



Rice Growing Outlook Report

January, 2020

Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the planting of dry season rice has started in most countries and areas excluding North Vietnam and the growing is in seeding stage to early growing stage. The planting area in this season is estimated to reduce due to irrigation water shortage. On the other hand, the growing condition is generally fair to good under stable weather condition.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of wet season rice has started, but the area is still a little. This January is also the fourth planting month of wet season rice. Many paddy fields haven't been planted and farmers wait enough rainfall.

Cambodia

The dry season rice that was planted around 559 thousand hectares is in tillering to maturity stage. This month, some area around Mekong low land where far from irrigation system were affected by drought damage due to less supply of irrigation water. Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice in the growing stage is fair to good.

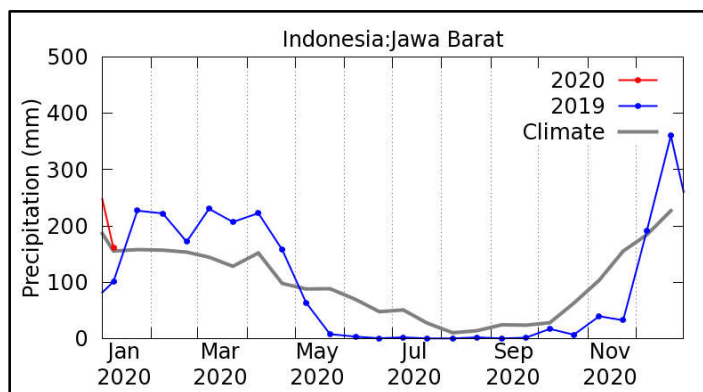


Picture: Growing condition of wet season rice

Indonesia

January is the first harvesting of wet season rice. The harvested area is still 0.6 million ha and it is 26.8% lower than last year. The yield is forecasted slightly lower than last year as a result of the drought.

This January is also the fourth planting month of wet season rice. The total planting on January is still below an average due to water shortages condition. Most of these areas haven't planted since farmer still waiting enough water to irrigate their land. The rainfall area is gradually expanding.



Precipitation time series graph by JASMIN: Indonesia had little rainfall during the dry season

Laos

The national planting plan of dry season rice in 2019/2020 is approximately 90 thousand hectares with the paddy production around 360 thousand tons. Now the planted area of dry season rice is approximately 33 thousand hectares that account for 36% of production plan. And the growing stage is in seeding to tillering. The water condition for the field preparation is shortage due to no rain and less water of irrigation systems.

Myanmar

The dry season rice has been planted to over 400 thousand hectares in January that account for about 37% of the national plan of 1.1 million. The progress of planting work is similar with last year. However, scarcity of stored water in the dams and reservoirs in this year, it is expected that the planting area of dry season rice would be reduced considerably and the areas may be substituted by winter crops dependent upon availability of irrigation water.

Unexpected rains occurred in Myanmar during this month but there was no adverse effect on the planting work of the dry season rice. Most of the dry season rice are now at early vegetative growth stages.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted in November – December is already in tillering to young panicle forming stage.

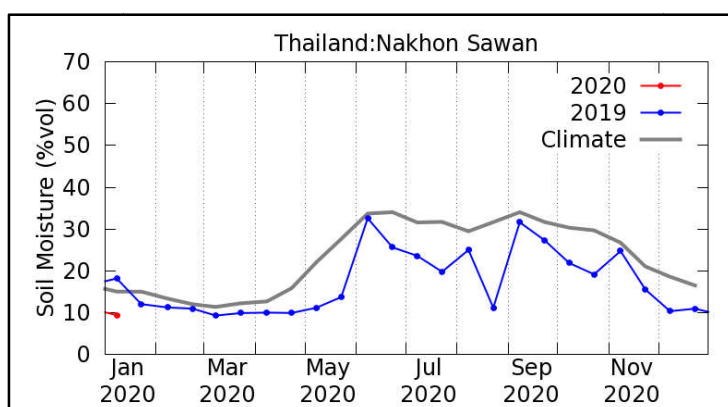
Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good as the country is expected good weather condition.

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Around 104.9 thousand metric tons of rice production loss with 77.7 thousand hectares were affected by December's Typhoon Kammuri that brought significant rainfall and strong winds. The damage was noted in Central and Southern part of Luzon and some parts of Visayas.

Thailand

Thailand dry season rice is in the tillering stage. The planted area is expected to decrease because natural water resources and amount of water in the irrigation system are less compare to last year. The growing condition of the paddy is not good. The paddy field doesn't have proper amount of water due to farmers grow rice exceed than the irrigation water support plan.



Soil Moisture time series graph by JASMIN: The paddy field doesn't have proper amount of water

Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, the dry season rice (winter-spring rice) has not started yet because this month is in the harvesting time of winter season crops, such as: maize, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and vegetables.

In the Mekong River Delta, the dry season rice (winter-spring rice) is in growing stage with 1.04 million ha sown. The sowing work in some provinces in the Mekong Delta is faster than last year due to the concern of saline intrusion. It is forecasted that there will be a shortage of fresh water for production.