



SPECIAL RELEASE

PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS SECOND QUARTER OF 2023

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for the second quarter of 2023. The second quarter of 2023 data includes the estimates of rice production and area harvested for analysis which serves as a basis for policy-making and projects on palay. The data provided in this special release were taken from the latest available data of the Palay Production Survey (PPS) of the Crops Statistics Division, Economic Sector Statistics Service, Sectoral Statistics Office of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). This information presented in this special release was taken from www.openstat.psa.gov.ph.

Palay production decreased by 3.82 percent in the Second Quarter of 2023

The total palay production of Western Visayas in the second quarter of 2023 was estimated at 129,475.94 metric tons (MT). It decreased by 3.82 percent or 5,142.82 MT less compared with the same quarter of 2022. Likewise, the total area harvested in the second quarter of 2023, is estimated at 41,833.00 hectares (ha) was 7.51 percent lower compared with the same quarter last year (Table 1).

Table 1. Total Palay Production and Area Harvested of Western Visayas:
Second Quarter 2022 and Second Quarter 2023

Palay	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	Percent Change
Production (MT)	134,618.76	129,475.94	-3.82
Area Harvested (ha)	45,231.75	41,833.00	-7.51

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)

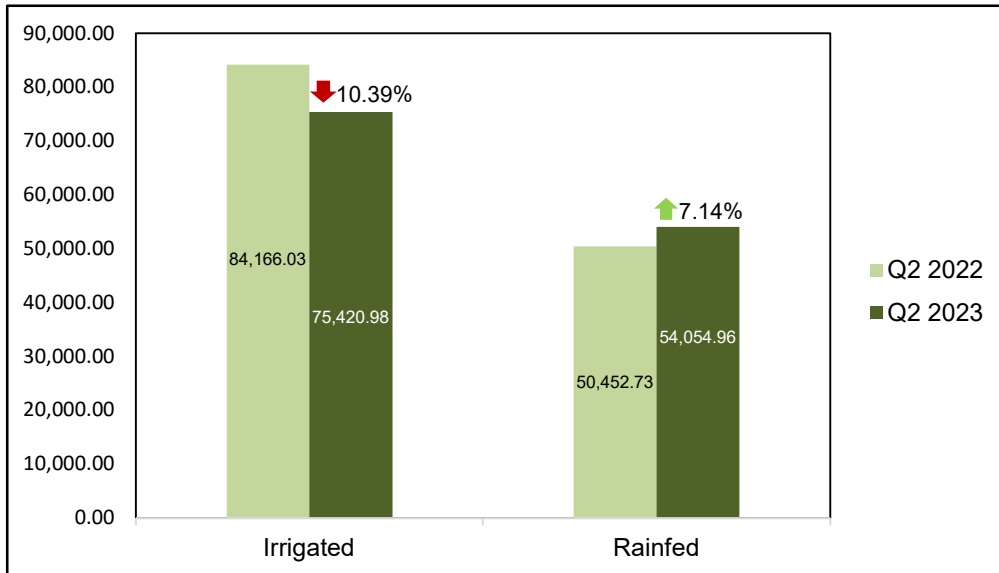


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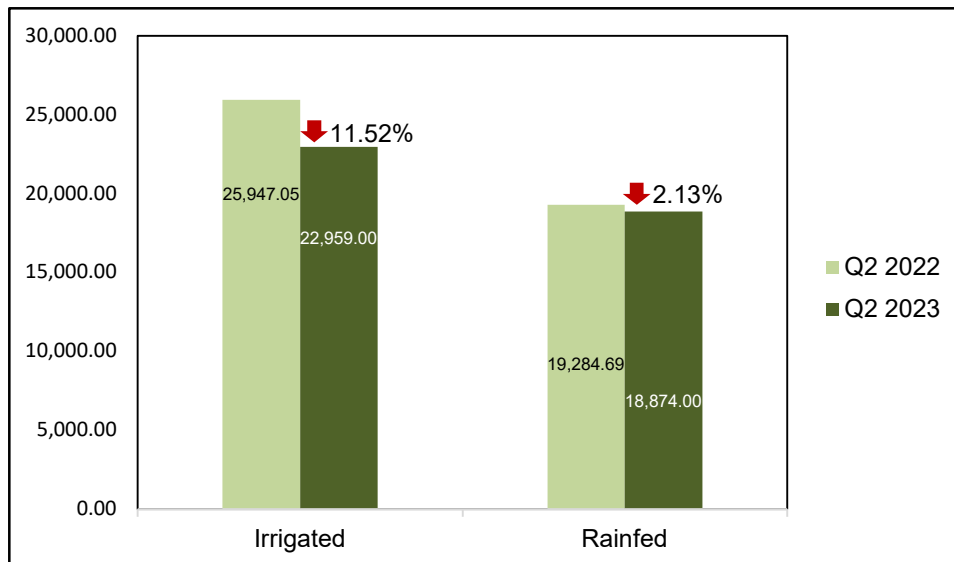
Figure 1. Palay Production of Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:
 Second Quarter 2022 and Second Quarter 2023 (in metric tons)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)

Total irrigated palay production in the second quarter of 2023 was estimated at 75,420.98 metric tons which decreased by 10.39 percent in comparison with the second quarter of the previous year's production. Also, the total rainfed palay production rose by 7.14 percent with 54,054.96 metric tons as compared to 2022's production of the same period (Figure 1).

