



RICE GROWING OUTLOOK REPORT

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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the most of dry season rice is in growing stage. The planted area of dry season rice in this season is estimated to decrease excluding Vietnam due to lack of irrigation water and natural water resources. The growing condition is generally fair under stable weather, but it is continuing the condition of less precipitation.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of wet season rice has started, but the area is still a little. This February is in the final stage of planting of wet season rice. The planted area is slightly increase with rainfall increase.

Cambodia

The planted area of dry season rice has reached 576 thousand. And the harvesting has completed about half of total planted area. The average yield is estimated 4.22t/ha, slightly decrease than last year due to drought condition.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good, but it may decrease the final planted area than last year due to shortage of water supply.

Indonesia

The second harvesting of wet season rice on February is 0.9 million ha and it is 36.3% lower than last year. The yield is forecasted slightly lower than last year due to drought since November 2019.

This February is also the fifth planting month of wet season rice. The planted area on this month is slightly increase with the rainfall increases. The rainfall area is gradually expanding.



Jatiluwih Rice Terrace, Tabanan, Bali. February, 12 2020

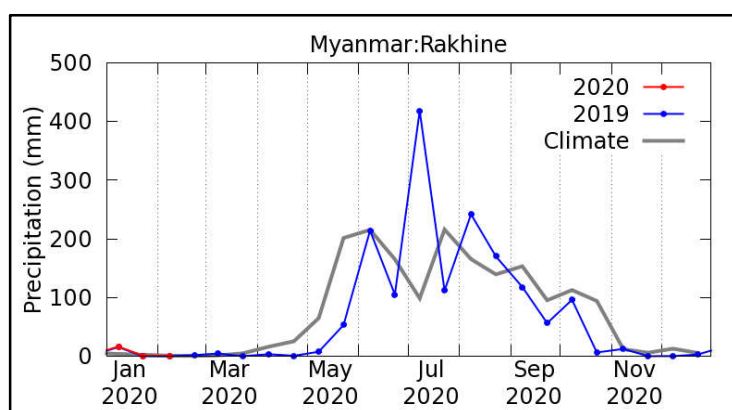
Laos

The current planted area of dry season rice is approximately 75 thousand hectares (83% of national production plan). The main growing is in tillering stage and growing condition is generally fair. The rainless condition continues this month but there is no drought damage area.

Myanmar

Up to February, 720 thousand hectares of the dry season rice has been planted, accounting 65% of the national plan (1.1 million hectares). The planting in Delta areas has completed with national plan. However, the planting of dry season rice in other irrigated areas is less than 20% compared with plan. Especially, Rakhine state does not be planted yet due to shortage of water supply.

The final planted area of dry season rice in this season is concerned to decrease due to shortage of water supply.



Precipitation time series graph by JASMIN:Rakhine state does not be planted yet due to shortage of water supply

Philippines

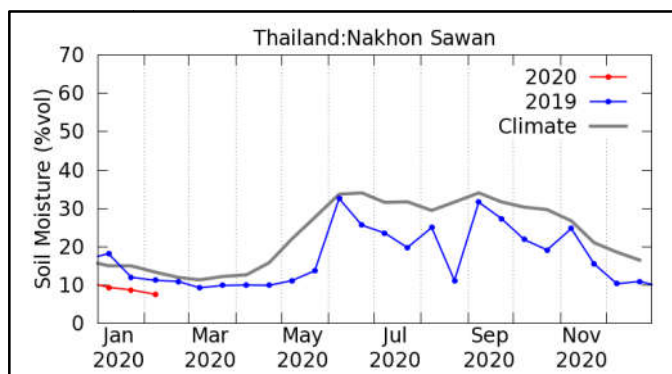
Dry season rice planted during the period of November – December is currently in the young panicle forming up to the heading stage.

Yield may go down due to moisture stress caused by minimal rainfall received during the past month.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is fair to good in most provinces under stable weather conditions.

Thailand

The dry season rice is in the young panicle forming stage to grain filling stage. The planted area is estimated to decrease due to lack of irrigation water and natural water resources. The growing condition is not good due to shortage of water supply. Moreover, there are some damage areas by pest in Northern region.



Soil Moisture time series graph by JASMIN: The planted area is estimated to decrease due to lack of irrigation water and natural water resources

Vietnam

In the North, the seeding of winter-spring rice (dry season rice) starts. The total sown area is estimated 114.8 thousand ha, 4.7% higher than the last year due to warm weather and better irrigation preparation.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) has completed the sowing. The total sown area is 1.82 million ha, approximately equal with the last year. In which, Mekong River Delta is 1.51 million ha. Saline intrusion continues and some damage is observed for 10 provinces in Mekong River Delta. Some provinces (mainly in the Mekong River Delta) start the harvesting of dry season rice.