

SPECIAL RELEASE

CORN PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS FIRST QUARTER OF 2024

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Corn Production of Western Visayas for the first quarter of 2024. The first quarter of 2024 data includes the estimates of corn production and area harvested for analysis which serve as a basis for policy-making and projects on corn. The data provided in this special release were taken from the latest available data of the Corn Production Survey (CPS) 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.

Western Visayas' first quarter of 2024 corn production dropped by 7.5 percent

The total corn production of Western Visayas in the first quarter of 2024 was estimated at 101,658 metric tons which was 7.5 percent lower than the first quarter of the previous year's corn production. Moreover, the region's recorded total area harvested was 29,166 hectares which was 10.1 percent lower than the area harvested in 2023 of the same quarter. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Corn Production and Area Harvested of Western Visayas:
First Quarter 2023 and 2024

Corn	Q1 2023	Q1 2024 ^P	Percent Change
Production (MT)	109,876	101,658	(7.5)
Area Harvested (ha)	32,440	29,166	(10.1)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Corn Production Survey (CPS)

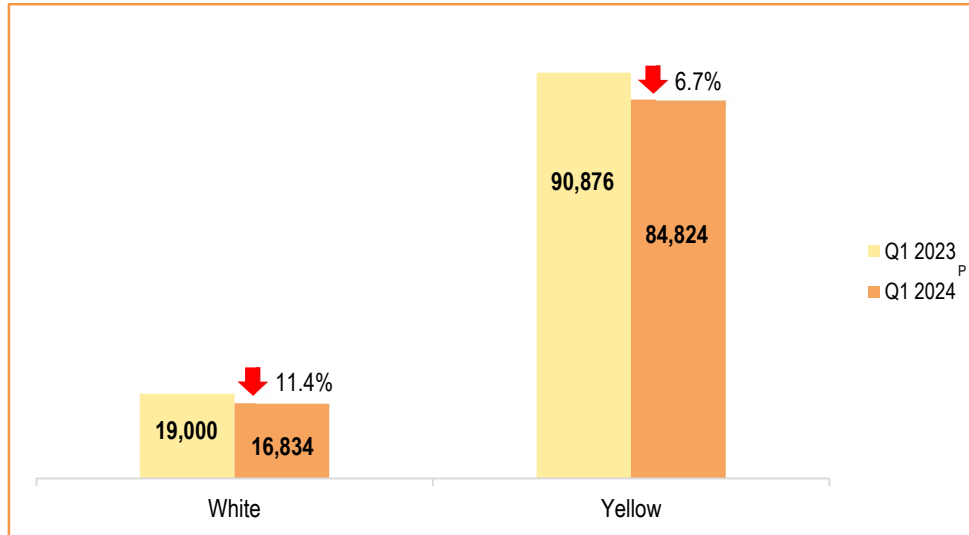
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White and yellow corn production declined in 1st quarter of 2024

By corn type, white corn production in the first quarter of 2024 was 16,834 metric tons which decreased by 11.4 percent in comparison with the same quarter of previous year. Furthermore, yellow corn production was 84,824 metric tons which is also 6.7 percent lower than 2023's production of the same period. (Figure 1)



Figure 1. Corn Production of Western Visayas by Type of Corn: First Quarter 2023 and 2024 (in metric tons)

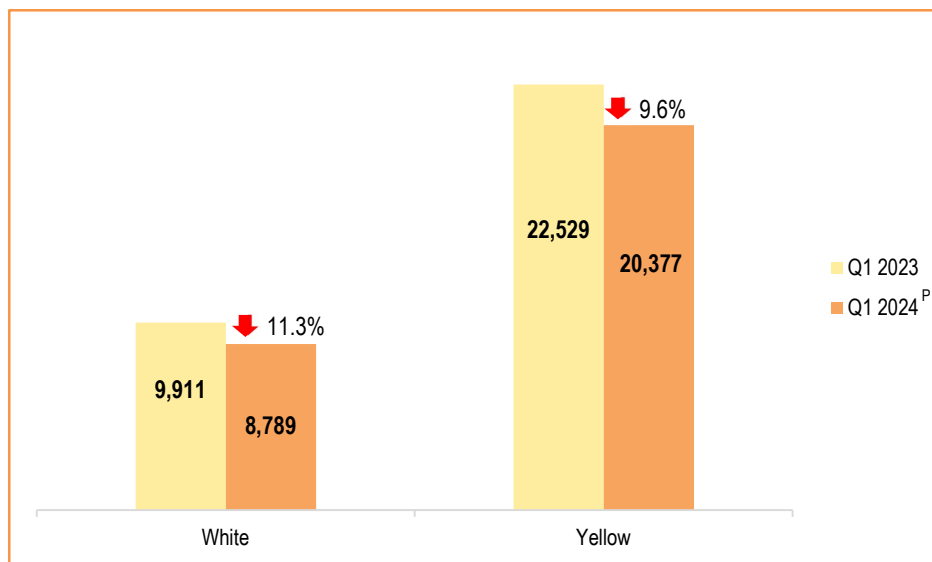


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White and yellow corn area harvested decreased in 1st quarter of 2024

