

SPECIAL RELEASE

PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for the first quarter of 2025 excluding Negros Occidental consequent to Republic Act No. 12000, also known as “Negros Island Act”. The first quarter of 2025 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 obtained 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 5.1 percent in the first quarter of 2025

The total palay production of Western Visayas in the first quarter of 2025 was estimated at 549,512 metric tons. It dropped by 5.1 percent of the production in the same quarter of 2024. Similarly, the region’s total area harvested in the current period decreased by 8.5 percent, recording 169,588 hectares from 185,355 hectares in the first quarter of 2024. (Table 1)

**Table 1. Total Palay Production and Area Harvested of Western Visayas:
First Quarter 2024 and 2025^P**

Palay	Q1 2024	Q1 2025 ^P	Percent Change
Production (MT)	579,109	549,512	↓ - 5.1
Area Harvested (ha)	185,355	169,588	↓ - 8.5

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

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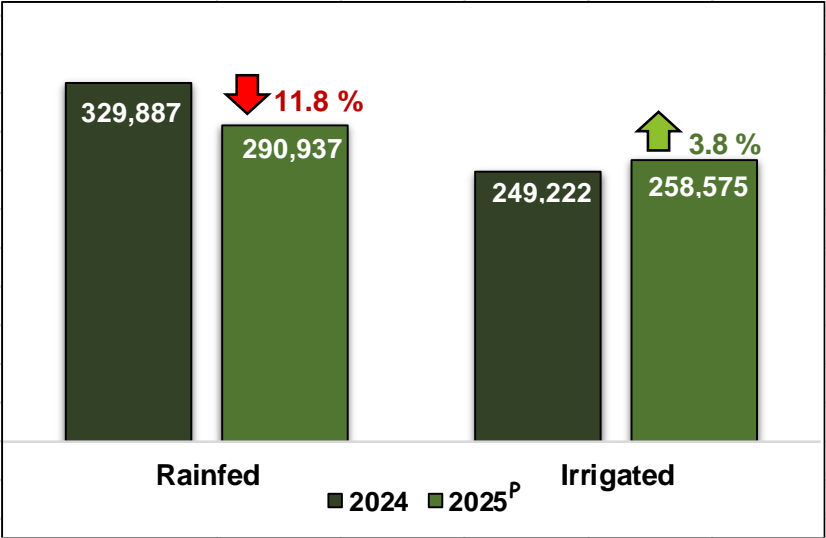
Irrigated palay production increased to 258,575 metric tons in the 1st quarter of 2025

In the first quarter of 2025, approximately 258,575 metric tons of the region’s production was from irrigated palay. This was 3.8 percent higher than the previous year’s harvest of 249,222 metric tons. On the other hand, the production of rainfed



palay was estimated at 290,937 metric tons, declining 11.8 percent compared to the 2024's first quarter palay output. (Figure 1)

**Figure 1. Palay Production of Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:
First Quarter 2024 and 2025^P**
(in metric tons)

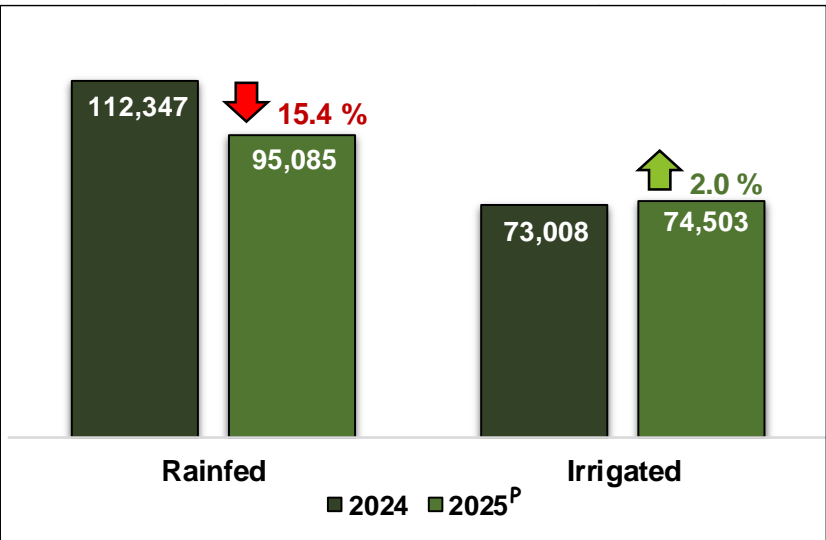


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Irrigated palay harvest area expands in the 1st quarter of 2025