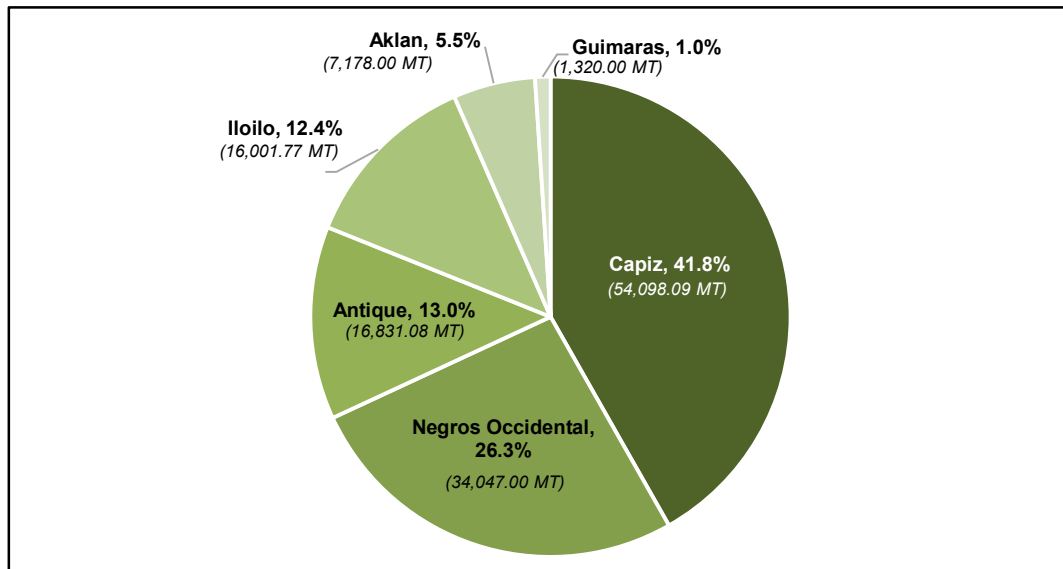
Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:
 Second Quarters of 2022 and 2023 (in hectares)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)

By ecosystem, irrigated and rainfed harvested areas decreased by 11.52 percent and 2.13 percent, or a reduction of 2,988.05 hectares and 410.69 hectares in the second quarter of 2023 compared to 2022's total area harvested in the same period (Figure 2).

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Palay Production in Western Visayas by Province: Second Quarter 2023 (in percent and in metric tons)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)

Among provinces in the region, Capiz shared 41.8 percent of the total palay production of the region for the second quarter of 2023. This was followed by Negros Occidental (26.3 percent) and Antique (13.0 percent). Guimaras shared the least proportion with a 1.0 percent share of the region's palay production (Figure 3).

Table 2. Total Palay Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Province: Second Quarter 2022 and Second Quarter 2023 (in hectares)

Province	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	Percent Change
Western Visayas	45,232	41,833	-7.51
Aklan	4,672	4,062	-13.06
Antique	6,299	4,581	-27.27
Capiz	17,745	17,998	1.43
Guimaras	410	500	22.00
Iloilo	6,761	4,793	-29.11
Negros Occidental	9,345	9,899	5.93

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)

Of the total palay area harvested in the region, Capiz contributed the highest palay area harvested with 17,998 hectares with a growth rate of 1.43 percent compared with the second quarter of 2022. This was followed by Negros Occidental with 9,899 hectares harvested. Iloilo reported a decrease of 29.11 percent in the total palay area harvested in the region with 4,793 hectares from 6,761 hectares in the same period last year (Table 2).

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Production- refers to the quantity produced and actually harvested of crop during the reference period. Estimates were taken from the Palay Production Survey.

Area harvested- refers to the total area harvested to palay during the reference quarter. It may be less than or equal to the total area planted to palay.

Area planted – refers to actual physical area planted.

Irrigated- refers to area with irrigation facilities supplying water through artificial means like gravity, force/power, pump, etc.

Rainfed- refers to area which has dikes that retain water and is solely dependent upon rainfall for its water supply.



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