

SPECIAL RELEASE

PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS 2024

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for 2024. The data includes the estimates of palay production and area harvested for analysis which serves as basis for policy-making and projects on palay which 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). The information presented in this special release was obtained from www.openstat.psa.gov.ph.

Western Visayas' palay production declines by 16.4 percent in 2024

Western Visayas' total palay production for 2024 was estimated at 1,891,368 metric tons, a 16.4 percent decrease from 2023. The region's total area harvested also declined by 14.2 percent, registering 571,971 hectares from 666,296 hectares last year. (Table 1)

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

Palay	2023	2024 ^P	Percent Change
Production (MT)	2,263,158	1,891,368	↓ (16.4)
Area Harvested (ha)	666,296	571,971	↓ (14.2)

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

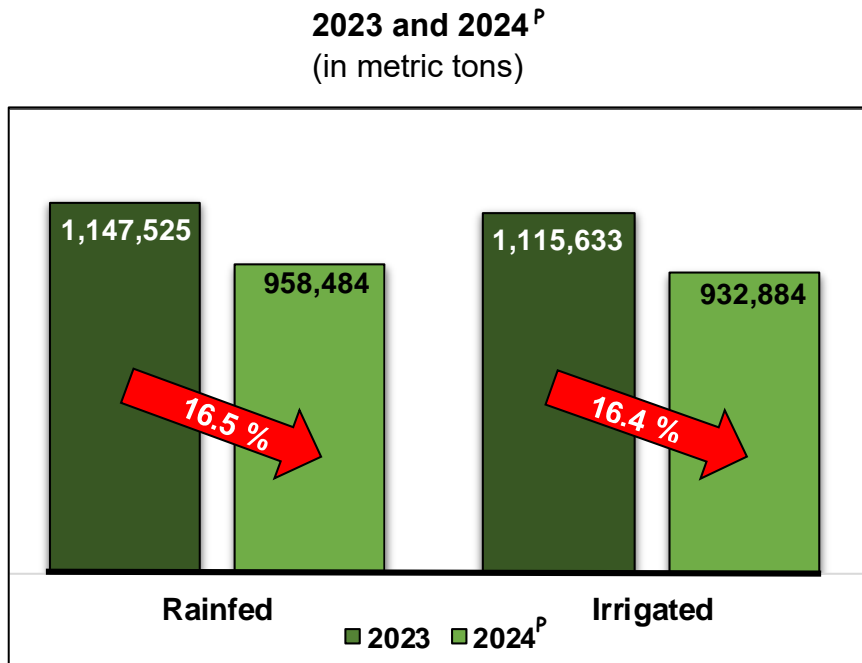
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Lesser rainfed and irrigated palay production in 2024

In 2024, about 958,484 metric tons of the region's production was from rainfed harvest, down from the previous year's production of 1,147,525 metric tons. Similarly, the production of irrigated palay was recorded at 932,884 metric tons declining 16.4 percent or 182,749 lower than the 2023's palay production. (Figure 1)



Figure 1. Palay Production of Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:

