

SPECIAL RELEASE

PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for the third quarter of 2024. The third quarter of 2024 data includes the estimates of palay 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.

Western Visayas' palay production declines by 53.0 percent in the third quarter of 2024

The total palay production of Western Visayas in the third quarter of 2024 was estimated at 341,844 metric tons. It decreased by 53.0 percent or more than one-half of the production in the same quarter of 2023. Similarly, the region's total area harvested in the current period declined by 54.0 percent, registering 95,011 hectares from 206,526 hectares in the third quarter of 2023. (Table 1)

**Table 1. Total Palay Production and Area Harvested of Western Visayas:
Third Quarter 2023 and 2024^P**

Palay	Q3 2023	Q3 2024 ^P	Percent Change
Production (MT)	726,642	341,844	-53.0
Area Harvested (ha)	206,526	95,011	-54.0

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

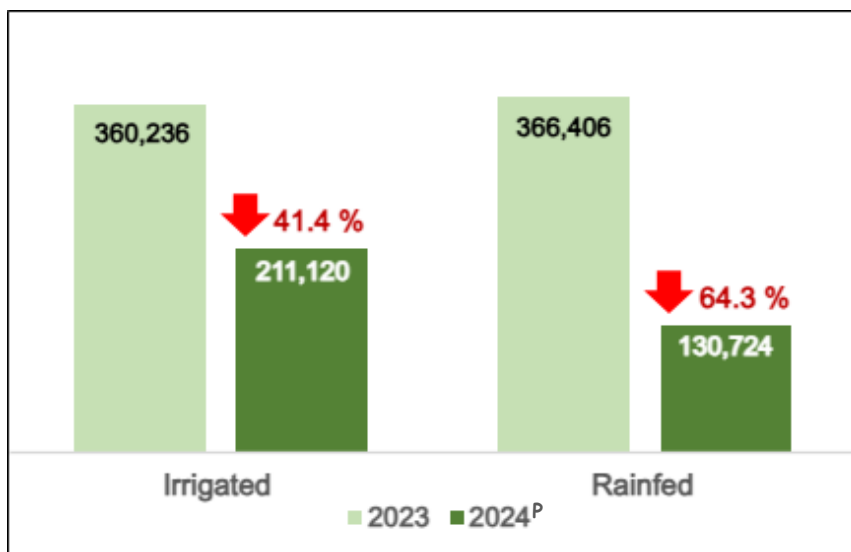
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Rainfed and irrigated palay production decrease in 3rd quarter of 2024

In the third quarter of 2024, about 211,120 metric tons of the region's production was from irrigated harvest with a drop of 41.4 percent against the production in 2023 of the same quarter. Meanwhile, the production of rainfed palay was recorded at 130,724 metric tons declining 64.3 percent or almost two-thirds of the 2023's third quarter palay production. (Figure 1)



**Figure 1. Palay Production of Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:
Third Quarter 2023 and 2024^P**
(in metric tons)

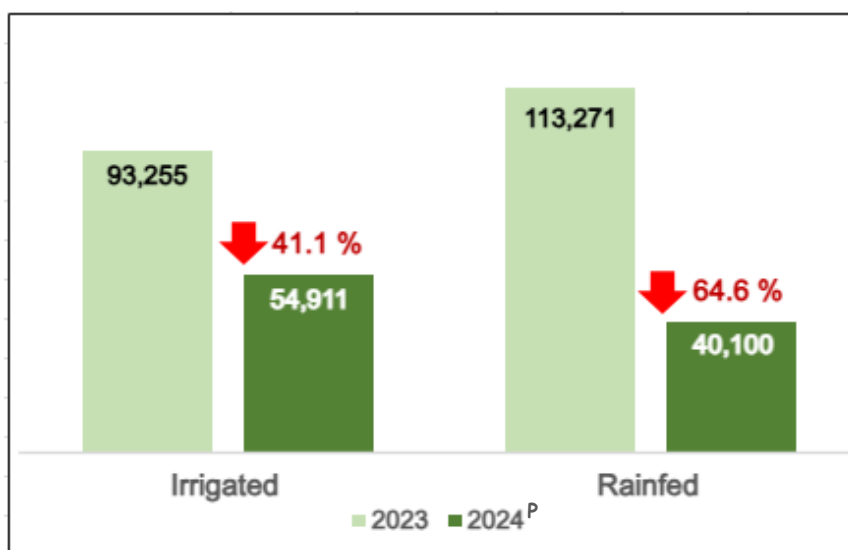


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Lesser rainfed and irrigated palay area harvests in 3rd quarter of 2024

