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### — Overview —

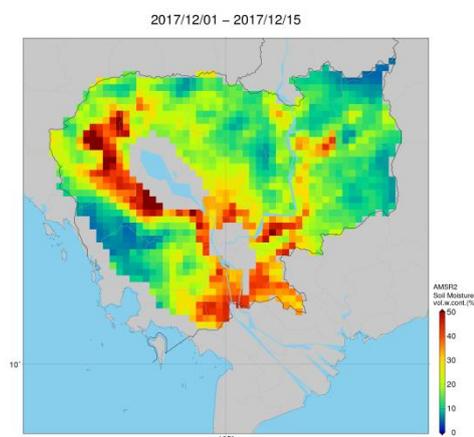
In the Northern side of SE Asia, the harvesting of wet season rice has completed or is in the final stage. Overall the yield is estimated to be normal yield, but the Northeastern of Thailand, Northern part of Philippines and coastal region of Myanmar where flood damage occurred during October and November was poor condition. On the other hand, the planting of dry season rice starts in almost countries and areas under moderate weather.

In the Southern side of SE Asia (Indonesia), the dry season rice is in the final stage of harvesting. The yield is expected to be higher than last year. On the other hand, the wet season rice is in planting and vegetative stage with good growing condition.

### Cambodia

The harvested area of wet season rice reached 60% of total planted area. The yield condition is slightly decreased from the normal level. On the other hand, the early rice of dry season which planted around 196 thousand hectares, accounting for around 44% of total planted is in the young panicle forming stage from the tillering stage. The rain from the end of November promoted the planting and growing of dry season rice, although drought concerns are reported in some areas in Northwestern.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season in the-growing stage is good due to moderate weather conditions.

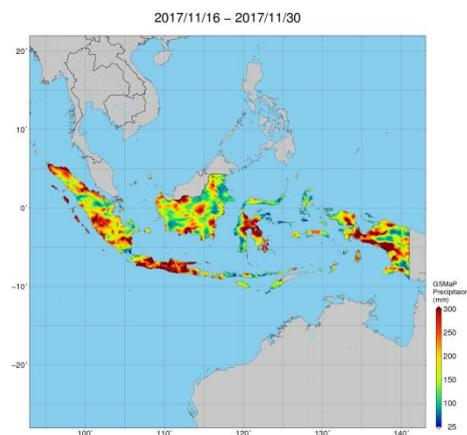


Soil Moisture map by JASMIN; It shows that drought condition is concerned in some area in Northwestern.

## Indonesia

The dry season rice is in the final stage of harvesting. The harvesting area in December is estimated about 1.1 million ha, 16.8% higher than last year. The yield is expected to be higher than the last dry season rice due to enough irrigation water and sunlight at flowering phase.

This December is the third month of planting wet season rice too and it is in vegetative stages, the planted area of wet season rice still low since the moderate and uneven rainfall so farmer is still waiting for enough water to plant. The wet season rice which was planted on October and dry season rice which was planted in November are good growing condition due to enough irrigation especially in the north of Java Island. December precipitation is moderate level in the south of Indonesia and no reported of drought.



Precipitation map by JASMIN; Seasons rice are good growing condition due to enough irrigation especially in the north of Java Island.

## Laos

The wet season rice of lowland completed of the harvesting. The harvested area is 788thousand hectares, 96% of national plan. The total production is estimated approximately 3.5 million ton and the yield is approximately 4 ton per hectare, 2% higher than last year. Now farmers are preparing field of dry season rice under normal weather condition.

The upland rice completed the harvesting too with 102 thousand hectares. The production is estimated approximately 212 thousand tons and the yield is 2.08 ton per hectare, slightly decrease than last year.

## **Myanmar**

Up to December 2017, about 3.13 million hectares of wet season rice have been harvested and approximately 12.11 million tons of paddy were obtained with the yield of 3.87 t/ha. Harvesting work is faster than last year and the rice yield is also slightly higher in total. On the other hand, Rakhine hit by heavy rain in the growing season was poor.

As there were unexpected occasional rains at the time of harvest in this month, about 121 thousand hectares in Central Myanmar were qualitatively and quantitatively damaged. Therefore, the government provided assistance for farmers on rice post-harvest handling technology.

On the other hand, the dry season rice has been planted from this month about 83 thousand hectares, accounting for 13.9% of national plan (1.16 million hectares).

## **Philippines**

Wet season rice planted during the July – August period was fully harvested. Production was around 5.77 million metric tons with a yield of 3.98. Generally, the yield condition of wet season rice was good in the country except for the northern region of Luzon Island, where there were incidence of floods and lodging due to heavy rains.

On the other hand, dry season rice planted in November – December is in the seeding period. The country underwent normal to above normal rainfall conditions during this month.

## **Thailand**

The harvesting of wet season rice is expected to almost complete until the end of this month. The production of this season rice will decrease than last year (25.24 million tons) by the decline of planted area due to farmers converting to other crops and the poor yield in Northeast region due to the influence of serious flood.

For the dry season rice is in sowing time. The planted area is forecasted to increase than last year by enough irrigation water and natural water for cultivation.

## **Vietnam**

In the North, the harvesting of wet season rice has almost completed with 1.1 million ha, accounting for 97.6% of sown area. The yield is estimated about 4.7 tons/ha, 0.9% lower than the last year due to the influence of extraordinary heavy rain in mid-October.

In the South, the sowing of dry season rice has started in Mekong Delta. Although the sowing work is slightly delayed, the growing condition is good due to moderate weather conditions.