

# Rice Growing Outlook Report

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### — Overview —

In the Northern side of SE Asia, the planting of dry season rice starts in all countries out of North Vietnam. Generally the growth of early growing dry season rice is fair to good due to enough irrigation water and calm weather condition.

In the Southern side of SE Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of wet season rice starts. Farmers are still waiting for enough rainfall, so the planting condition of wet season rice is still low.

### **Cambodia**

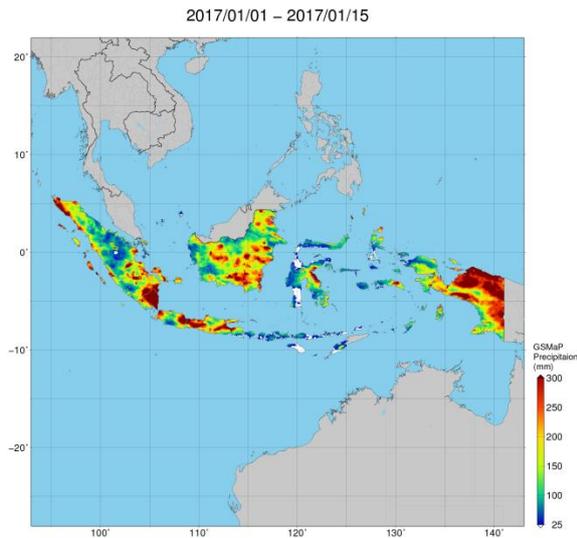
The dry season rice which was planted around 410 thousand hectares is in tillering to panicle growing stage.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season in the-growing stage is fair to good due to adequate supply of irrigation water in the area that far from irrigation system.

### **Indonesia**

January is the first month of harvesting the wet season rice which is planted about 0.8 million ha, 4.6% lower 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.

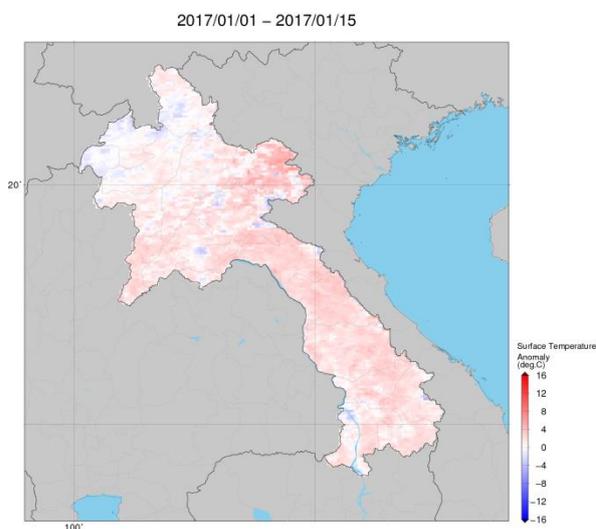
This January is the fourth month of planting wet season rice too. The planted area is low since the farmer is in the process of preparing the land to the next planting. On the other hand, the uneven rainfall condition still continues in this month so farmer is still waiting for enough water to plant. The early generative rice of wet season is in a good growing condition due to enough irrigation water especially in the north of Java Island. The January precipitation is in a moderate to high level in the north and south of Indonesia but no reported of drought/flood.



Precipitation map by JASMIN; Areas with little precipitation are found despite the rainy season

## Laos

The dry season rice is in the seeding and transplanting stage. The planted area is approximately 45 thousand hectares. On the other hand, the production plan in this year is approximately 90 thousand hectares with the production of 4 hundred thousand tons and the yield about 5 tons per hectare. In this month the weather condition is quite cool but there is no reported of damage.



Surface Temperature map by JASMIN; The northern area has the low temperature trend

## Myanmar

Up to January 2018, the harvesting of wet season rice is almost completed about 5.67 million hectares of wet season rice planted area. The production is over 21.3 million tons of paddies with the yield of 3.76 t ha. The yield condition is fair and harvesting work is faster than last year. There was unexpected occasional rain in the central Myanmar during the first week of January which may be concerned about the quality and quantity loss of harvested rice.

The dry season rice planted over 396 thousand hectares, accounting for 37.3% of national plan (1.16 million hectares). On the other hand, the dry season rice was not damaged by an unexpected rain and the planting work of dry season rice is faster than last year with calm weather.

### **Philippines**

Dry season rice planted during the period of November – December is already in the tillering up to the young panicle forming stage. The total planted area is around 1.19 million hectares, which is an increase of 3.5% from last year. Government interventions such as irrigation and the provision of rehabilitation seeds encouraged farmers in Central Luzon to plant early.

The southern regions of the country were affected by Tropical Storm and Typhoon during the last week of December. However, these did not heavily affect the national rice production because peak harvesting was already done prior to the occurrence of the Tropical Storm and Typhoon.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is fair to good in most provinces due to good present weather conditions.

### **Thailand**

The dry season rice is in the tillering stage. The planted area is expected to increase compare to the last year because of the enough rainfall and irrigation water. Some farmers intend to grow more than last year based on the rise in rice demand while some farmers change their field to grow other crop which using less water than paddy such as maize, soy bean etc. The growing condition is expected well due to enough water, however, there are some pest and disease outbreak in some area in the Northern region.

### **Vietnam**

In the North, the seeding of winter-spring rice (dry season rice) does not start yet because this month is in the harvesting time of cold season crops including maize, sweet potato, peanuts, and vegetable.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) starts to sow and the total sown area is 0.76 million ha, accounting for 85.6% of the last year area due to the influence of slow water evacuation.