By ecosystem, harvested areas for irrigated and rainfed palay in the third quarter of 2024 decreased by 41.1 percent and 64.6 percent, respectively, or 38,344 hectares and 73,171 hectares lower than the third quarter of 2023. (Figure 2)

**Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:
Third Quarter 2023 and 2024^P**
(in hectares)

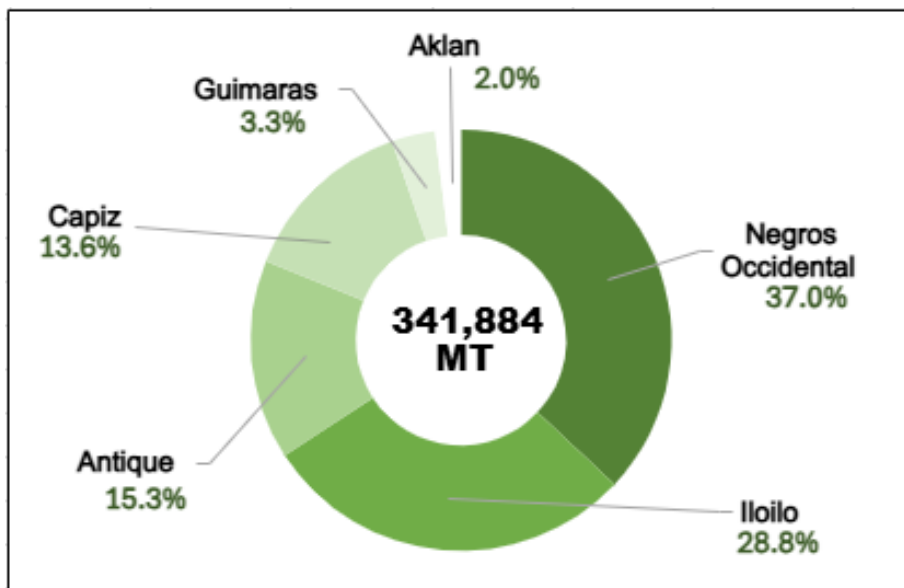


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Negros Occidental leads Region VI’s palay production in 3rd quarter of 2024

Among provinces in the region, Negros Occidental shared 37.0 percent or over one-third of the total palay production in the third quarter of 2024. This was followed by Iloilo with 28.8 percent, Antique with 15.3 percent, Capiz with 13.6 percent, Guimaras with 3.3 percent, and Aklan with 2.0 percent shares to the regional palay production. (Figure3)

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Palay Production in Western Visayas by Province: Third Quarter 2024^P
(in metric tons)



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)
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Iloilo contributes the highest reduction in the regional area harvested for palay in 3rd Quarter 2024

Of the total decline of 54.0 percentage points in the regional area harvested for palay, Iloilo contributed the highest reduction of 31.8 percentage points recording 29,307 hectares in the third quarter of 2024 from 94,977 hectares last year of the same quarter. This was followed by Negros Occidental with negative 9.2 percentage points, Capiz with negative 6.7 percentage points, and the rest recorded decreases of less than 4.0 percentage points.

Meanwhile, Negros Occidental accounted for 34.3 percent of the total harvested area in Western Visayas followed by Iloilo with 30.8 percent share. Antique and Capiz contributed 14.0 and 14.4 percent shares, respectively, while Guimaras and Aklan made up 4.0 percent and 2.5 percent. (Table 2)

**Table 2. Total Palay Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Province:
Third Quarter 2023 and 2024^P**
(in hectares)

Province	Q3 2023	Q3 2024 ^P	Percent Change	Percent Share	Percentage Point Contribution
Western Visayas	206,526	95,011	-54.0	100	-54.0
Aklan	5,559	2,365	-57.5	2.5	-1.5
Antique	20,830	13,268	-36.3	14.0	-3.7
Capiz	27,480	13,678	-50.2	14.4	-6.7
Guimaras	5,985	3,774	-36.9	4.0	-1.1
Iloilo	94,977	29,307	-69.1	30.8	-31.8
Negros Occidental	51,695	32,619	-36.9	34.3	-9.2

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

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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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