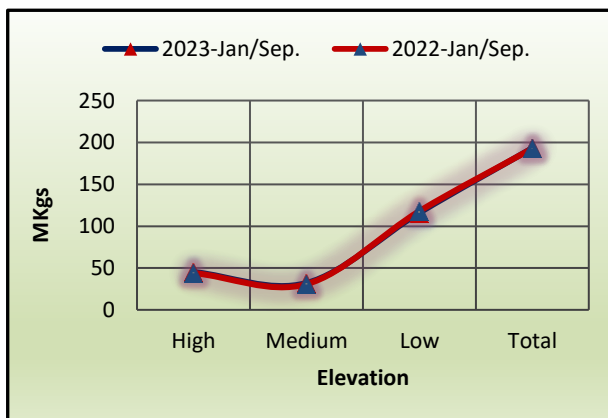
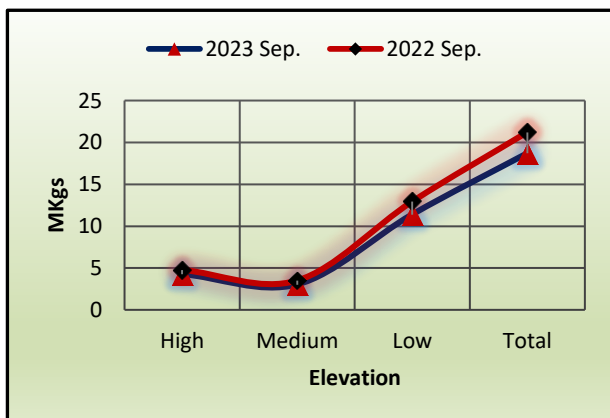


Sri Lanka's Tea Production for the month of September, 2023 reflects a decline of approx. 2.5 MKGS when compared with the corresponding period of last year. During the month under review, all 3 elevations recorded losses over the corresponding month of the previous year, as can be seen from the undernoted statistics. During the cumulative period Jan/Sep, 2023, High & Medium elevations have recorded gains whilst Low Growns have reported a loss as shown below. The total crop of approx. 193 MKGS recorded for 2023 is marginally higher when compared to the corresponding period of last year. Unsatisfactory weather conditions which were not conducive for growth was experienced during the month under review which was a contributory factor to enhance crop intakes. We are optimistic that favourable weather conditions will prevail in the ensuing months in order to facilitate higher productivity.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2023-Sep.	2022-Sep.	+/-	%	Jan/ Sep. 2023	Jan/Sep 2022	+/-	%
High	4,272,72	4,774,699	(501,970)	(10.5)	45,143,971	44,075,176	1,068,795	2.4
Medium	3,038,078	3,508,564	(470,486)	(13.4)	32,008,882	30,717,240	1,291,643	4.2
Low	<u>11,412,703</u>	<u>12,947,402</u>	<u>(1,534,699)</u>	<u>(11.9)</u>	<u>116,082,485</u>	<u>117,981,924</u>	<u>(1,899,439)</u>	<u>(1.6)</u>
Total	<u>18,723,511</u>	<u>21,230,665</u>	<u>(2,507,154)</u>	<u>(11.8)</u>	<u>193,235,339</u>	<u>192,774,340</u>	<u>460,999</u>	<u>0.2</u>



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

Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts September 2023 Vs 2022				
	DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2023 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2022(KGS)	(+/-)
1	Ratnapura	29,661,876.0	30,683,796.0	(1,021,920.0)
2	Galle	29,233,134.0	27,048,115.0	2,185,019.0
3	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	12,731,280.0	13,719,512.0	(988,232.0)
4	Kalutara	12,597,072.0	11,898,543.0	698,529.0
5	Matara	9,189,065.0	9,558,996.0	(369,931.0)
6	Deniyaya	8,290,041.0	8,768,657.0	(478,616.0)
7	Demodara/Haliella/ Badulla	6,510,033.0	7,073,255.0	(563,222.0)
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	5,981,223.0	5,819,940.0	161,283.0
9	Kelani Valley	5,195,967.0	5,668,954.0	(472,987.0)
10	Hatton /Dickoya	5,145,789.0	4,835,931.0	309,858.0
11	Balangoda/Rakwana	4,823,722.0	3,175,398.0	1,648,324.0
12	Morawaka	4,460,204.0	3,863,625.0	596,579.0
13	Kegalle	4,120,712.0	4,060,627.0	(151,477.0)
14	Bogawantalawa	3,909,150.0	3,608,964.0	511,748.0
15	Upcot/Maskeliya	3,848,064.0	3,221,767.0	388,540.0
16	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	3,723,499.0	3,766,694.0	(43,195.0)
17	Agarapathana	3,610,307.0	3,166,240.0	681,824.0
18	Pundaluoya	3,274,413.0	2,772,968.0	501,445.0
19	Kadugannawa	3,216,993.0	3,538,041.0	(321,048.0)
20	Udapussellawa/Halgranoya	2,928,469.0	2,800,290.0	128,179.0

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