SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2026

- **Production for the Month of September was recorded at 20.28 /Kgs (↓ 1.90 M/Kgs)**
- **Cumulative Quantity produced stands at 192.62 M/Kgs (↓ 6.54 M/Kgs)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Year to date total production (January to September**) of 192.62 M/Kgs is the lowest for this period in the 10 years of data (2016-2025); the previous low was **192.77 M/Kgs** in 2022.
- **High Grown production of 3.40 M/Kgs** is the lowest for September in the 10 years of data (2016-2025); the previous low was **3.81 M/Kgs** in 2019.
- **Year to date High Grown production (January to September) of 40.79 M/Kgs** is the lowest for this period in the 10 years of data (2016-2025); the previous low was **40.91 M/Kgs** in 2024.
- **Orthodox Medium Grown production of 2.28 M/Kgs** is the lowest for September in the 10 years of data (2016-2025); the previous low was **2.53 M/Kgs** in 2023.

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* Sri Lanka Tea Production for the month of September 2026 recorded 20.28 M/Kgs, showing a decrease of 1.90 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 22.18 M/Kgs recorded in September 2025. Low Growns show an improvement of 0.62 M/Kg, whilst the others show a decline in comparison with the corresponding month of 2025.

* Compared to 24.39 M/Kgs in September 2024, the same month in 2026 shows a decrease of 4.11 M/Kgs (Refer table below).

ELEVATION	TOTAL	TOTAL	(2026-2025)		TOTAL	(2026-2024)	
	2026	2025	Variance (M/Kg)	%	2024	Variance (M/Kg)	%
HIGH	3,404,465	4,848,684	-1.44	-29.79%	4,653,167	-1.25	-26.84%
MEDIUM	3,001,630	4,074,321	-1.07	-26.33%	4,054,158	-1.05	-25.96%
LOW	13,691,935	13,068,681	0.62	4.77%	15,490,370	-1.80	-11.61%
GREEN TEA	178,109	188,406	-0.01	-5.47%	189,780	-0.01	-6.15%
TOTAL	**20,276,139**	**22,180,092**	-1.90	-8.58%	**24,387,475**	-4.11	-16.86%

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* January-September 2026 cumulative production totalled 192.62 M/Kgs, recording a negative variance of 6.54 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 199.16 M/Kgs of January-September 2025. When compared to 2025, the Green Tea segment recorded a gain 0.12 M/Kgs, whilst the others witnessed negative variances in the year 2026.

* Compared to the 196.87 M/Kgs of January-September 2024, cumulative production of 2026 shows a decrease of 4.25 M/Kgs. On a cumulative basis, the Green Tea segment has shown an increase over the corresponding period of 2024, while the other elevations show a negative variance (Refer table below).

ELEVATION	TOTAL	TOTAL	(2026-2025)		TOTAL	(2026-2024)	
	2026	2025	Variance (M/Kg)	%	2024	Variance (M/Kg)	%
HIGH	40,785,613	42,144,039	-1.36	-3.22%	40,910,452	-0.12	-0.31%
MEDIUM	32,746,708	35,787,193	-3.04	-8.50%	34,961,404	-2.21	-6.33%
LOW	117,164,985	119,424,846	-2.26	-1.89%	119,312,054	-2.15	-1.80%
GREEN TEA	1,922,821	1,801,269	0.12	6.75%	1,687,978	0.23	13.91%
TOTAL	**192,620,127**	**199,157,347**	-6.54	-3.28%	**196,871,888**	-4.25	-2.16%

Tea Production Forecast: 4-Month Rolling Horizon (Kgs)

Category	Sep 2026 (Actual)	Oct 2026 (Forecast)	Nov 2026 (Forecast)	Dec 2026 (Forecast)
High Growns	3,404,465	3,979,424	4,617,988	4,486,812
Medium Growns	3,001,630	3,318,945	3,577,709	3,195,777
Low Growns	13,691,935	14,303,743	12,666,091	13,052,768
Green Tea	178,109	186,390	196,542	189,391
Total	**20,276,139**	**21,316,579**	**21,146,889**	**20,771,267**