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Guimaras' palay yield trickles by 1.76% in 2024

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26 March 2025– Guimaras. The total palay production in Guimaras for 2024 was estimated at 53,049.50 metric tons, reflecting a decrease of 1.76 percent compared to the 54,000.00 metric tons recorded in 2023.

“The total area harvested declined by 2.15 percent, registering 18,817.00 hectares in 2024 compared to 19,230.00 hectares in 2023”, Provincial Statistics Officer Nelida B. Losare

“In terms of yield per hectare, the 2024 production translated to 2.82 MT/ha which is slightly higher than the 2.81 MT/ha yield in 2023”, Losare added.



PSA Guimaras Statistical Analyst Ronney Genanda and Statistical Researcher Hazel G. Castillo enumerate Palay Production Survey samples in Barangay Ayangang, Sibunag, on October 10, 2024.

The 8.54% reduction in irrigated palay production primarily pulled down the total palay yield of the province by 1.76%, which was tempered by the 1.27 increment in rainfed palay yield.

“The report on palay production of Guimaras in 2024 which includes the estimates of palay production and area harvested analysis serves as a basis for policymaking and projects on palay”, PSO Losare explained

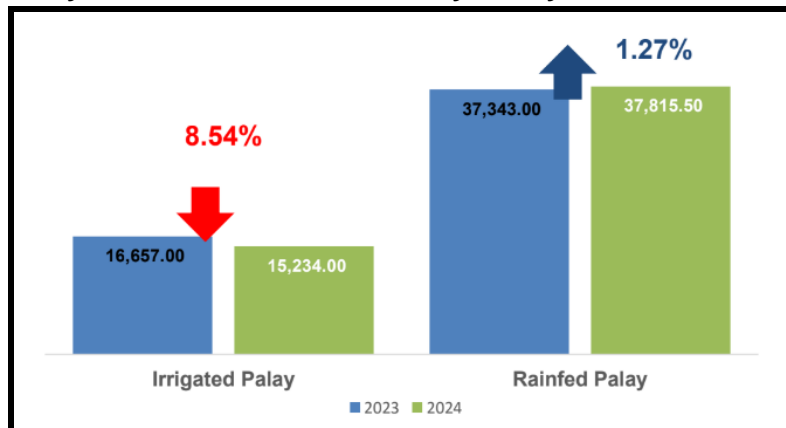
Table 1: Total Palay Production and Area Harvested in Guimaras: 2023 and 2024

| Palay | 2023 | 2024 | Percent Change |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Production (MT) | 54,000.00 | 53,049.50 | -1.76 |
| Area Harvested (ha) | 19,230.00 | 18,817.00 | -2.15 |

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

In 2024, about 37,815.50 metric tons of the provincial total yield came from the rainfed harvest, with a 1.27 percent increment against the production in 2023, and an average 2.62 MT/ha yield in 2024 while irrigated palay yield at 15,234.00 metric tons showed an 8.54 percent drop from the recorded 16,657.00 metric tons in 2023 or an average yield of 3.46 MT/ha. See Figure 1.

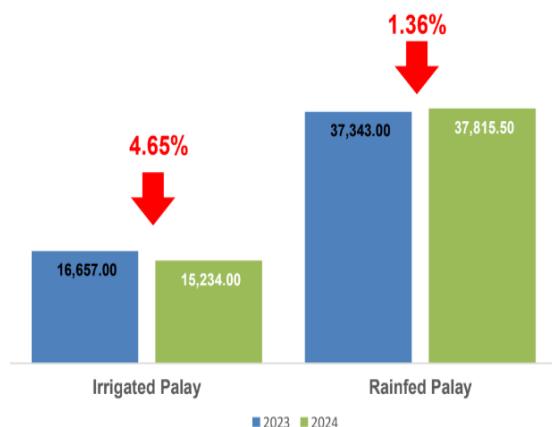
Figure 1: Palay Production of Guimaras by Ecosystem: 2023 and 2024 (in MT)



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

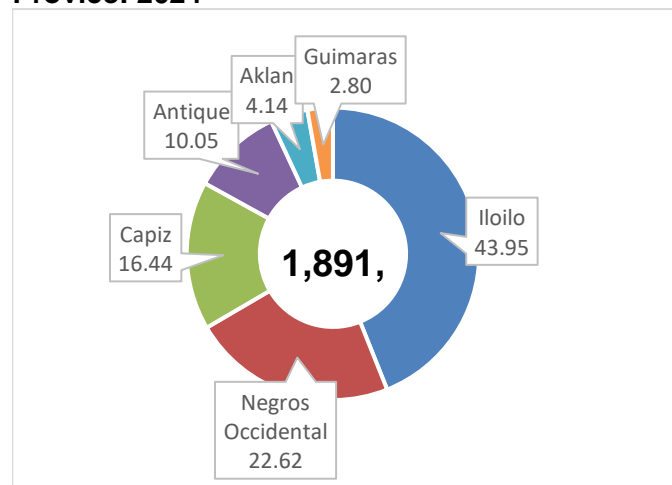
By ecosystem, harvested areas for irrigated and rainfed palay decreased by 4.65 percent and 1.36 percent, respectively, in 2024. This translates to about 215.00 hectares and 198.00 hectares less than in 2023 for irrigated and rainfed palay area harvested, respectively. See Figure 2

Figure 2: Total Area Harvested, Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem: 2023 & 2024 (in hectares)



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

Figure 3. Area Harvested Distribution by Province: 2024



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

In 2024, Iloilo produced 43.95 percent of the total palay in Western Visayas, followed by Negros Occidental (22.62%), Capiz (16.44%), Antique (10.05%), Aklan (4.14%), and Guimaras (2.80%). Iloilo had the highest contribution at 44.7 percent of the 571,971.15 total areas harvested for palay. Other provinces like Negros Occidental, Capiz, and Antique contributed smaller amounts. However, the area harvested for palay decreased by 14.16 percent, with Iloilo experiencing an 8.39 percentage point reduction. See Figure 3.


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