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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice is in the maturing stage from tillering stage. And the harvesting also starts in some area which planted in early time. The growing condition is concern in many areas which suffered flood damage by heavy rain due to the influence of several typhoons and tropical depressions. On the other hand, the growing and harvesting condition which is not in flooding area is generally good condition due to enough irrigation water and sunshine. Late last month, Laos was hit by dam accident. The damaged planted area by this accident extended into around 2300 ha, 13 villages.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the total planting condition of dry season rice still keeps low level due to less precipitation. There are some drought damage in Java, but no caused of significant damage to rice growing by the using of pump irrigation.

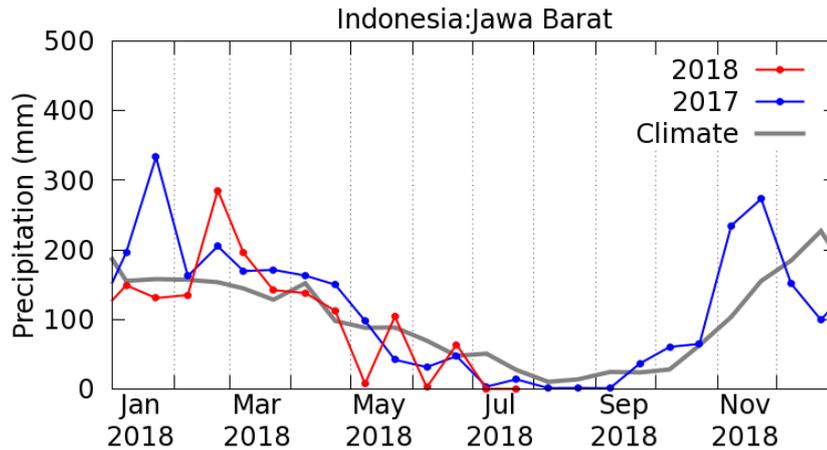
Cambodia

This month is the highest planting month of wet season rice and the planted area has reached to 94% of the national plan. The planting work seems to be faster than last year. There is the report about the flood due to heavy rain from North western to lowland areas of Mekong basin which has spread to the field of wet season rice around 9 thousands ha. While the early wet rice is maturing stage for harvesting time. The yield is estimated around 4.12 t/ha.

Indonesia

This month is the fifth of planting dry season rice. The total planting condition still keeps low level due to less precipitation. This lack of irrigation water condition seems to be recovered somewhat in Java, Sumatra and Sulawesi islands due to the creation of irrigation system using pump from water well or irrigation channels. There are some drought damage in Java, but no caused of significant damage to rice growing.

Meanwhile, the harvesting of dry season rice start, but it is delay than last year. The yield is expected to be higher than last year due to enough sunlight during growing period.

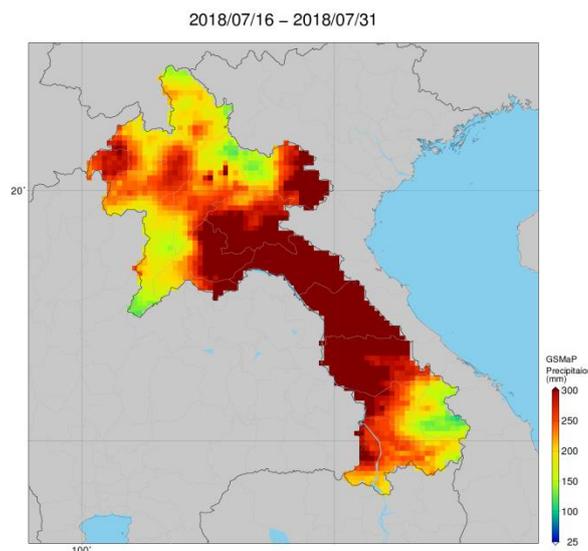


Precipitation Graph by JASMIN: Indonesia Java continues less precipitation condition.

Laos

The planted area of wet season rice came up approximately 722 thousand ha (88% of production plan). The main growing condition is in the transplanting stage. Late half of last month, the serious flood situation was caused by heavy rain and storm outbreak to paddy field from the middle to south area. This flood affected 83 thousand ha, over 8 provinces, 57 districts, and 1,140 villages. The serious damage area amounted to approximately 24 thousand ha, which is 5% of planted area. In addition, the upland rice which is in tillering stage also damaged by heavy rain and pest outbreak.

Beside the dam accident in Attapeu province suffered damage around 2300 ha planted area, 13 villages.

