

SPECIAL RELEASE

CORN PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023

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Explanatory Notes

This special release presents the Corn Production of Western Visayas for the fourth quarter of 2023. The fourth quarter of 2023 data includes the estimates of corn production and area harvested for analysis which serve as a basis for policy-making and projects on corn. The data provided in this special release were taken from the latest available data of the Corn Production Survey (CPS) 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' fourth quarter of 2023 corn production decreased by 10.5 percent

The total corn production of Western Visayas in the fourth quarter of 2023 was estimated at 55,456.5 metric tons which was 10.5 percent lower than the fourth quarter of the previous year's corn production. Moreover, the region's recorded total area harvested was 18,964.0 hectares which was 11.5 percent lower than the area harvested in 2022 of the same quarter. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Corn Production and Area Harvested of Western Visayas:
Fourth Quarter 2022 and 2023

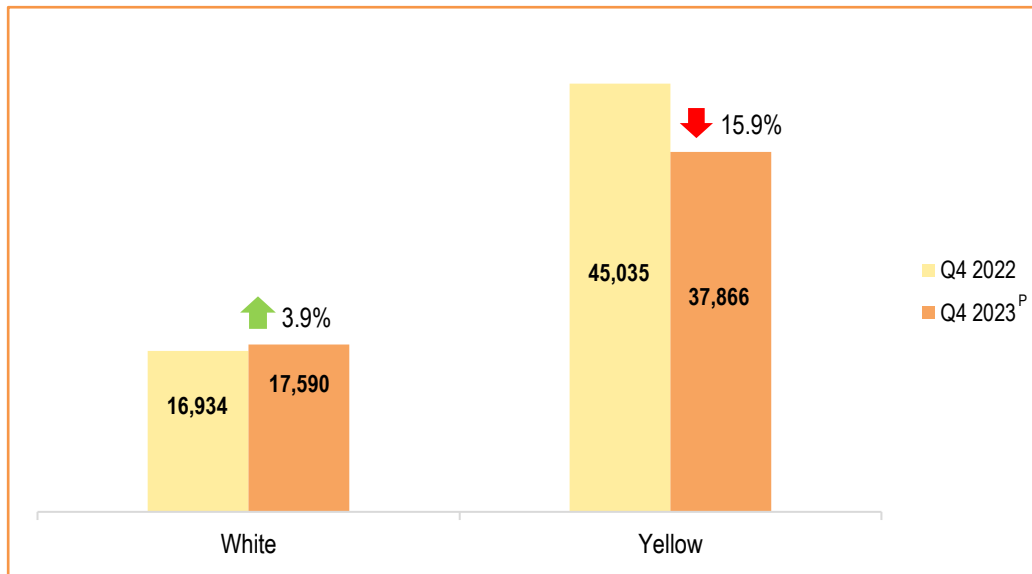
Corn	Q4 2022	Q4 2023 ^P	Percent Change
Production (MT)	61,968.4	55,456.5	-10.5
Area Harvested (ha)	21,415.5	18,964.0	-11.5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Corn Production Survey (CPS)
P- preliminary

White and yellow corn production in 4th quarter of 2023

By corn type, total white corn production in the fourth quarter of 2023 was 17,590.3 metric tons which increased by 3.9 percent in comparison with the same quarter of previous year. Meanwhile, total yellow corn production was 37,866.2 metric tons which is 15.9 percent lower than 2022's production of the same period. (Figure 1)

Figure 1. Corn Production of Western Visayas by Type of Corn:
Fourth Quarter 2022 and 2023 (in metric tons)

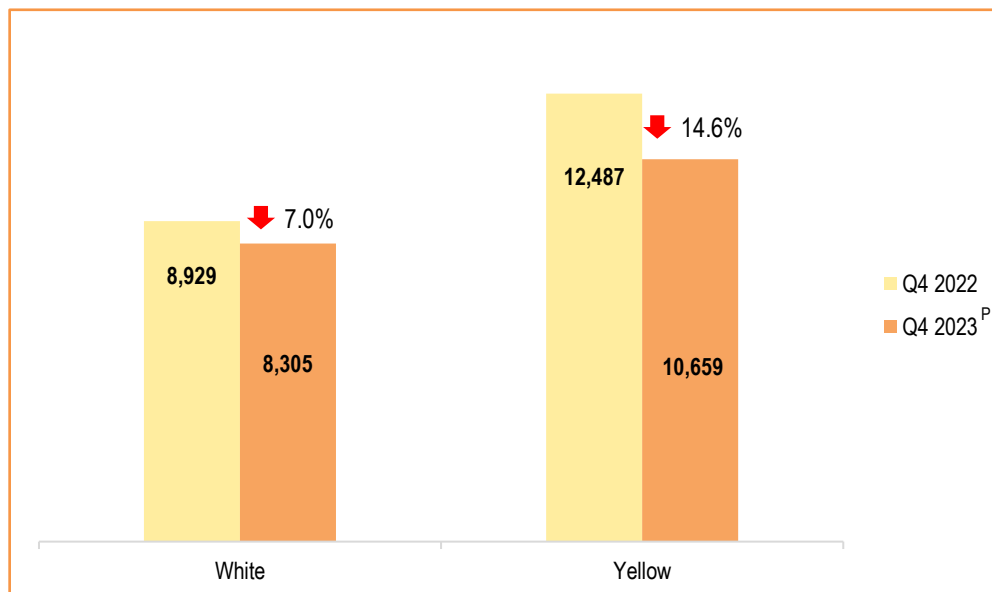


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White and yellow corn area harvested decreased in 4th quarter of 2023