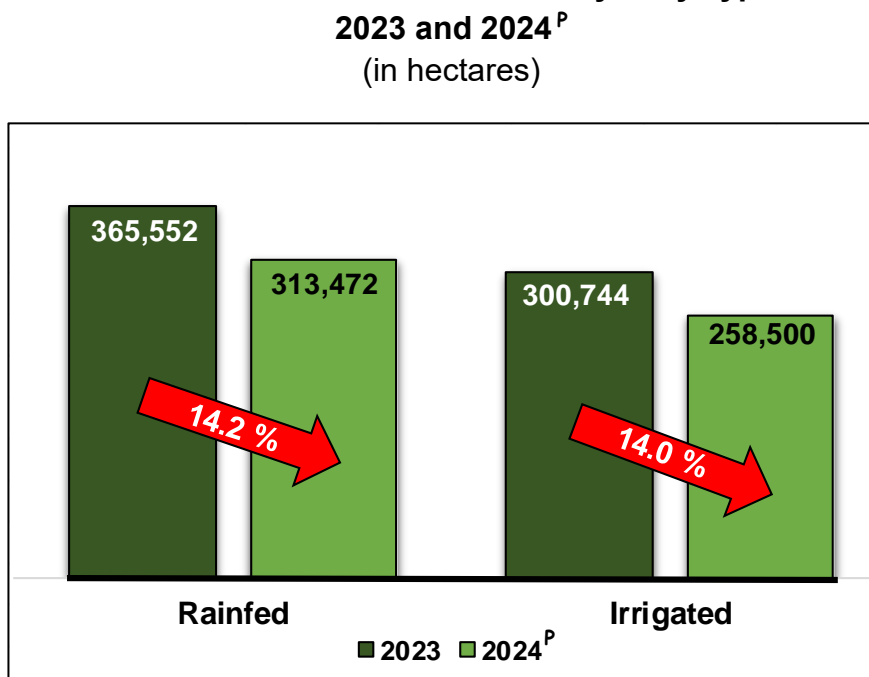


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Rainfed and irrigated palay area harvest drop by 14.0 percent each

By ecosystem, harvested area for rainfed palay reached 313,472 hectares in the current year, declining 14.2 percent from 2023, while irrigated palay dropped by an almost similar 14.0 percent from 300,744 hectares in the previous year to 258,500 hectares in the current year. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:

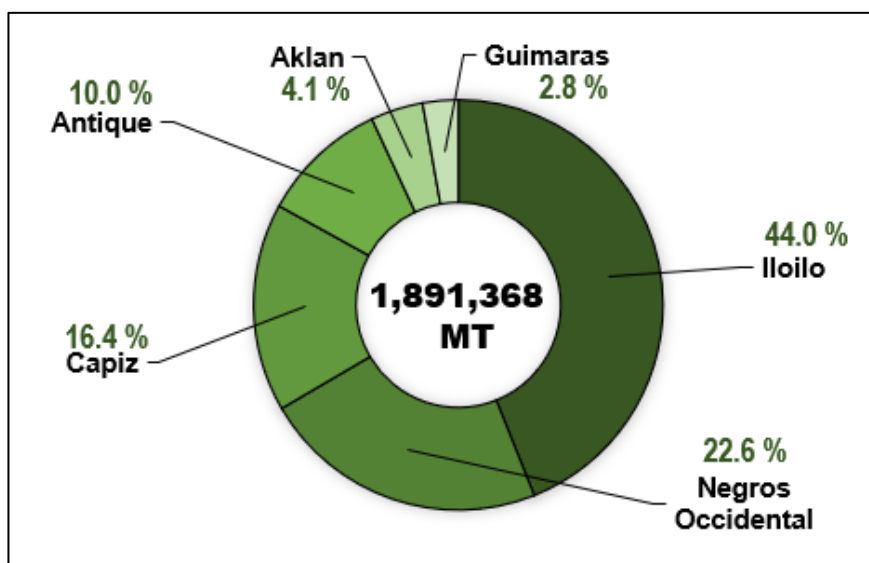


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Iloilo leads Region VI's palay production in 2024

Among provinces in the region, Iloilo shared 44.0 percent of the total palay production in 2024. This was followed by Negros Occidental with 22.6 percent, Capiz with 16.4 percent, Antique with 10.0 percent, Aklan with 4.1 percent, and Guimaras with 2.8 percent shares to the regional palay production. (Figure3)

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Palay Production in Western Visayas by Province: 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 2024

Of the total decline of 14.2 percent in the regional area harvested for palay, Iloilo contributed the highest reduction of 8.4 percentage points recording 255,422 hectares in 2024 from 311,306 hectares last year. This was followed by Negros Occidental and Antique with negative 1.8 percentage points each; Capiz and Aklan with negative 1.0 percentage points each; and Guimaras at negative 0.1 percentage points.

Additionally, the province of Iloilo accounted for 44.7 percent of the total harvested area in Western Visayas followed by Negros Occidental with 20.4 percent share. Capiz and Antique contributed 17.2 and 9.7 percent shares, respectively, while Aklan and Guimaras made up 4.9 percent and 3.3 percent. (Table 2)

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

Province	Q4 2023	Q4 2024 ^P	Percent Change	Percent Share	Percentage Point Contribution
Western Visayas	666,296	571,971	-14.2	100.0	-14.2
Aklan	34,704	27,834	-19.8	4.9	-1.0
Antique	67,265	55,246	-17.9	9.7	-1.8
Capiz	105,163	98,234	-6.6	17.2	-1.0
Guimaras	19,230	18,817	-2.1	3.3	-0.1
Iloilo	311,306	255,422	-18.0	44.7	-8.4
Negros Occidental	128,628	116,418	-9.5	20.4	-1.8

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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