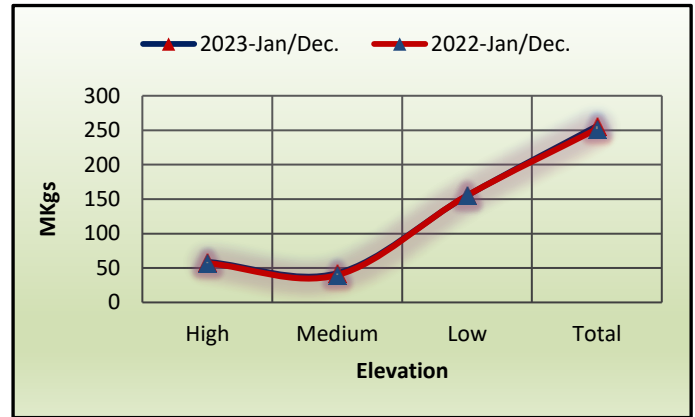
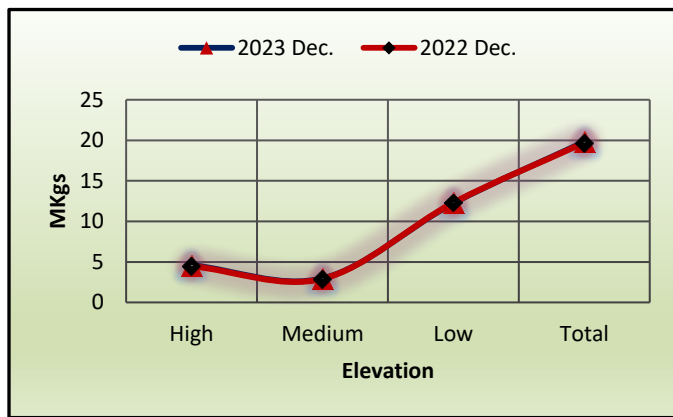


Sri Lanka's Tea Production for the month of December, 2023 shows an increase of 0.10 MKGS when compared with the corresponding period of last year. During the month under review, High & Medium elevations have recorded gains of 0.10MKGS and 0.05 MKGS respectively whilst Low Growns have recorded a marginal decline of 0.051 MKGS as shown in the undernoted statistics whilst during the cumulative period of Jan/Dec, 2023 has shown an increase of 4.2 MKGS when compared with the corresponding period of 2022. The Crop decrease in the Low Grown areas in particular during the month under review, was mainly due to the erratic weather patterns experienced in most areas.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

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

	2023- Dec.	2022- Dec.	+/-	%	Jan/ Dec. 2023	Jan/Dec 2022	+/-	%
High	4,585,022	4,483,553	101,469	2.3	58,639,859	56,953,326	1,686,534	3.0
Medium	2,965,383	2,914,969	50,414	1.7	42,337,896	39,723,385	2,614,511	6.6
Low	12,258,592	12,309,987	(51,396)	(0.4)	155,061,676	155,162,283	(100,607)	(0.1)
Total	<u>19,808,996</u>	<u>19,708,509</u>	<u>100,487</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>256,039,432</u>	<u>251,838,994</u>	<u>4,200,437</u>	<u>1.7</u>



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

Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts December 2023 Vs 2022				
	DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2023 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2022(KGS)	(+/-)
1	Ratnapura	36,721,057.0	40,002,281.0	(3,281,224.0)
2	Galle	35,660,287.0	36,104,671.0	(444,384.0)
3	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	15,640,402.0	17,728,354.0	(2,087,952.0)
4	Kalutara	15,265,554.0	15,989,223.0	(723,669.0)
5	Matara	11,143,271.0	12,743,079.0	(1,599,808.0)
6	Deniyaya	10,288,511.0	11,637,057.0	(1,348,546.0)
7	Demodara/Haliella/ Badulla	8,026,802.0	8,960,319.0	(933,517.0)
8	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	7,142,936.0	7,346,084.0	(203,148.0)
9	Kelani Valley	6,330,512.0	7,453,456.0	(1,122,944.0)
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	6,111,060.0	7,090,552.0	(979,492.0)
11	Hatton /Dickoya	6,026,743.0	6,317,777.0	(291,034.0)
12	Morawaka	5,404,022.0	5,186,075.0	217,947.0
13	Kegalle	5,084,976.0	5,401,157.0	(712,367.0)
14	Bogawantalawa	4,688,790.0	4,627,349.0	457,627.0
15	Upcot/Maskeliya	4,613,360.0	4,211,417.0	127,845.0
16	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	4,505,784.0	4,877,643.0	(371,859.0)
17	Agarapathana	4,339,262.0	4,204,143.0	409,217.0
18	Kadugannawa	4,153,284.0	4,551,687.0	(398,403.0)
19	Pundaluoya	3,935,355.0	3,677,365.0	257,990.0
20	Udapussellawa/Halgranoya	3,428,534.0	3,614,356.0	(185,822.0)

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