White corn area harvested was 8,789 hectares in the first quarter of 2024, a decrease of 11.3 percent compared with the same quarter last year. Similarly, yellow corn area harvested was 20,377 hectares, a decline of 9.6 percent in the first quarter of 2024 as compared with 2023’s total area harvested for the same period. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Corn: First Quarter 2023 and 2024 (in hectares)

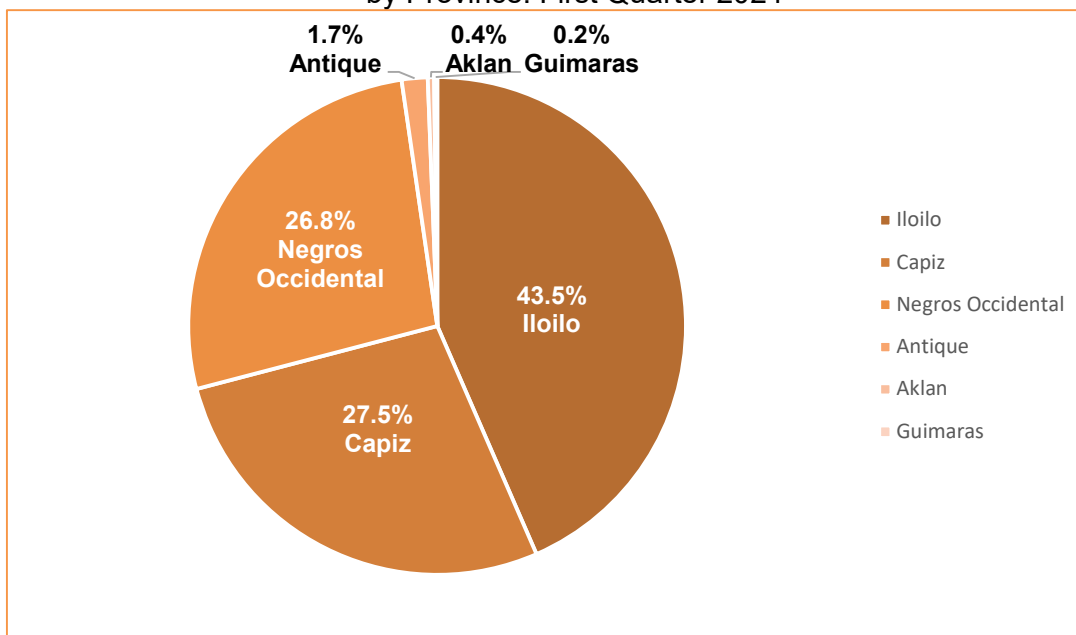


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Iloilo tops corn production in 1st quarter 2024

Among provinces in the region, Iloilo had the highest share with 43.5 percent of the region’s corn production for the first quarter of 2024. This was followed by Capiz (27.5 percent), Negros Occidental (26.8 percent), Antique (1.7 percent), and Aklan (0.4 percent), and Guimaras with 0.2 percent of the region’s corn production. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Corn Production in Western Visayas by Province: First Quarter 2024^P



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Corn Production Survey (CPS)
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Table 2. Total Corn Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Province: First Quarter 2023 and 2024 (in hectares)

Province	Q1 2023	Q1 2024 ^P	Percent Change
Western Visayas	32,440	29,166	(10.1)
Aklan	119	135	13.7
Antique	779	440	(43.5)
Capiz	6,110	5,825	(4.7)
Guimaras	81	95	17.3
Iloilo	11,001.0	9,893.0	(10.1)
Negros Occidental	14,350.0	12,778.0	(11.0)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Corn Production Survey (CPS)
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Corn area harvested in most provinces decreased in 1st quarter of 2024

Of the total corn area harvested in the region, Negros Occidental had the highest total area harvested in first quarter of 2024 with 12,778 hectares and marked a decrease of 11.0 percent compared with the same quarter last year. This was followed by Iloilo with 9,893 hectares with a decrease of 10.1 percent. Further, Capiz with 5,825 hectares, dropped by 4.7 percent; Antique with 440 hectares declined by 43.5 percent. Conversely, Aklan with 135 hectares had a 13.7 percent increase; and Guimaras with area harvested of 95 hectares rose by 17.3 percent. (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 Corn Production Survey.

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

Area planted – refers to actual physical area planted.

White corn- type of corn used primarily for human consumption.

Yellow corn- type of corn used generally as feed grains. It includes all types of corn other than white.



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