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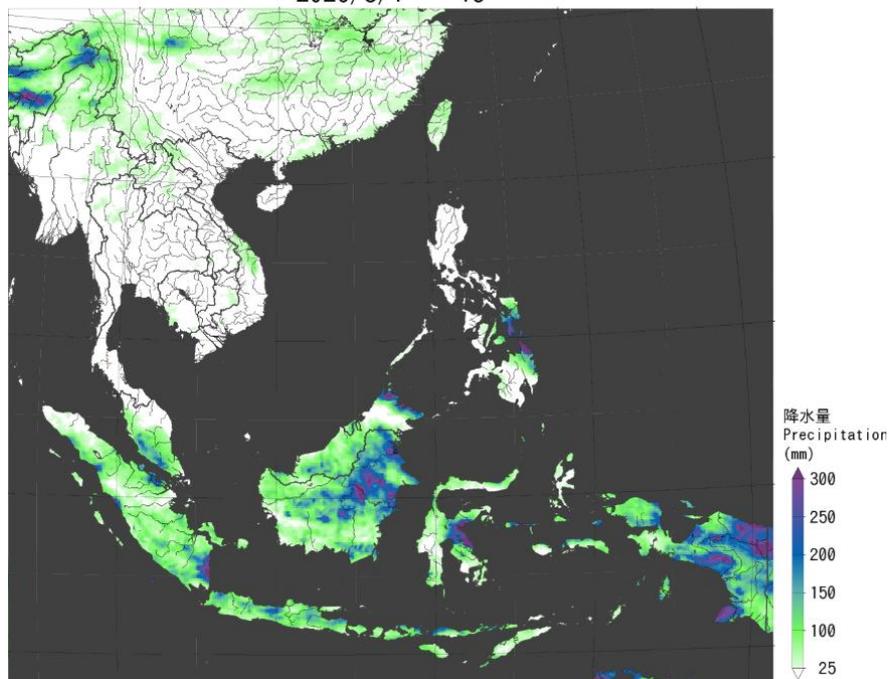
Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the dry season rice is in growing to early harvesting mainly. The planting has almost completed and the total planted area of dry season rice is expected to decrease slightly than last season. The early harvesting condition is generally good yield due to favorable weather conditions and consistent water supply.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia, the total planted area of wet season rice is almost same with last season. And the harvest is progressing smoothly. Rice crops that are in the vegetative to early generative stages are growing well because of adequate irrigation water. On the other hand, the planting of dry season rice has started Brunei and Malaysia.

JASMAI: Precipitation condition in early March

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Brunei

Wet season rice harvesting is about 60% completed in the irrigated areas, while rainfed areas have started harvesting this month. Although Brunei has been experiencing high precipitation rates, no major incidences of growth injuries have been reported. Outlook for wet season rice remains slightly good.

For dry season rice, land preparation and seeding stage for irrigated areas have started this month.

Cambodia

The 831 thousand hectares of dry season rice has been planted, which is less 8% with previous year. The harvesting of dry season rice has completed 45% of planted area and the yield is expected 4.7 tons per hectare, which is slightly higher than last year due to the favourable weather.

Indonesia

March is expected to be the last month of rice planting in the wet season. The cumulative planted area has reached 6.50 million hectares, which is 0.23% higher than in the previous wet season. The planted area continues to increase due to heavy rainfall from late February to mid-March. Rice crops that are in the vegetative to early generative stages are growing well because of adequate irrigation water.

March is also the third month of harvesting for the wet season rice. The total harvested area reaches 3.22 million hectares and current yield condition is good because the crops received sufficient water and sunlight during their growing period.

Laos

The planting of dry season rice has been completed across the country, covering more than 98 thousand hectares. This achievement represents 100% of the national production plan, marking a slight increase compared to last year. The increase is due to sufficient irrigation water and heavy rainfall in late February in many regions. And this weather supported crop growth during the critical stages from young panicle formation to grain filling. The initial yield is estimated at 4.5 tons per hectare.

Malaysia

Harvesting of the wet season rice is currently underway in several areas, with approximately 71% of the total planted area already harvested. Overall crop conditions remain good, and no significant damage has been reported.

For the dry season, the planting activities have been observed in Central and Northern Malaysia, with around 22% of the granary areas already planted. Overall, weather conditions and irrigation water supply remain supportive for ongoing cultivation.

Myanmar

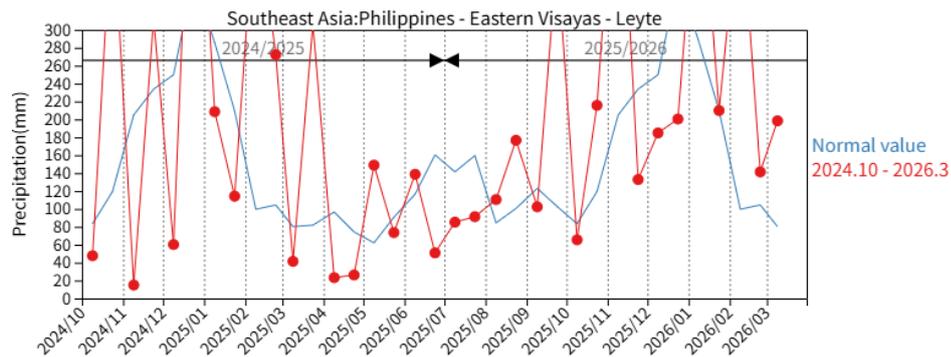
In Myanmar, dry season rice has been planted about 950 thousand hectares accounting for 83% of the national plan (1.13 million hectares). The progress of planting work is similar to last year. It is expected that the planting work of the dry season rice will be continued up to next month due to availability of irrigation water with favorable weather condition. The overall condition of the dry season rice is good, and average growing stage is at panicle formation stage.

Harvest of the early planted rice has started mainly in delta region. About 33 thousand hectares of the dry season rice has been harvested with a yield of 3.93 tons per hectare. The yield is fair and similar to last year.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted in November to December is in maturing to harvesting stage. The weather systems that affected the country during the month of February were the tropical storm and low-pressure areas these systems brought continuous rainfall across the Southern Luzon and Visayas regions. However, no significant damage has been reported.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice remains fair due to favorable weather in most of the country's rice-producing regions.



JASMAI precipitation graph: Eastern Visayas Leyte

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Thailand

Dry season rice is currently in the grain filling and harvesting stages. The cultivated area and total production are expected to decrease because farmers are shifting from a second off-season rice crop to water-efficient or higher-value crops. However, rice yields are expected to improve supported by favorable weather conditions.

Vietnam

In Northern Vietnam, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is currently in the sowing and early vegetative stages. The sown area is estimated at 0.85 million hectares, slightly lower than in the same period last year due to adjustments in the cropping calendar aimed at avoiding cold spells. Crop conditions remain generally favorable, supported by improved irrigation preparation.

In Southern Vietnam, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the harvesting stage. Approximately 0.3 million hectares have been harvested out of a total of 1.9 million hectares planted. Crop conditions are generally good, and yield prospects remain favorable.

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