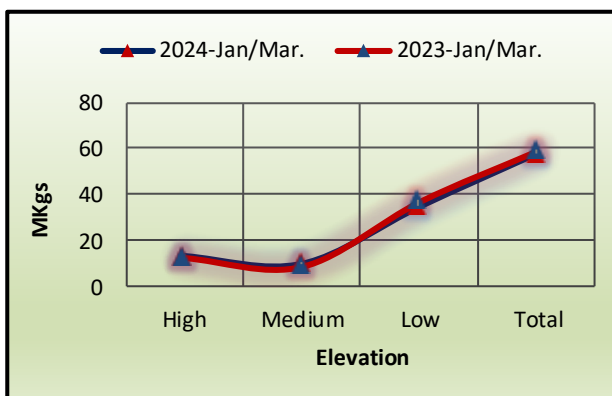
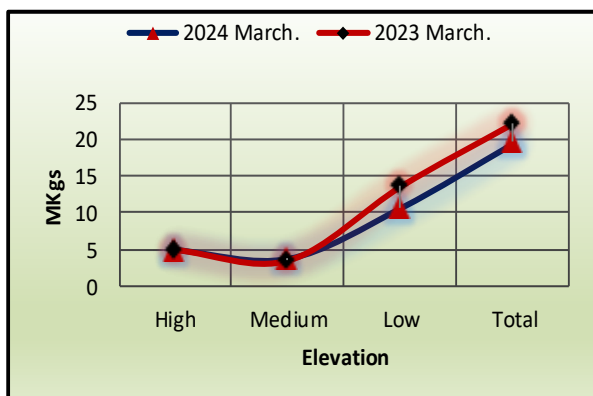


Sri Lanka's tea production has recorded 19.6 Mkgs for 2024, which is a sharp decline of 2.7 Mkgs when compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. During the month under review, both High & Low grown elevations have recorded deficit crops when compared to March 2023, whilst the Medium elevation has shown a marginal gain of 0.02 Mkgs. During the first quarter of the current year (Jan-March 2024), the total crop of 58.2 Mkgs shows a decline of 1.3 Mkgs when compared to 59.5 Mkgs harvested in Jan /March 2023.

Given below are more comprehensive details relating to tea production.

### Sri Lanka Tea Production-March 2024 vs. 2023 (In Kgs)

	2024-March	2023-March	+/-	%	Jan/ March 2024	Jan/March 2023	+/-	%
<b>High</b>	4,948,240	4,971,556	(23,316)	(0.5)	13,067,502	12,889,727	177,776	1.4
<b>Medium</b>	3,849,349	3,609,888	239,461	6.6	10,107,601	9,220,498	887,103	9.6
<b>Low</b>	<u>10,769,345</u>	<u>13,704,260</u>	<u>(2,934,915)</u>	<u>(21.4)</u>	<u>34,990,313</u>	<u>37,404,145</u>	<u>(2,413,833)</u>	<u>(6.5)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>19,566,934</u>	<u>22,285,704</u>	<u>(2,718,770)</u>	<u>12.2</u>	<u>58,165,416</u>	<u>59,514,370</u>	<u>(1,348,954)</u>	<u>(2.3)</u>



During the period January to March, 2024 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

Crop Harvest Data - Top 20 Districts March 2024 & 2023				
	DISTRICT	TEA CROP 2023 (KGS)	TEA CROP 2022(KGS)	(+/-)
1	Ratnapura	10,131,012.0	9,351,213.4	779,798.6
2	Galle	7,956,965.0	9,522,744.2	(1,565,779.2)
3	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	4,469,058.0	3,802,065.5	666,992.5
4	Kalutara	3,649,091.0	3,659,650.0	(10,559.0)
5	Deniyaya	2,527,886.0	2,643,703.0	(115,817.0)
6	Matara	2,250,909.0	2,969,906.6	(718,997.6)
7	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	1,891,341.0	1,709,352.2	181,988.9
8	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	1,886,796.0	1,727,630.6	159,165.4
9	Balangoda/Rakwana	1,627,962.0	1,496,768.0	131,194.0
10	Kelani Valley	1,540,305.0	1,651,481.0	(23,519.0)
11	Hatton /Dickoya	1,477,654.0	1,475,318.8	2,335.3
12	Bogawantalawa	1,284,405.0	1,114,754.0	169,651.0
13	Kegalle	1,224,005.0	1,236,294.5	(12,289.5)
14	Pundaluoya	1,165,637.0	947,457.0	218,180.0
15	Upcot/Maskeliya	1,158,827.0	962,650.0	196,177.0
16	Morawaka	1,110,310.0	1,439,526.5	(329,216.5)
17	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	1,055,713.0	1,139,711.5	(83,998.5)
18	Agarapathana	1,011,099.0	974,849.0	36,250.0
19	Kadugannawa	999,588.0	1,089,426.0	(89,838.0)
20	Haputale	882,314.0	798,177.1	84,136.9

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