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Cambodia

The planting of dry season rice has completely ended around 576 thousand ha and 120% of the planting plan in this month. The early harvesting area holds around 54% of total planted area is in harvesting time. The yield is 4.35t/ha. It's slightly good with average yield. However, it's slightly less than last year.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good in this month with good yield in harvesting time.

Indonesia

This March is the third month of harvesting of the wet season rice. Total harvesting in this wet season is estimated about 5.03 million ha, 36.3% higher than last year. The yield is estimated to be higher than the last two months due to enough irrigation water, government policy (farmer assistant) and enough sunlight at flowering phase especially in last month.

The wet season rice in vegetative phase is in good growing condition due to enough precipitation since the rainy season started earlier from early September. The moderate flood is reported in some part of Indonesia but it might not cause serious damage to rice growing.

Laos

The dry season rice is in tillering to young panicle forming stage. The total planted area of dry season rice is around 90 thousands ha, 9 thousands ha decrease from previous year, however, the ministry plan for dry season rice production in this year is around 95 thousands ha with the yield 5.26 ton per hectare. Some provinces in northern region are concerned with slightly poor growing due to insufficient irrigation water. The early harvesting of dry season rice will start at the end of this month in some provinces.

Myanmar

Up to now in March 2017, Myanmar has already planted the dry season rice for approximately 862 thousands hectares which it occupies 73.7% of the total national plan of 1.17 million hectares. The planting work goes smoothly.

The unexpected occasional rain fell in the middle Myanmar within this month but it doesn't affect rice production because most dry season rice in the middle Myanmar are now at active tillering stages. The rain gives an effort as subsidy additional irrigation for some fields that have scarcity of irrigation water. Some dry season rice that grown early in lower Myanmar are in young panicle forming stage, however, there is no rain yet in those regions.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted in November - January was in the maturing – harvesting stage. Very high precipitation index was noted in the southeast regions of Mindanao. Crop damage due to frequent and heavy rains brought by Northeast monsoon were noted. About 6,900 hectares have been totally affected in Mindanao. Yield decrease rate was estimated at around 10-15 percent.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice was fair - good in most provinces. Good weather condition was experienced in the northern and central regions of the country.

Thailand

Dry season rice is in the Young panicle forming stage and Grain Filling stage. The total planted area of dry season rice is higher than last year. The good yield is expected due to sufficient rainfall and irrigation water support at the beginning of the growing stage and farmer's high motivation in taking a better care of their fields. There are some reports about pest outbreak in Central region but farmer can control the situation. It might not affect to final yield.

Vietnam

In the North, the sowing of the winter-spring season rice (dry season rice) has completed. The sown area is 932 thousand ha, 30.6 % higher than last year due to the warm weather and better irrigation preparation.

In the South, the Mekong River Delta region is in initial harvesting time of the winter-spring season rice (dry season rice) with 0.46 million ha, accounting for 30 % of the total sowed area. The estimated yield is 5.5 tons/ha which is almost equal with last year. Besides, the South starts the sowing of the summer-autumn season rice (wet season rice) with over 1.91 million ha, 0.2% higher than last year. While, the Mekong River Delta region sowed with 1.54 million ha, 0.1% lower than last year due to flood in low-lying land.