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# RICE GROWING OUTLOOK REPORT

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### **Overview**

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice is in growing stage mainly and the growing condition is generally good due to enough rainfall during July to August. On the other hand, the early rice was harvested in Cambodia, Philippines and South Vietnam. The yield condition also generally good without noticeable damage or disease. The flood damage have reported in some areas, but this year's enough rainfall weather is boosting the growth of wet season rice.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of dry season rice is proceeding smoothly. The yield is forecasted slightly poor than last year due to the less precipitation during the growing season. This month would be the final month of planting dry season rice usually, however, the planting still stays at low level due to less precipitation and farmer's delay to plant.

### **Cambodia**

The planted area of wet season rice reached 2.64 million ha, which is 102 percents of the national plan. This month, it may be unfavorable weather for rice growing due to less rainfall compared with normal year. The growing condition out of drought area is fair. While, 38 percents of the early rice is harvested of cultivated area. The yield is estimated around 4.00 t/ha.

### **Indonesia**

This September is the third month of harvesting dry season rice which is 0.9 million ha, and it is 15.8% higher than September of the last year. The total harvested area of dry season rice reached 3.1 million hectares, and it is 4.6% higher than last year. The yield of dry season rice is forecasted slightly poor than last year due to the less precipitation during the growing season.

This September would be the final month of planting dry season rice usually. However, the planting still stays at low level due to less precipitation and farmer's delay to plant. The lack condition of irrigation water seems to be recovered somewhat in Java, Sumatra and Sulawesi islands due to the creation of irrigation system using pump from water well or irrigation channels. The dryness seems normal with the irregular low intensity rainfall in some part of Sumatera, Kalimantan and Sulawesi. There are some drought damage in Java and Lesser Sunda Island but no cause of significant damage to rice growing.

## Laos

Wet season rice of lowland rice is in young panicle forming to grain filling stage, and the growing condition is generally fair. However, some provinces in the North and Central region have suffered by drought. The damaged area by drought is about 2 thousand ha, and pest outbreak also is seen about 800 ha.

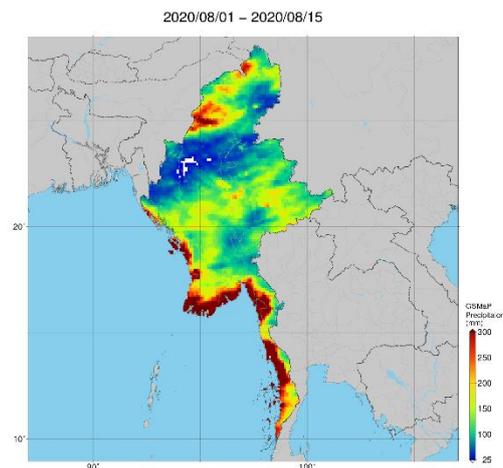
On the other hand, the wet season of upland rice is in young panicle forming to grain filling stage under fair condition. The weather condition in this season is generally less rainfall condition.

## Myanmar

About 5.3 million hectares of wet season rice accounting for 87.5% of national plan (6.12 million hectares) has been planted, the progress is similar to last year. The most growing stage is in tillering to young panicle forming stage. In this month, monsoon rain favored the planting work and growing of the wet season rice.

Due to heavy rain during this month, monsoon flooding occurred country-wide, and it affected about 20 thousand hectares of the planted wet season rice over a whole country. Among them, 10 thousand hectares has been damaged, and about 5,600 hectares have been replanted. In addition, around 4 thousand hectares of the wet season rice has damaged due to other past matters such as strong wind, drought, pest, etc., and approximately 1400 hectares have been replanted.

Generally, the growing condition of wet season rice is fair out of lower Myanmar and river basin areas where is concern of flood damage.



Precipitation Map by JASMIN: Due to heavy rain during this month, monsoon flooding occurred country-wide

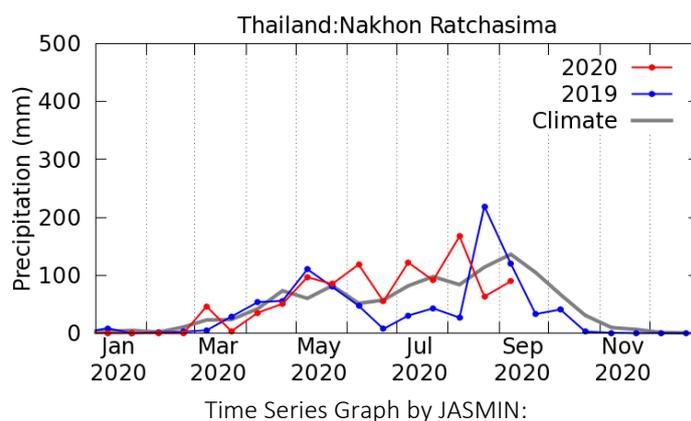
## Philippines

Wet season rice planted from April to May was fully harvested. Production was higher compared to the same period last year due to sufficient amount of rainfall and lesser occurrence of pest and diseases. While Wet season rice planted from July to August was in tillering stage. Low pressure area, southwest monsoon and two tropical cyclones is expected to affect the whole country especially in western and northern part of Luzon.

For now, the crop growing condition of wet season rice was fair to good in most parts of the country.

## Thailand

Thailand wet season rice is in the tillering stage to the Young panicle forming Stage. Due to enough rainfall during July to August, the growing condition of wet season rice is better than it was in 2019, which suffered drought damage. Moreover, in September, it is forecasted to have abundant rainfall in all regions. In this month, the wet season rice is growing without the damage by tropical storms like the same period last year, and this condition also increases yield per rai for the current year.



Time Series Graph by JASMIN:  
Due to enough rainfall during July to August, the growing condition of wet season rice is better than 2019

## Vietnam

In the North, the wet season rice is in young panicle forming stage. The rice growing condition is good due to enough rainfall in August for irrigation preparation.

In the South, the summer-autumn rice (early wet season rice) is in harvesting stage. The harvested area reached 1.01 million ha out of 1.78 million ha planted. In addition, the other wet season rice (autumn-winter rice and seasonal rice) is in seeding and tillering stages under good growing condition.