The total white corn area harvested was 8,305.0 hectares in the fourth quarter of 2023, a decrease of 7.0 percent compared with the same quarter last year. Similarly, the total yellow corn area harvested was 10,659.0 hectares, a decline of 14.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2023 as compared with 2022's total area harvested for the same period. (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Total Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Type of Corn:
Fourth Quarter 2022 and 2023 (in hectares)

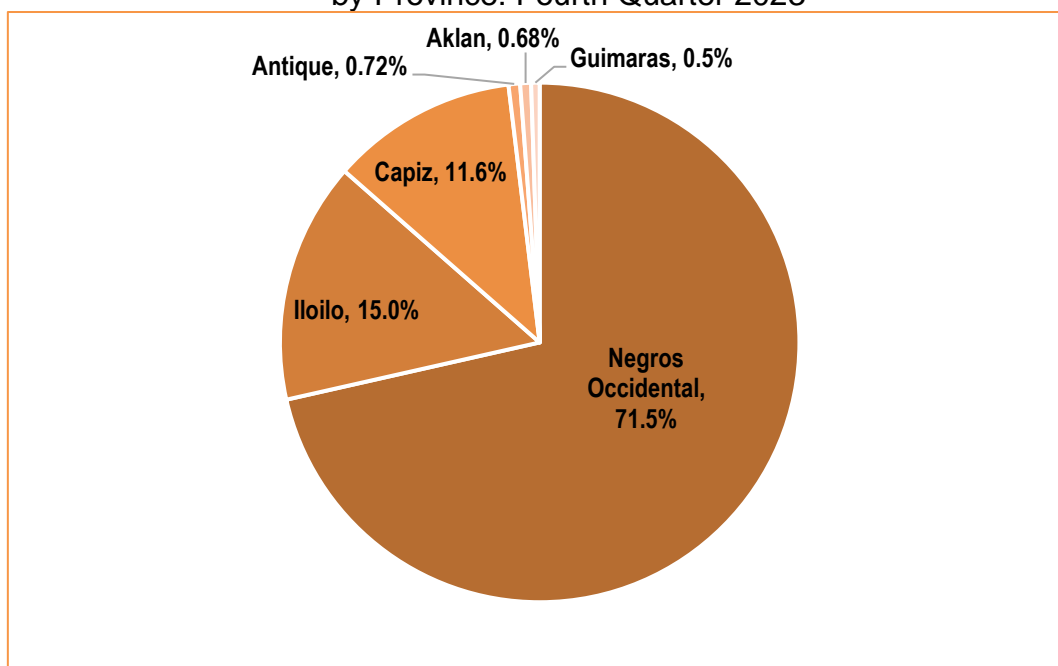


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Negros Occidental tops the regional corn production in 4th quarter 2023

Among provinces in the region, Negros Occidental had the highest share with 71.5 percent of the region’s corn production for the fourth quarter of 2023. This was followed by Iloilo (15.0 percent), Capiz (11.6 percent), Antique (0.7 percent), and Aklan (0.7 percent). Guimaras shared the least percentage with 0.5 percent of the region’s corn production. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Corn Production in Western Visayas by Province: Fourth Quarter 2023^P



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Corn Production Survey (CPS)
 P-preliminary

Table 2. Total Corn Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Province: Fourth Quarter 2022 and 2023 (in hectares)

Province	Q4 2022	Q4 2023 ^P	Percent Change
Western Visayas	21,415.5	18,864.0	-11.5
Aklan	225.0	156.0	-30.7
Antique	115.5	134.0	16.0
Capiz	2,017.0	1,394.0	-30.9
Guimaras	148.0	97.0	-34.5
Iloilo	1,590.0	2,108.0	32.6
Negros Occidental	17,320.0	15,075.0	-13.0

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Corn Production Survey (CPS)
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Corn area harvested in most provinces decreased in 4th quarter of 2023

Of the total corn area harvested in the region, Negros Occidental had the highest total area harvested in fourth quarter of 2023 with 15,075.0 hectares and marked a decrease of 13.0 percent compared with the same quarter last year. This was followed by Iloilo with 2,108.0 hectares but showed an increase of 32.6 percent. Further, Capiz with 1,394.0 hectares, decreased by 30.9 percent; Aklan with 156.0 hectares declined by 30.7 percent; Antique with 134.0 hectares had a 16.0 percent increase; and Guimaras with the least area harvested of 97.0 hectares dropped by 34.5 percent. (Table 2)

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Production- refers to the quantity produced and actually harvested of crop during the reference period. Estimates were taken from the Corn Production Survey.

Area harvested- refers to the total area harvested to corn during the reference quarter. It may be less than or equal to the total area planted to corn.

Area planted – refers to actual physical area planted.

White corn- type of corn used primarily for human consumption.

Yellow corn- type of corn used generally as feed grains. It includes all types of corn other than white.

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