



# RICE GROWING OUTLOOK REPORT

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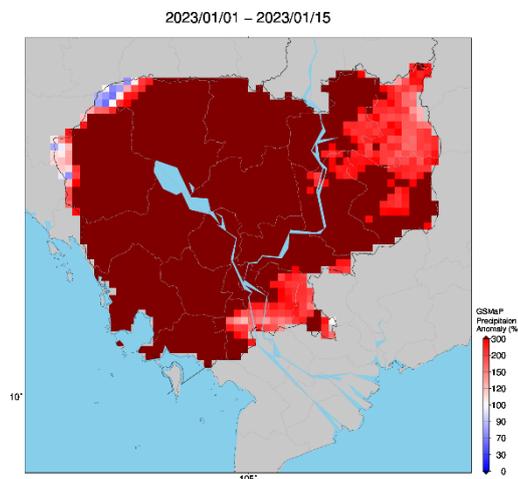
### Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the planting of dry season rice has started in all countries and regions except North Vietnam. This season rice planting area is expected to increase due to enough irrigation water, but the high price of agricultural materials is concerned. The growing stage is in seeding to young panicle forming mainly and the general growing condition is good under favorable weather conditions.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of wet season rice has started. The yield is expected to be good under enough sunlight during the growing period. The total planted area so far is 5.4 million hectares, which is 17.4% higher than the last wet season. The growing condition is good due to enough irrigation water.

### Cambodia

The planting of dry season rice reached up to 118% of the national plan (576 thousand hectares) and the growing condition is in tillering stage to maturity stage. Despite the dry season, it was brought by heavy rain during the second week of this month. However, it did not seriously affect the rice growing. It is expected that the growing condition of dry season rice would be better due to enough irrigation water and sunshine.



Precipitation anomaly map by JASMIN: Despite the dry season, it was brought by heavy rain during the second week

## **Indonesia**

This January is the start month of harvesting the wet season rice. The yield is expected to be good under enough sunlight during the growing period.

This January is also the fourth month of planting wet season rice. The total planted area is 5.4 million hectares, which is 17.4% higher than the last wet season, and it is steadily expanding due to the intensive rainfall from late December to mid-January. The vegetative and the early generative rice of wet season is in good growing condition due to enough irrigation water, especially in the northern part. The January precipitation is at a moderate to a high level. Some areas are flooded but no caused of damage to rice growing.

## **Laos**

The national production plan of dry season rice in 2022 - 2023 is approximately 95 thousand hectares, with a yield of 4.7 tons per hectare and the production is expected to be around 450 thousand tons. The planting of dry season rice started this month and progressed to 15 thousand hectares with 14 % of the national production plan. The weather condition and irrigation supply in this month are quite good, and the rice growing stage is in land preparation and seeding stage mainly.

## **Myanmar**

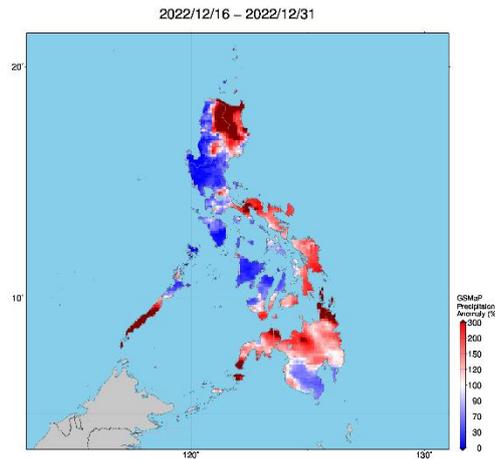
The dry season rice has been planted over 472 thousand hectares accounting for 44% of the national plan of 1.06 million hectares. The progress of planting work is similar compared to last year. However, it is suggested that the planting areas may increase than last year due to the higher availability of irrigation water for the dry season rice under favorable weather conditions this year.

The overall growing condition of the dry season rice is good, and most of them are now in early vegetable growth stages.

## **Philippines**

Dry season rice planted in November – December is already in tillering to young panicle forming stage. The tropical storm which occurred in December did not make landfall but brought heavy rains and strong winds that caused flooding in some regions of the country. There was no crop damage reported.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is good as most parts of the country will likely experience near to above-normal rainfall conditions.



Precipitation anomaly map by JASMIN: The tropical storm which occurred in December brought heavy rains and strong winds that caused flooding

## Thailand

The dry season rice is mainly in the tillering stage. The total planted area is expected to increase than last year because of enough irrigation water for cultivation.

However, the increase in the planted area will be less than the irrigation water support plan due to the reduced rice prices and the high price of fertilizers and chemical pesticides. Thus, some farmers do not plant and some change their fields to grow cassava which needs fewer agricultural materials. Rice yield is forecast to increase due to sufficient water and favorable weather condition.

## Vietnam

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

In the South, the dry season rice (winter-spring rice) is in the sowing stage. The current sown area is 1.2 million hectares, which in the sown area of the Mekong River Delta is 1.14 million hectares. The sowing is faster than last year due to favorable weather.