

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## 2023 PALAY PRODUCTION IN WESTERN VISAYAS

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### Explanatory Notes

*This special release presents the Palay Production of Western Visayas for 2023. The 2023 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](http://www.openstat.psa.gov.ph).*

### **Western Visayas' palay production decreased by 2.5 percent in 2023**

The total palay production of Western Visayas in 2023 was estimated at 2,263,158.3 metric tons. It decreased by 2.5 percent or 58,435.4 metric tons less compared with 2022. Likewise, the total area harvested in 2023 is estimated at 666,296.0 hectares and was 2.2 percent lower than last year. (Table 1)

Table 1. Total Palay Production and Area Harvested of Western Visayas:  
2022 and 2023

Palay	2022	2023 <sup>P</sup>	Percent Change
Production (MT)	2,321,593.7	2,263,158.3	-2.5
Area Harvested (ha)	681,300.3	666,296.0	-2.2

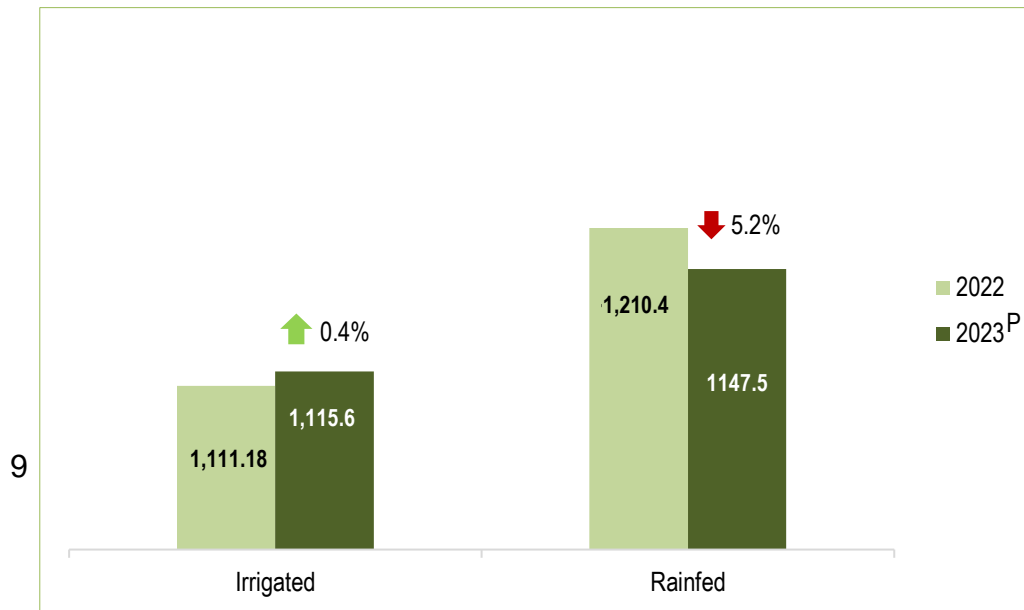
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)

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### **Rainfed and irrigated palay production in 2023**

Total irrigated palay production in 2023 was estimated at 1,115.6 thousand metric tons which increased by 0.4 percent in comparison with the previous year's production. On the other hand, the total rainfed palay production fell by 5.2 percent or equivalent to 62,890.5 metric tons lower as compared to 2022's production. (Figure 1)

Figure 1. Palay Production of Western Visayas by Type of Ecosystem: 2022 and 2023 (in '000 metric tons)

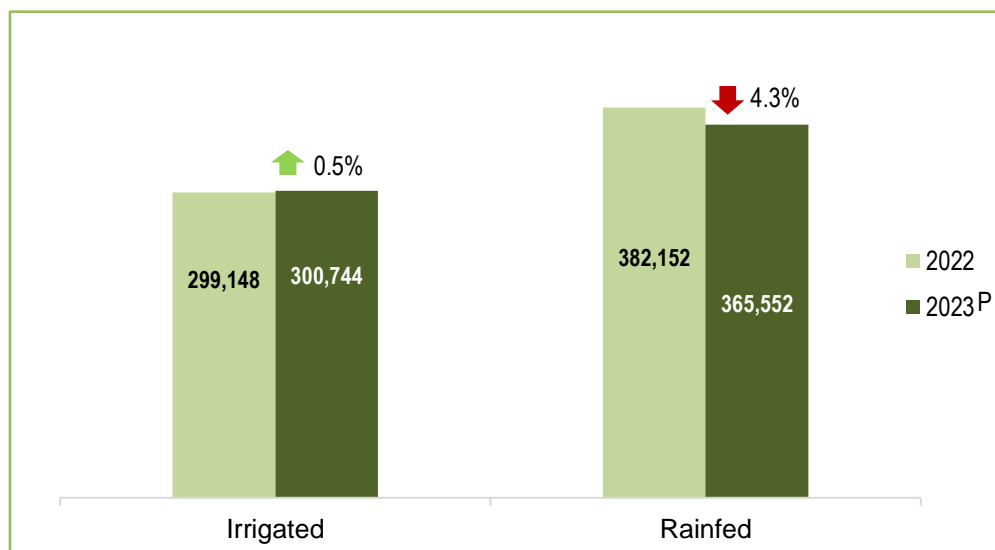


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### Rainfed and irrigated palay harvested area in 2023

