

SPECIAL RELEASE

PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for the fourth quarter of 2024. The fourth 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 increases by 10.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024

The total palay production of Western Visayas in the fourth quarter of 2024 was estimated at 818,569 metric tons. It grew by 10.6 percent of the production in the same quarter of 2023. Similarly, the region's total area harvested in the current period increased by 12.3 percent, registering 242,146 hectares from 215,567 hectares in the fourth quarter of 2023. (Table 1)

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

Palay	Q4 2023	Q4 2024 ^P	Percent Change
Production (MT)	740,020	818,569	10.6
Area Harvested (ha)	215,567	242,146	12.3

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

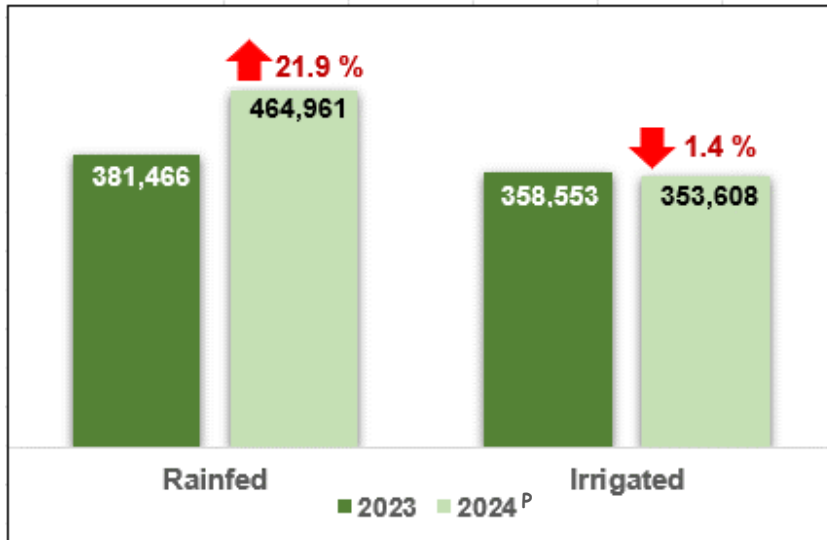
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Rainfed palay production scale up to 21.9% in the 4th quarter of 2024

In the fourth quarter of 2024, about 464,961 metric tons of the region's production was from rainfed harvest with an increase of 21.9% percent against the production in 2023 of the same quarter. On the other hand, the production of irrigated palay was recorded at 353,608 metric tons declining 1.4 percent of the 2023's fourth quarter palay production. (Figure 1)



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

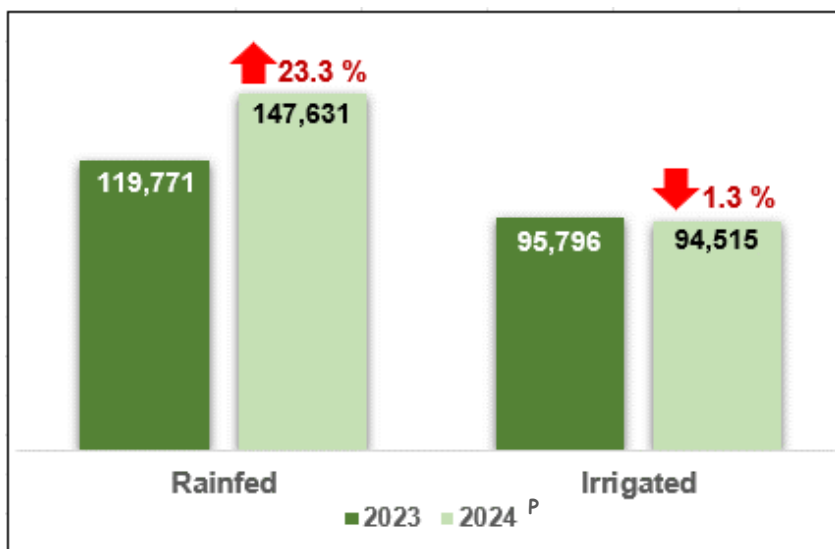


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More rainfed palay area harvests in the 4th quarter of 2024

