



# **RICE** **GROWING** **OUTLOOK** **REPORT**

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### **Overview**

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the planted area of dry season rice has increased than last year due to enough irrigation water. The growing stage is in the vegetative to harvesting stage and the general growing condition is good under favorable moderate rainfall and sunshine. Although there are concerns about a yield decrease in some areas due to unseasonable weather conditions, the yield is expected to be generally good.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of wet season rice is progressing much faster than last year. The yield is good under enough sunlight during the growing period. The total planted area so far is 6.5 million hectares, which is 3.2% higher than the last wet season. The growing condition is good due to enough irrigation water.

### **Cambodia**

The final planted area of dry season rice reached 682 thousand hectares, it increased by around 6.7% than last year. And around 65% of the planted area was harvested.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good. The average yield estimates at 4.6 tons per hectare which is slightly good than last year.

### **Indonesia**

The total harvesting of wet season rice until this March is progressing much faster than last year and it is 3.4 million hectares, which is 12.0% higher than last wet season. The yield is good due to enough sunlight during the growing period.

If it is as usual, this March is the last month of planting wet season rice, the total planted area is 6.5 million hectares, which is 3.2% higher than the last wet season. The vegetative and the early generative rice of the wet season is in good growing condition due to enough irrigation water, especially in the northern part. Some areas reported the flood, but no caused of damage to rice growing.

## **Laos**

The planting of dry season rice has almost completed in all regions this month. The planted area is reached 96 thousand hectares or 101% of the national production plan. It increased due to enough irrigation water and farmer's high price expectation for this year.

The rice growth is in the young panicle forming stage mainly. The general growing condition is good with a wide area of rainfall in late February and favorable sunshine for rice growth.

## **Myanmar**

Planted area of the dry season rice is about 870 thousand hectares accounting for 81% of the national plan of 1.06 million hectares, and it will complete next month. The planting condition is similar compared to last year. It is suggested that the weather favors the planting of the dry season rice.

On the other hand, the harvesting of early rice has started mainly in the delta region of Myanmar. The yield is 4.24 tons per hectare and which is similar to last year.

The overall growing condition of the dry season rice this year is good.

## **Philippines**

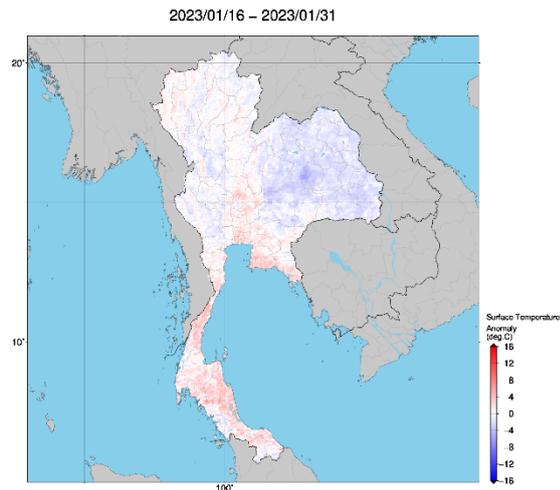
Dry season rice planted from November to December is in maturing to the harvesting stage. The precipitation index showed that during the 2nd half of February, most provinces received above normal rainfall conditions brought by the weather systems that affected the country.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is good. Near to above normal rainfall conditions is more likely to experience in most parts of the country.

## **Thailand**

The dry season rice is in the grain filling stage and harvesting stage. The accumulated planted area is 1.7 million hectares, which is 35% higher than the national plan due to enough irrigation water.

The harvest completed about 43% of the planted area. The yield is generally good due to sufficient water and favorable weather condition. However, some areas in the Northern and North Eastern Regions have faced several periods of cold weather causing the delay in the panicle stage, uneven length of rice ears, and withered seeds.



JASMIN surface temperature anomaly map: Some areas in the Northern and North Eastern Regions have faced several periods of cold weather

## Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the early growing stage. The total sown area is 0.82 million hectares. The growing condition is good due to better irrigation preparation.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the harvesting stage. The harvested area reached 0.29 million hectares, out of 1.87 million hectares planted. The yield of harvested rice is estimated at 6.5 tons per hectare, which is lower than last year due to the foggy weather and the slow receding flood water in some regions leading to pests and diseases.