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## ILOCOS REGION'S PALAY AND CORN OUTPUTS GROW IN 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2019

(Results from the Palay and Corn Production Survey, October 2019 Round)

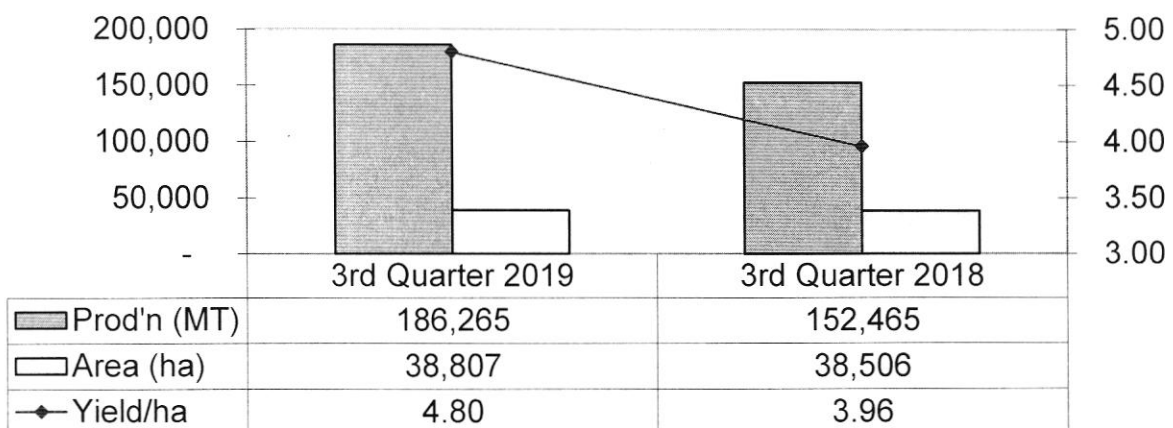
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Palay and corn production in Ilocos Region grew in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019 compared with their respective level in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018.

### Palay

Palay production in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019 was posted at 186,265 metric tons, higher than the estimate in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 of 152,465 metric tons. Early plantings were made due to the presence of early rains and lesser destructive typhoons, unlike last year. Harvesting scheduled in October 2019 were already done during the period due to fast maturity and good weather. Thus, harvest area expanded from 38,506 hectares to 38,807 hectares. The yield per hectare also grew from 3.96 metric tons to 4.80 metric tons.

**Figure 1. Palay Production Estimates, Ilocos Region  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 Palay and Corn Production Survey

**Table 1. Palay Production Estimates by Province  
Ilocos Region: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019**

ITEM	3rd Quarter		Growth Rate (%)
	2019	2018	
<b>PRODUCTION (MT)</b>	<b>186,265</b>	<b>152,465</b>	<b>22.17</b>
Ilocos Norte	48,266	30,542	58.03
Ilocos Sur	30,885	21,730	42.13
La Union	11,257	14,552	(22.64)
Pangasinan	95,857	85,641	11.93
<b>AREA HARVESTED (Ha)</b>	<b>38,807</b>	<b>38,506</b>	<b>0.78</b>
Ilocos Norte	9,727	8,539	13.91
Ilocos Sur	6,155	5,408	13.81
La Union	2,450	3,476	(29.52)
Pangasinan	20,475	21,083	(2.88)
<b>YIELD/HECTARE</b>	<b>4.80</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>21.22</b>
Ilocos Norte	4.96	3.58	38.73
Ilocos Sur	5.02	4.02	24.88
La Union	4.59	4.19	9.75
Pangasinan	4.68	4.06	15.25

*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 Palay and Corn Production Survey*

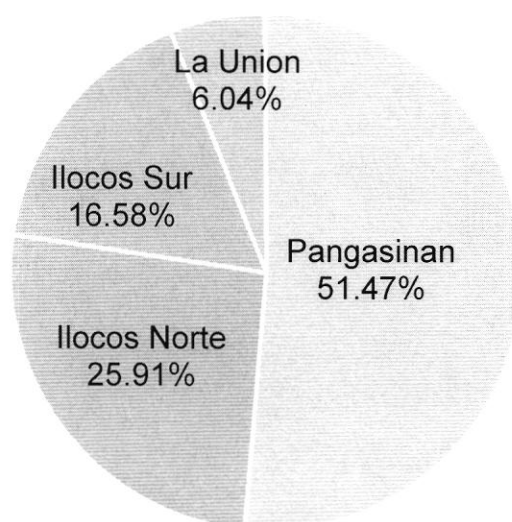
The province of Pangasinan accounted for the biggest proportion of the total palay production of Ilocos Region in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019 with 51.46 percent share. Its output was higher in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019 with 95,857 metric tons compared with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 output of 85,641 metric tons. The frequent rains in May 2019 and increased usage of high quality seeds increased the yield per hectare from 4.06 metric tons to 4.68 metric tons. Meanwhile, harvesting in some areas did not materialize during the period. Thus, the harvest area decreased from 21,083 metric tons to 20,475 metric tons.

The province of Ilocos Norte ranked second in terms of volume of palay production in the region in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019. Its output of 48,266 metric tons was higher than the output in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 of 30,542 metric tons. Early plantings were made due to the presence of early rains and lesser destructive typhoons, unlike last year. The overall harvest area expanded from 8,539 hectares to 9,727 hectares. The yield per hectare improved from 3.58 metric tons to 4.96 metric tons.

Palay production in Ilocos Sur is third highest in terms of production in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019 with 16.58 percent of the total palay production in Ilocos Region. From the output of 21,730 metric tons in the same period of 2018, it went up to 30,885 metric tons. Harvest area expanded from 5,408 hectares to 6,155 hectares as some plantings to be harvested in October 2019 were already harvested during the period. The overall yield per hectare increased from 4.02 metric tons to 5.02 metric tons.

La Union recorded the least volume of palay production with 6.04 percent of the total palay production in the region in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019. Its output during the period went down to 11,257 metric tons from 14,552 metric tons recorded in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018. Similarly, the harvest area decreased from 3,476 hectares to 2,450 hectares due to delayed harvesting in low-lying areas. Meanwhile, the yield per hectare improved from 4.19 metric tons to 4.59 metric tons due to increased usage of high quality seeds and absence of destructive typhoons, unlike last year.

**Figure 2. Percentage Distribution of Volume of Palay Production by Province  
Ilocos Region: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019**



*Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019 Palay and Corn Production Survey*

### **Corn**

Corn production in Ilocos Region increased by 2.82 percent in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019. The output was posted at 8,983 metric tons higher than the 8,737 metric tons output in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018. All the provinces of the region, except Pangasinan, recorded higher production. The harvest area increased from 2,070 hectares to 2,134 hectares due to availability of planting materials and new plantings from idle lands. The overall yield per hectare, however, went down from 4.22 metric tons to 4.21 metric tons.