By ecosystem, irrigated harvested areas increased by 0.5 percent or 1,596.9 hectares wider, while rainfed harvested areas decreased by 4.3 percent or a reduction of 16,600.4 hectares in 2023 compared to 2022’s total area harvested. (Figure 2)

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

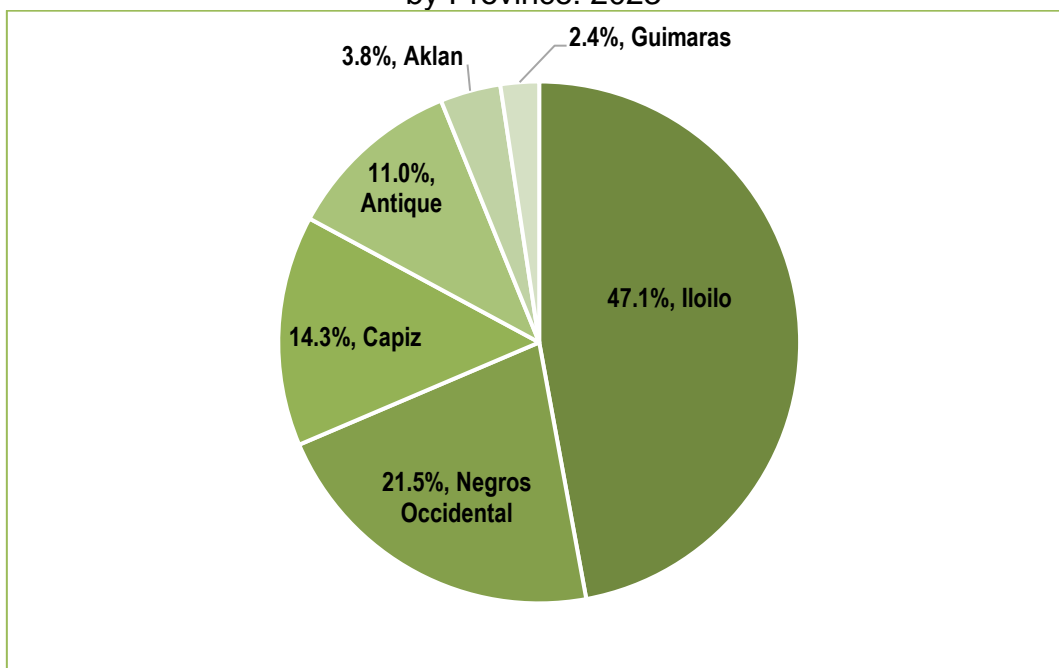


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### ***Iloilo leads Region VI palay production in 2023***

Among provinces in the region, Iloilo shared 47.1 percent of the total palay production for 2023. This was followed by Negros Occidental (21.5 percent), Capiz (14.3 percent), Antique (11.0 percent), and Aklan (3.8 percent). Guimaras had the least proportion with 2.4 percent of the region’s palay production. (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Percentage Distribution of Palay Production in Western Visayas by Province: 2023<sup>P</sup>



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)  
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Table 2. Total Palay Area Harvested in Western Visayas by Province: 2022 and 2023 (in hectares)

Province	2022	2023 <sup>P</sup>	Percent Change	Percent Share
<b>Western Visayas</b>	<b>681,300.3</b>	<b>666,296.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Aklan	38,406.4	34,704.0	-9.6	3.8
Antique	84,425.0	67,265.0	-20.3	11.0
Capiz	112,283.0	105,163.0	-6.3	14.3
Guimaras	21,527.8	19,230.0	-10.7	2.4
Iloilo	297,721.0	311,306.0	4.6	47.1
Negros Occidental	126,937.0	128,628.0	1.3	21.5

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Palay Production Survey (PPS)  
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### ***Iloilo tops palay area harvested in 2023***

Of the total palay area harvested in the region, Iloilo contributed the highest with 311,306.0 hectares or equal to 47.1 percent. This was followed by Negros Occidental with 21. percent share or equivalent to 128,628.0 hectares. Capiz with 105,163.0 hectares shared 14.3 percent. Moreover, Antique, Aklan and, Guimaras shared 11.0 percent, 3.8 percent, and 2.4 percent, respectively, or equivalent to 67,265.0 hectares, 34,704.0 hectares, and 19,230.0 hectares. (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 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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