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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the harvesting of dry season rice is in the high season. Generally, the yield condition is fair to good due to sufficient rainfall and irrigation water from the beginning of the cultivation time. Beside, Cambodia starts the seeding of early wet season rice.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the wet season rice is the fourth month of harvesting. The yield is expected fair. If it is as usual, this April is the first month of planting dry season rice but it will be delayed by one or two months

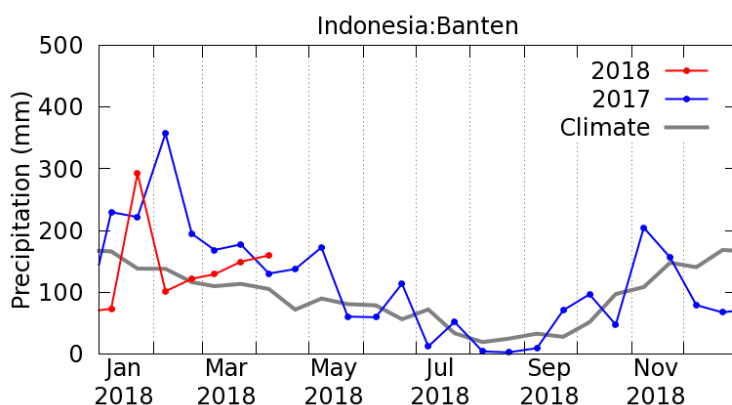
Cambodia

The dry season rice ended the harvesting completely. The harvesting area is estimated about 548 thousand ha. The yield condition is slightly good for average due to adequate supply of irrigation water and it is estimated 4.51 t/ha. Besides, the sowing of early wet season rice starts under favorable weather condition in this month.

Indonesia

April is the fourth month of harvesting the wet season rice which is planted in January about 1.4 million ha, 5.3% lower than last year. The yield is expected to be fair with last wet season rice due to enough irrigation water and sunlight at flowering phase.

If it is as usual, this April is the first month of planting dry season rice but it will be delayed by one or two months for the preparation of irrigation water. The April precipitation is in moderate level in Sumatera, Java Island and south of Indonesia with no reported of flood.



Precipitation Graph by JASMIN: Indonesia was experienced unstable rainfall condition in this rainy season

Laos

The dry season rice in Lao PDR is in the harvesting stage. The harvesting has begun at 15% of the planted area of total 90 thousands ha and the yield is estimated about 5 ton per hectare. The weather condition in this month is normal and suitable for harvesting and there is no reported of damage area by natural disaster

Myanmar

As updates on April 2018, the dry season rice in Myanmar has been planted about 956 thousand hectares accounting for 82.7% of national plan (1.16 million hectares). More than 100 thousand hectares of dry season rice still remain to be planted depending upon cropping patterns. The planting work of the dry season rice in this year is a bit faster comparatively with last year. This year has favorable environment for growing rice.

Furthermore, mainly in delta regions, over 400 thousand hectares of dry season rice has been harvested and produced almost 2 million tons of paddies with the yield of 4.85 t ha⁻¹. The yield is good and above the average year yield of dry season rice in Myanmar.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted during the period of November – December is currently in the harvesting stage. More than half of the planted area have been harvested already. The yield is expected to be fair as the rainfall condition in most regions were below normal to normal.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice in the country is fair. Most regions are expected to experience normal rainfall conditions for the whole month of April.

Thailand

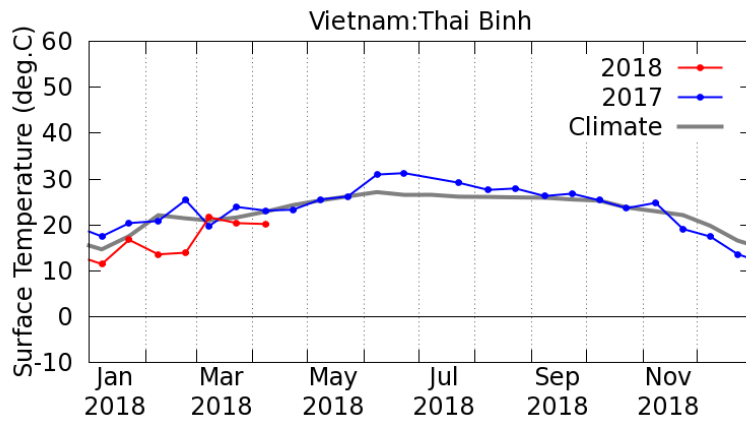
The dry season rice now is in the harvesting stage for every region. The yield is satisfied increased as a result of the sufficient rainfall and irrigation water from the beginning of the cultivation time and with the good solar radiation made paddy growing condition good. On the other hand, there is some damage from disease outbreak in some province in Northern region.

Vietnam

The sowing of winter-spring rice (dry season rice) generally closed in the whole country.

In the North, the sown area is 1.1 million ha, accounting for 98.8% of the last year due to seriously cold weather.

In the South, the sown area is 1.97 million ha, accounting for 102.2% of the last year area. In which, the Mekong River Delta region sowed the winter-spring season rice with 1.57 million ha. And the harvested area is 0.68 million ha, accounting for 34.5% of the sown area. The yield condition of the currently harvested area is good because there is not much raining in the flowering stage and it's estimated at 6.5 tons/ha, 4.3% higher than the last year yield.



Temperature Graph by JASMIN: North Vietnam continued the serious cold weather during growing season of dry season rice