4,482,950.00	(1,019,093.0)
19	Agarapathana	3,440,839.0	4,517,659.00	(1,076,820.0)
20	Haputale	3,185,863.0	3,527,408.0	(341,545.0)