By ecosystem, harvested area for rainfed palay increased by 23.3 percent or almost one-fourth reaching 147,631 hectares. Meanwhile, irrigated palay dropped by 1.3 percent recording 94,515 hectares in the current period. (Figure 2)

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

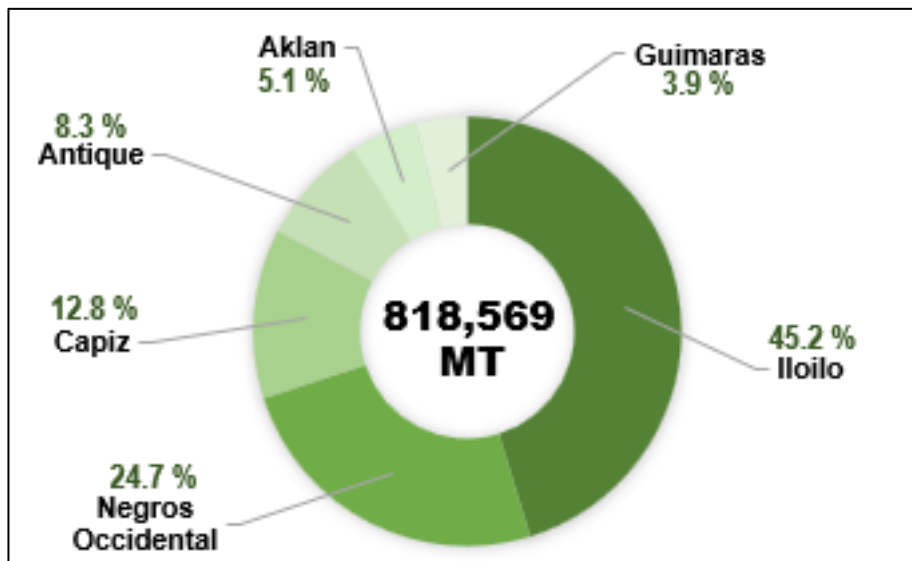


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Iloilo leads Region VI’s palay production in the 4th quarter of 2024

Among provinces in the region, Iloilo shared 45.2 percent of the total palay production in the fourth quarter of 2024. This was followed by Negros Occidental with 24.7 percent, Capiz with 12.8 percent, Antique with 8.3 percent, Aklan with 5.1 percent, and Guimaras with 3.9 percent shares to the regional palay production. (Figure3)

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



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)
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Capiz contributes the highest growth in the regional area harvested for palay in 4th Quarter of 2024

Of the total growth of 12.3 percentage points in the regional area harvested for palay, Capiz contributed the highest increase of 7.0 percentage points recording 32,152 hectares in the fourth quarter of 2024 from 17,036 hectares last year of the same quarter. This was followed by Negros Occidental with 3.4 percentage points, Iloilo with 2.2 percentage points, and the rest recorded at most 1.0 percentage points.

Meanwhile, Iloilo accounted for 46.5 percent of the total harvested area in Western Visayas followed by Negros Occidental with 22.1 percent share. Capiz and Antique contributed 13.3 and 8.5 percent shares, respectively, while Aklan and Guimaras made up 5.2 percent and 4.4 percent. (Table 2)

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

Province	Q4 2023	Q4 2024 ^P	Percent Change	Percent Share	Percentage Point Contribution
Western Visayas	215,567	242,146	12.3	100.0	12.3
Aklan	11,753	12,652	7.6	5.2	0.4
Antique	24,233	20,577	-15.1	8.5	-1.7
Capiz	17,036	32,152	88.7	13.3	7.0
Guimaras	8414	10645	26.5	4.4	1.0
Iloilo	107,887	112,612	4.4	46.5	2.2
Negros Occidental	46,244	53,508	15.7	22.1	3.4

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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