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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice is in the high season of harvest. The yield condition is mixed. Cambodia and Vietnam are generally good. In Myanmar and Thailand, the yield condition is divided depending on the area. And Laos and Philippines where suffered the heavy rainfall due to tropical cyclone and typhoons during growing season are generally poor nationwide.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of dry season rice is almost finished. The yield is expected to be higher than last year. This November is the second planting month of wet season rice. The progress of planting is line in the average year.

Cambodia

The weather condition in this month seems good. The wet season rice has planted 2.73million ha and it reached 109% of national plan due to enough irrigation water and the harvest will be completed in next month. The current estimating yield of wet season rice is around 3.64t/ha, and it is slightly good compared with year.

November is the first sowing month of dry season rice too and the planting has progressed to 448 thousand ha, about 18% of national plan area under the favorable weather condition.

Indonesia

The harvesting of dry season rice is almost finished this November. The total harvested area of dry season rice is 6.1 million ha and it is 6.5% higher than last year due to the contributed rain on this September. The yield is expected to be higher than last year due to enough sunlight during growing period.

This November is the second planting month of wet season rice. The progress of planting is line in the average year despite uneven precipitation and farmer still waiting the best time to plant. This water shortages condition seems to be recovered in Java and other islands by rainfall that occurred in late October and mid of November. Uneven rainfall also causes flooding in several places such as Aceh, North Sumatera, Jambi, and West Java but no caused of significant damage to rice growing.

Laos

The wet season rice is in the high season of harvesting. The harvest progressed to approximately 433 thousand ha (65% of planted area) under good weather condition. On the other hand, the total damage is estimated to be approximately 92 thousand ha. In all, the total production is estimated to be about 3.4 million tons and yield of about 4.35 ton per ha. The yield condition of this season is poor due to serious flood nationwide.

The harvesting of the upland rice almost completed. The yield is about 2 ton per ha with poor condition due to the heavy rain, pest outbreak and land slide.

Myanmar

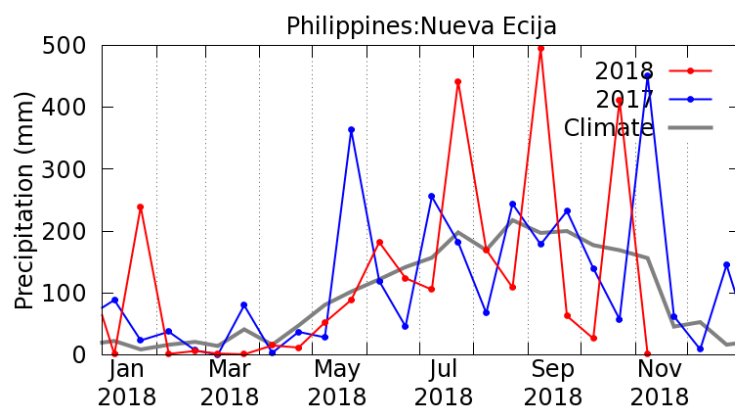
Up to November 2018 in Myanmar, 285 thousand hectares, that accounts for 5% of total planted area of the wet season rice (6.1 million hectares), has been harvested and produced over one million tons of paddy with an average yield of 3.7 t ha⁻¹. The yield is good and similar to the last year excluding Rakhine where suffered by tropical storms during reproductive stage. However, middle Myanmar and southern area do not harvest the wet season rice yet.

The harvesting work is delay in this year as compared to last year. Due to heavy rain especially in lower Myanmar, almost 8thousand hectares of the wet season rice were affected and 2.3thousand hectares were damaged during this month. Some fields of wet season rice were lodged before the harvest because of unexpected occasional rain.

Philippines

Wet season rice planted in July - August is in the maturing and harvesting stage. The unstable weather condition, including two tropical cyclones namely: Typhoon “Queenie” and “Rosita” affected rice growing during October. It was approximately 800 thousand metric tons were spoiled by Typhoon “Rosita” that brought moderate to heavy rains mostly in the Northern and Central parts of Luzon due to flooding and lodging on rice areas. Furthermore, there is a concern about the influence of surface temperature exceeding the average year in most part of the country.

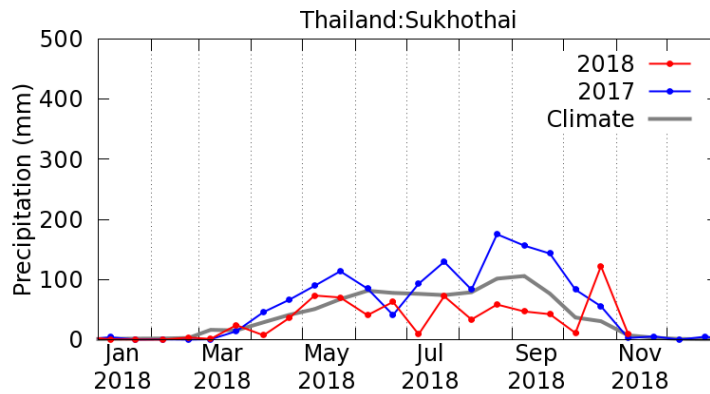
The current growing condition of wet season rice is estimated poor in Northern Luzon and slightly poor in other areas due to the typhoon.



Precipitation, Time Series Graph by JASMIN: Northern Luzon has experienced multiple typhoons during growing season of wet season rice.

Thailand

In November, the wet season rice is in the Grain Filling Stage. The growing condition in the Northeastern region is not good due to the flood continued past several months. Moreover the shortage of rainfall in grain filling stage caused growth injury of panicles and low weight of grains. In addition, there was pest damage in some area of Northern region. On the other hand, the Central region is expected normal yield due to favorable weather condition. The dry season rice in Central region is in the field preparation time.



Precipitation, Time Series Graph by JASMIN: The shortage of rainfall in grain filling stage caused growth injury of panicles.

Vietnam

In the North, the harvest of wet season rice which planted 1.29 million ha has been completed to 0.98 million ha. The yield is estimated about 4.95 tons/ha, 0.7% higher than the last year due to stable weather.

In the South, the harvest of wet season rice which planted 3.21 million ha has been completed to 2.23 million ha. The yield of the harvested area is 5.44 tons/ha, 0.2% higher than last year due to favorable weather during growing season.