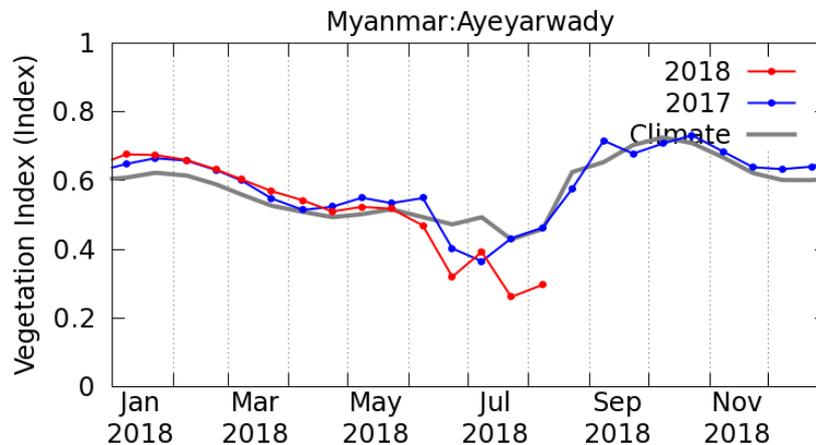


Precipitation map by JASMIN: Heavy rain hit the middle of Laos in late July

Myanmar

Up to August 2018, it has been planted for about 4.22 million ha of wet season rice, accounting for 68% of the national plan (6.21 million hectares). The progress of planting is similar to the last year.

During this month, the rice fields from delta and river basin areas were suffered by flood again due to heavy rain. Over 78 thousand ha of wet season rice were affected and about 48 thousand ha were damaged from flood. Among of them, wet season rice were replanted for more than 30 thousand ha. In addition, golden apple snails (GAS) caused the damage with seedlings in flooded area.



Vegetation Index Graph by JASMIN: Index shows the condition of declining visitation in delta area

Philippine

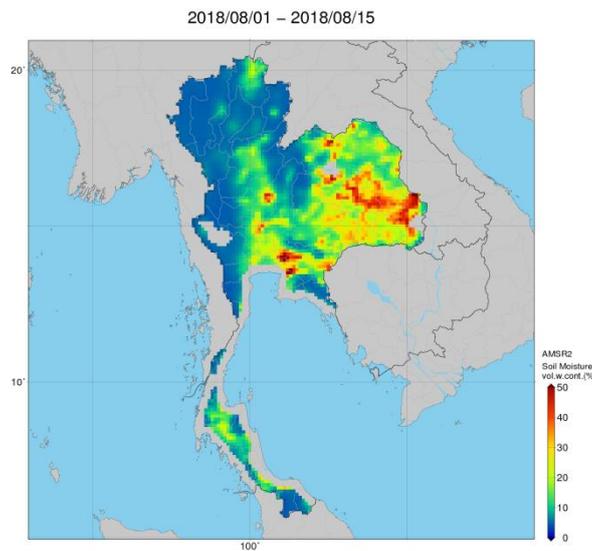
Wet season rice planted during the period of April – May is currently in the maturing up to the harvesting stage. During the past month, the weather condition which affected the country were the Southwest monsoon, low pressure areas, and four (4) tropical cyclones. These caused more damages to wet season rice plantings particularly in Luzon and some parts of Visayas.

The harvesting of wet season rice is expected to be poor due to the occurrence of consecutive unfavorable weather conditions. Also, delayed plantings were recently reported in Luzon, Western Visayas, and some parts of Mindanao due to late releasing of irrigation water.

Thailand

The wet season rice is in the tillering stage. The tropical depression over the South China Sea brought down the continuous rains with isolated heavy rain in the Northeast and the North region. This situation caused flash flooding in many places and affected to some of rice fields in the Northeastern region.

The growing condition of wet season rice which is not in flooding area is in good condition with proper amount of precipitation and good weather. The planted area is slightly increase than last planted area (9.43 million ha) with enough rainfall. However, some farmers changed to another crops such as sugarcane, cassava vegetable, sweet-corn maize due to famers' dissatisfaction on paddy farm-gate price last year.



Soil Moisture map by JASMIN: Flood condition in Northeast region can be confirmed

Vietnam

In the North, the sown area of the wet season rice is 1.09 million ha, and it accounts for 97.7% of the last year because the growth of last dry season rice prolonged due to low temperature during the early growing stage.

In the South, the sown area of the wet season rice is 2.36 million ha, and it accounts for 93.6% of the last year. The growing condition is generally good. Some provinces in the South already have harvested 0.5 million ha. The harvest of the wet season rice is delayed due to rain storm.