



# **Rice Growing Outlook Report**

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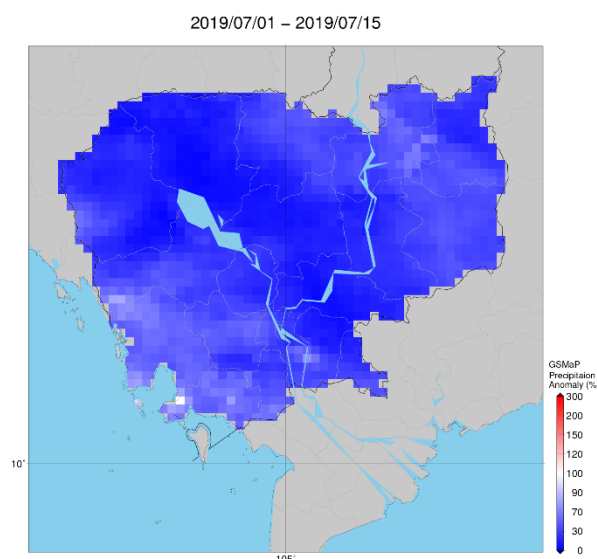
### Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice is in growing stage. The growing condition is generally good but there is some concern about drought due to less precipitation in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Especially, drought damage in Cambodia is expanding in north-west area mainly.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), it seems to be entered dry season in southern part. The harvesting of early dry season rice starts and the yield is fair with last dry season. July is the fourth month of dry season rice planting but the planted area is still low due to delay of agricultural work.

### Cambodia

This month, the planted area of wet season rice reached to 63 % of the national plan. The early wet season rice is in flowering to grain filling stage. The tendency for shortage of rainfall continues nationwide from last month to this month, despite the rainy season. At present, it's necessary agricultural water for planting and growing of wet season rice. The serious drought damage may be concerned depending on future rainfall conditions. The drought is causing in the north-west area mainly and the affected area on paddy rice reached to 5% of cultivated area. While, the growing condition out of drought area is fairly good.



Precipitation anomaly map by JASMIN: the tendency for shortage of rainfall continues nationwide

## **Indonesia**

July is the first month of harvesting the dry season rice which is planted on April 2019 about 1.3 million ha. The yield is expected to be fair with last dry season rice due to enough irrigation water and sunlight at flowering phase.

This July is also the fourth month of planting dry season rice but, the planted area is still low because farmers still prepare the land after harvesting the wet season rice. Generally, the early generative dry season rice is in a good growing condition. This month seems to be entered the dry season in southern part (Java, Bali and Lesser Sunda). In some areas, there are concerns about lack of rainfall, but there is not reports of drought. Otherwise in northern part (Sumatera, Kalimantan and Sulawesi) dryness seems normal and the rainfall is still continued.

## **Laos**

The planting plan of lowland rained rice is approximately 850 thousand hectares with the production of around 3.6 million tons. Now, rice is in transplanting and tillering stage. The growing condition in this month is slightly concerned due to insufficiency of water for transplanting.

On the other hand, the planting plan for upland rice is approximately 100 thousand hectares with the production of around 200 thousand tons. The weather condition is quite good for upland rice.

## **Myanmar**

The harvesting of dry season rice is almost completed in all regions and it was over 920 thousand hectares that accounted for 82% of the total planted areas. It produced 4.43 million tons of paddy with the yield of 4.81 t ha<sup>-1</sup>. The yield is good and similar to last year.

In this month, the planting of wet season rice has started and it has planted about 1.5 million hectares accounting for 24 % of national plan of 6.12 million hectares. The planting work of wet season rice is smooth under stable weather.

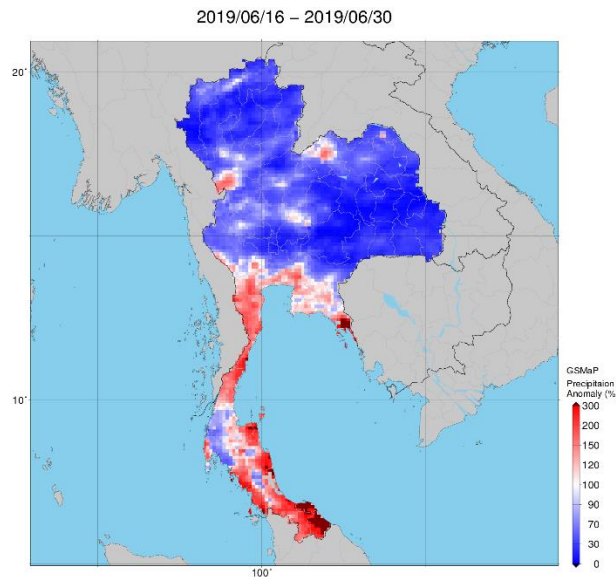
Although there was heavy rainfall in Southern region, any significant damage was not found in both season rice.

## **Philippines**

Wet season rice planted in April - May is in maturing stage. Generally, the crop growing condition of wet season rice is good since there were sufficient amount of rainfall received during the start farming activities. On a side note, southwest monsoon, ridge of high pressure area (HPA) and the passage of two tropical cyclones were the weather systems that affected the country during the month of June. The two tropical cyclones stimulated the southwest monsoon that brought significant rainfall in most part of Western Luzon and Visayas.

## Thailand

Wet season rice is now in the tillering stage. The growing condition of wet season rice is slightly good compared to last year due to enough water for cultivation. Some areas in the Northern and Northeastern regions have received less rainfall than usual in June. However, the rainy areas are gradually expanding and rain in early July provided enough water for rice. In addition, incentives from paddy farmgate prices make farmers take good care of their crop.



Precipitation anomaly map by JASMIN: Northern and Northeastern regions have received less rainfall than usual in June

## Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, the wet season rice is tillering stage. The rice condition is slightly poor due to drought.

In the South of Vietnam, the sowing of wet season rice is completed. The early wet season rice of Mekong River Delta is harvesting. The yield condition forecasts slight lower than last year due to drought.