

SPECIAL RELEASE

PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS THIRD QUARTER OF 2023

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for the third quarter of 2023. The third 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 14.66 percent in the Third Quarter of 2023

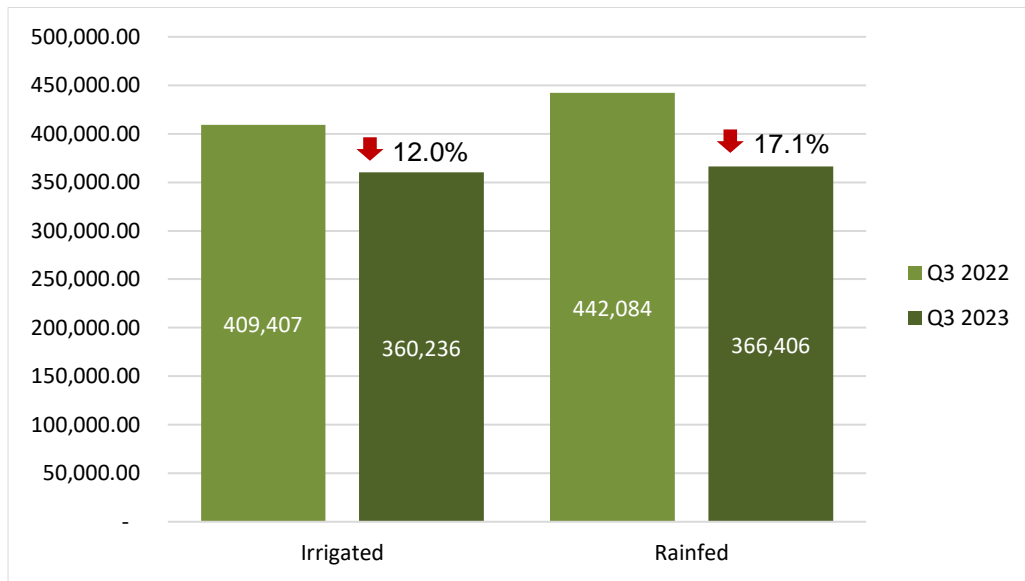
The total palay production of Western Visayas in the third quarter of 2023 was estimated at 726,642 metric tons (MT). It decreased by 14.7 percent or 124,848 MT less compared with the same quarter of 2022. Likewise, the total area harvested in the third quarter of 2023, estimated at 206,526 hectares (ha), was 13.4 percent lower compared with the same quarter last year (Table 1).

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

Palay	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	Percent Change
Production (MT)	851,490	726,642	-14.7
Area Harvested (ha)	238,463	206,526	-13.4

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

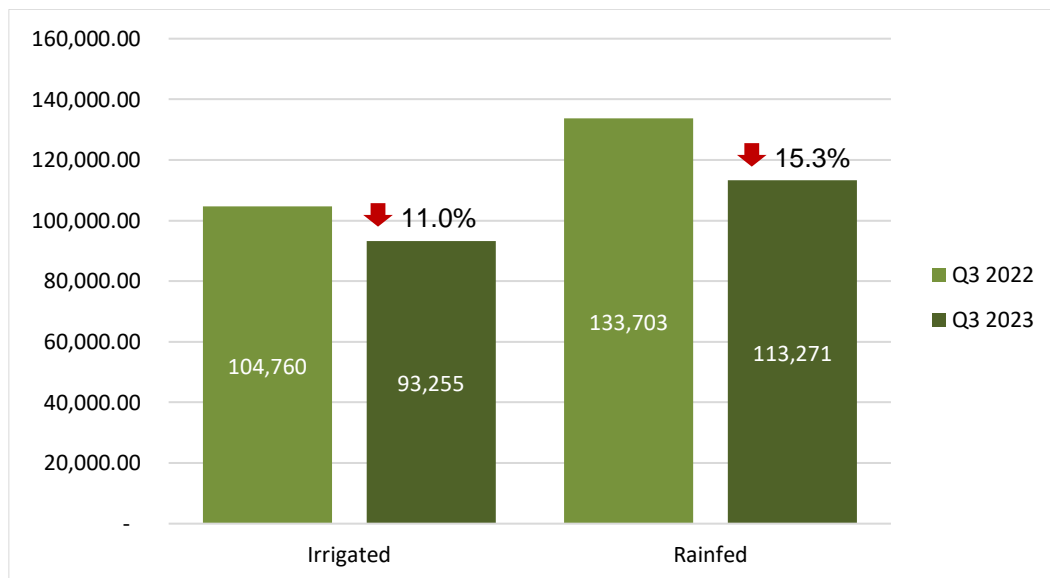
Figure 1. Palay Production of Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem: Third Quarter 2022 and 2023 (in metric tons)



