

# Rice Growing Outlook Report

## May 2017





## **Rice Growing Outlook Report May 2017**

---

### **---Overview---**

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the harvesting of dry season rice has almost finished excluding North Vietnam and some areas of Laos, Myanmar and South Vietnam. The yield of dry season rice is good due to enough irrigation water and stable weather during growing season. Meanwhile, the planting of wet season rice starts accordingly from the prepared lands.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the wet season rice is in closing stage of harvesting. The yield is estimated to be good due to enough irrigation water and sunlight. Meanwhile, the planting condition of dry season rice is still low since farmer is preparing the land after the harvesting of wet season rice.

### **Cambodia**

May is the sowing season of wet season rice and 16 provinces in country have planted around 5.5% of national plan area 2.49 million ha in 2017. While the early wet season rice is in seeding stage. The growing seems to be faster than last year due to proper precipitation with last year.

### **Indonesia**

This May is in the harvesting of the wet season rice which was planted during February to March. Total accumulated harvesting area is estimated about 7.43 million ha, 2.4% higher than same period of last year. The yield is estimated to be good and higher than the last dry season rice due to enough irrigation water and enough sunlight at flowering phase especially in last two month.

This May is also the second month of dry season rice planting and in vegetative stages. Even the planted area on second month is still low since farmer is still preparing the land after the harvesting of wet season rice. The vegetative condition of dry season rice is good due to enough precipitation. The precipitation is still intense during this month but the flood and drought are not reported.

## **Laos**

In Lao PDR, the dry season rice is in harvesting stage. The production is estimated around 470 thousand ton. The current harvested area is around 56 thousand ha that means 62% of total planted area. The yield is good and estimated around 5.2 t/ha since this year did not have noted damage by nature disaster and pest outbreak. The harvesting will be finish by the end of this month in all provinces. The framers in the whole country hurry up their paddy harvesting before the rain coming.

## **Myanmar**

Up to now in May, the planting of dry season rice has done in Myanmar with over 994 thousand hectares which account for 85% of the national plan. This reduction is because some farmers planted other cash crops instead of dry season rice. About 675 thousand hectares of dry season rice has been harvested and produced 3.22 million tons of paddies. It gave the yield of 4.77 t/ha. It is a good yield and similar of last year.

Myanmar's Rakhine coast and Middle Myanmar were affected by Cyclone Maarutha in 15~16 April. However, the most dry season rice was not affected although some sesame crops were destroyed by heavy rainfall. Only minor problem on the dry season rice due to the Cyclone is infected by some diseases such as bacterial leaf blight (BLB), bacterial leaf stripe (BLS), etc. because of condition with high temperature and high relative humidity.

## **Philippines**

Dry season rice planted in November - January was fully harvested. About 1.15 million hectares have been harvested. Production was around 4.42 million metric tons with a yield of 3.85 metric tons per hectare. Increase in production was attributed to the availability of irrigation water/sufficient rainfall during planting period. Meanwhile, planting of wet season rice has started.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice was good for most provinces. Good weather condition was experienced this harvest of dry season rice.

## **Thailand**

Now in Thailand, most of dry season rice was harvested. The production is forecasted to increase than 3.11 million ton of last year production, due to the good yield and increased planted area by sufficient rainfall and irrigation water during planting season.

Wet season rice is in the time of field preparation and sowing in the area where has enough water for cultivation. Planted area of wet season rice is forecasted to increase due to sufficient rainfall.

## **Vietnam**

In the North, the seeding of winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is completed. The final sown area is 1.14 million ha. The growing condition is good by stable weather condition.

In the South, this month is in the harvesting time of winter-spring rice (dry season rice). The current harvested area is 1.61 million ha, accounting for 83.3% of the sown area. Among them, the current harvested area of the Mekong River Delta region is 1.44 million ha, accounting for 94% of the sown area. The average yield is 6.27 tons/ha, 2.4% lower than that last year due to heavy rain in early February in some provinces of Mekong River Delta.

In the South, the summer-autumn rice (wet season rice) starts to sow. The current sown area is 677 thousand ha, 5% lower than same period of last year due to one month delay in seeding. The sown area of the Mekong River Delta region is 661 thousand ha, 3% lower than the same period of last year.