By ecosystem, the harvested area for irrigated palay increased by 2.0 percent, reaching 74,503 hectares. On the contrary, rainfed palay dropped by 15.4 percent, recording 95,085 hectares in the current period. (Figure 2)

**Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem:
First Quarter 2024 and 2025^P**
(in hectares)

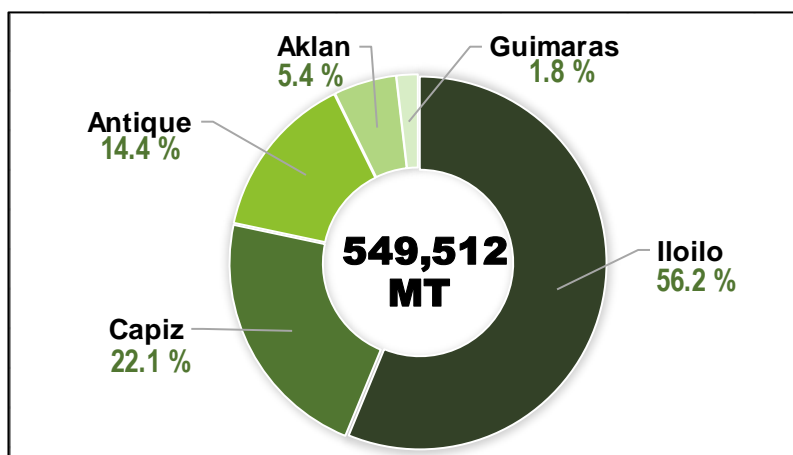


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Iloilo contributes more than half to the Region VI's palay production in the 1st quarter of 2025

Among provinces in the region, Iloilo shared 56.2 percent of the total palay production in the first quarter of 2025. This was followed by Capiz with 22.1 percent, Antique with 14.4 percent, Aklan with 5.4 percent, and Guimaras with 1.8 percent shares to the regional palay production. (Figure3)

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Palay Production in Western Visayas by Province: First Quarter 2025^P
(in metric tons)



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

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Iloilo shares the highest drop in the regional area harvested for palay in 1st Quarter of 2025

Of the total reduction of 8.5 percentage points in the regional area harvested for palay, Iloilo contributed the highest decrease of 8.8 percentage points, recording 93,229 hectares in the first quarter of 2025, from 109,599 hectares during the same quarter last year. This was followed by Capiz with negative 2.5 percentage points, while the remaining 3 provinces each recorded growth of at least 0.1 percentage points each.

Meanwhile, of the 169,588 total hectares harvested in Western Visayas, Iloilo and Capiz together accounted for more than three-fourths, or 77.5 percent with shares of 55.0 percent and 22.5 percent, respectively. Antique followed with 19.3 percent, Aklan with 6.6 percent, and Guimaras with 2.6 percent shares. (Table 2)

**Table 2. Total Palay Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Province:
First Quarter 2024 and 2025^P**
(in hectares)

Province	Q4 2024	Q4 2025 ^P	Percent Change	Percent Share	Percentage Point Contribution
Western Visayas	185,355	169,588	- 8.5	100.0	- 8.5
Aklan	11,098	11,245	1.3	6.6	0.1
Antique	17,840	22,669	27.1	13.4	2.6
Capiz	42,710	38,114	- 10.8	22.5	- 2.5
Guimaras	4,108	4,331	5.4	2.6	0.1
Iloilo	109,599	93,229	- 14.9	55.0	- 8.8

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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