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

Total irrigated palay production in the third quarter of 2023 was estimated at 360,236 metric tons. The production decreased by 12.0 percent in comparison with the third quarter of the previous year. Also, the total rainfed palay production dropped by 17.1 percent with 366,406 metric tons compared to 2022’s production in the same period (Figure 1).

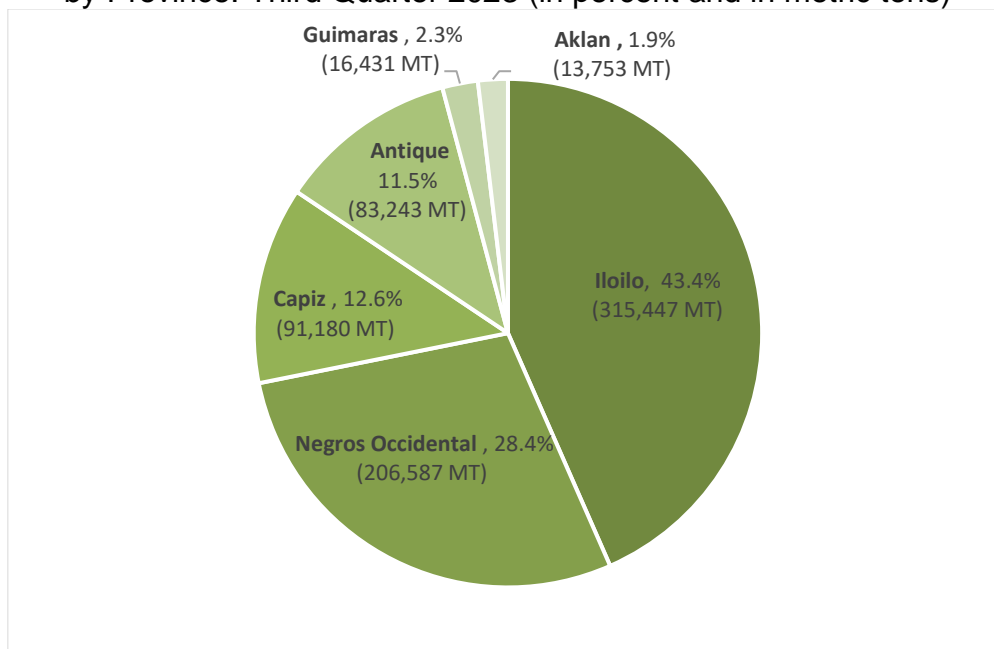
Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem: Third Quarter 2022 and 2023 (in hectares)



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

By ecosystem, irrigated and rainfed harvested areas decreased by 11.0 percent and 15.3 percent, or a reduction of 11,505 hectares and 20,432 hectares, respectively, in the third 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: Third Quarter 2023 (in percent and in metric tons)



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

Among provinces in the region, Iloilo shared 43.4 percent of the region's total palay production for the third quarter of 2023. This was followed by Negros Occidental (28.4 percent) and Capiz (12.5 percent). Aklan shared the least proportion with a 1.9 percent share of the region's palay production (Figure 3).

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

Province	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	Percent Change
Western Visayas	238,463	206,526	-13.4%
Aklan	8,845	5,559	-37.2%
Antique	33,192	20,830	-37.2%
Capiz	33,607	27,480	-18.2%
Guimaras	8,483	5,985	-29.5%
Iloilo	103,269	94,977	-8.0%
Negros Occidental	51,067	51,695	1.2%

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

Of the total palay area harvested in the region, Iloilo contributed the highest palay area harvested with 94,977 hectares. This was followed by Negros Occidental with 51,695 hectares harvested. Antique reported a decrease of 37.2 percent in the total palay area harvested in the region with 5,559 hectares from 8,845 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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