



SRI LANKA TEA PRODUCTION – SEPTEMBER 2023

- September crop down by 2.51 M/Kgs to 18.72 M/Kgs YoY.
- Lowest September crop since 2001.
- Significant decline in volume in all elevations against September 2022.
- First nine months production records only a marginal gain of 0.46 M/Kgs YoY and a significant decline of 41.49 M/Kgs compared to the corresponding period of 2021.

September 2023/2022/2021

* Sri Lanka tea production for the month of September 2023 totalled 18.72 M/Kgs, showing a decrease of 2.51 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 21.23 M/Kgs of September 2022. All Elevations have shown a decrease in comparison with the corresponding period of 2022. Production of Green Tea has seen an increase of 16.23% in comparison with the corresponding period in 2022.

* Compared to 22.75 M/Kgs of September 2021, the corresponding period of 2023 shows a decrease of 4.03 M/Kgs (Refer table below).

| ELEVATION | TOTAL | | (2023-2022) | | TOTAL | | (2023-2021) | |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|---------|------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| | 2023 | 2022 | Variance (M/Kg) | % | 2021 | Variance (M/Kg) | % | |
| HIGH | 4,132,510 | 4,690,148 | -0.56 | -11.89% | 4,078,866 | 0.05 | 1.32% | |
| MEDIUM | 2,975,678 | 3,418,011 | -0.44 | -12.94% | 3,560,430 | -0.58 | -16.42% | |
| LOW | 11,411,797 | 12,947,402 | -1.54 | -11.86% | 14,871,485 | -3.46 | -23.26% | |
| GREEN TEA | 203,526 | 175,104 | 0.03 | 16.23% | 240,592 | -0.04 | -15.41% | |
| TOTAL | 18,723,511 | 21,230,665 | -2.51 | -11.81% | 22,751,373 | -4.03 | -17.70% | |

January-September 2023/2022/2021

* January-September 2023 cumulative production totalled 193.23 M/Kgs, recording a marginal increase of 0.46 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 192.77 M/Kgs of January-September 2022. Compared to the corresponding period in 2022, all elevations, except for the Low Grown, have shown positive variances in the year 2023.

* Compared to 234.72 M/Kgs of January-September 2021, cumulative production of 2023 shows a decrease of 41.49 M/Kgs. On a cumulative basis, all elevations show a decrease over the corresponding period of 2021 (Refer table below).

| ELEVATION | TOTAL | TOTAL | (2023-2022) | | TOTAL | (2023-2021) | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------|---------|
| | 2023 | 2022 | Variance (M/Kg) | % | 2021 | Variance (M/Kg) | % |
| HIGH | 44,246,824 | 43,436,028 | 0.81 | 1.87% | 50,676,335 | -6.43 | -12.69% |
| MEDIUM | 31,207,342 | 30,087,516 | 1.12 | 3.72% | 39,571,191 | -8.36 | -21.14% |
| LOW | 116,075,030 | 117,979,714 | -1.90 | -1.61% | 142,488,328 | -26.41 | -18.54% |
| GREEN TEA | 1,706,143 | 1,271,082 | 0.44 | 34.23% | 1,987,195 | -0.28 | -14.14% |
| TOTAL | 193,235,339 | 192,774,340 | 0.46 | 0.24% | 234,723,049 | -41.49 | -17.68% |

(Refer statistical details on Page No. 10)