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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the dry season rice is in the growing stage to harvesting stage. The yield and growing condition is generally fair to good under adequate water supply. On the other hand, some areas in some countries are concerned the final yield due to growth injury, like underweight of grain by water shortage in Northeastern of Thailand and Central and Mindanao of Philippines. In addition, Cambodia is concerned the influence by high temperature.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the wet season rice is in the harvesting time of early planted and the yield is expected to be average. The high rainfall is still continue in some regions.

Cambodia

The final planted area of dry season rice reached 596 thousand ha, 9% higher than last year, completely end. The harvesting of dry season rice has completed at 80% of total planted area. The average yield is 4.49 t/ha, slightly increases than last year. Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good in this month that a good yield in harvesting time. Otherwise, the average temperature in Cambodia was 40-42 °C especially, Central of Lowland and northern Plateau area. So, the government allows to the farmers to producing dry season rice only once time, because of the water deficit in agriculture.

Indonesia

March is the third month of harvesting the wet season rice which is planted about 2.2 million ha on December. The yield is expected to be fair with last wet season rice.

This March is the last month of planting wet season rice but the planted area is still low and it does not complete yet. The lack of irrigation water condition and water shortages is seemed to recover by rainfall that occurred in the late February to early March. The early generative wet season rice is good growing condition especially in the north Java Island where planted in technical irrigation field. The high rainfall is still continue in some regions.

Laos

The growing stage of dry season rice is in the young panicle forming stage mainly. The planted area reaches approximately 90 thousand ha with 63 thousand ha of transplanting and 26 thousand ha of direct seed. The condition of weather and irrigation water supply in this month is good for the paddy growing.

Myanmar

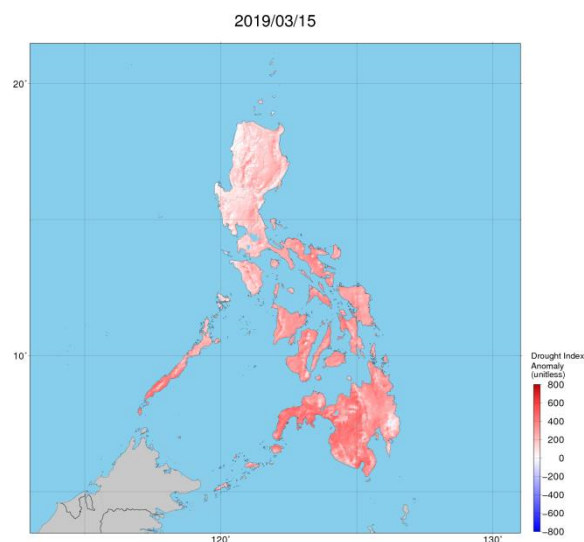
The dry season rice has been planted up to 760 thousand hectares that is over 72% of national plan. The planting work in this year is smooth which is similar to last year.

Early planted dry season rice is already reproductive stage in this month. Although there were some rainy days, it did not give any significant damage for the planted dry season rice.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted in November – December is in maturing to harvesting stage. Some of the provinces in Northern and Southern part of Luzon is expected to have a better yield as crops were in good condition due to sufficient soil moisture during the growth and development stage. Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is fair to good in most parts of Luzon.

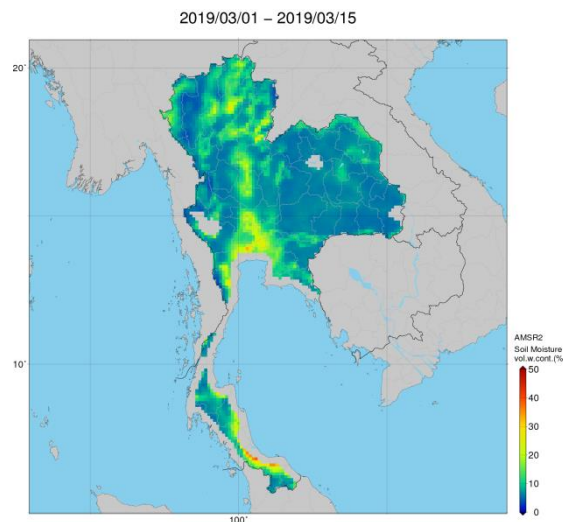
In contrast, some provinces of Visayas and Mindanao are anticipated to have slight below with the normal yield due to moisture stress during the growth stage.



Drought index anomaly map by JASMIN: Some provinces of Visayas and Mindanao are anticipated to have slight below with the normal yield due to moisture stress

Thailand

The dry season rice is in the grain filling stage and harvesting stage. The growing condition is fair due to farmers take care their crops better and have enough water to support their fields, except some areas in the Northeastern region where the growing condition is not good because the shortage of water made underweight grain. Moreover, there are some damaged areas causes by pest outbreak in the Northern region.



Soil Moisture map by JASMIN: The growing condition of some areas in Northeastern region is not good because of the water shortage

Vietnam

In the North, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) continues to sow. The total sown area is 0.8 million ha, 12.8% higher than the last year area due to warm weather.

In the South, the sowing of winter-spring rice (dry season rice) completed. The total sown area reached 1.99 million ha, 1.7% higher than the last year area due to enough water supply from upstream rivers. On the other hand, some provinces of Mekong River Delta start to harvest under good growing condition.