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Updates on January-March 2020 Palay and Corn Estimates, 01 March 2020

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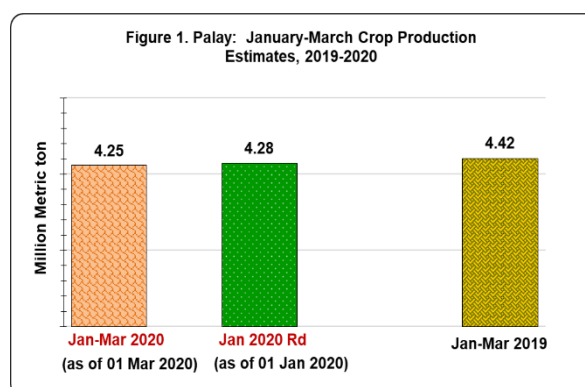
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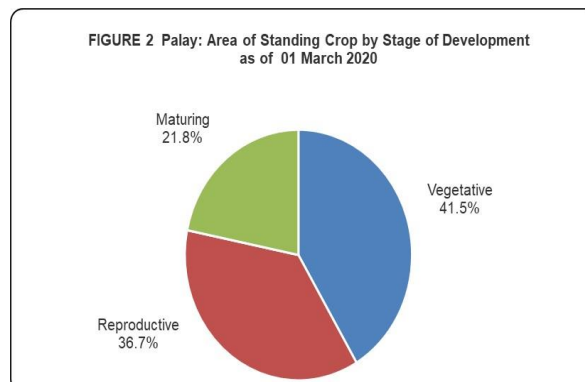
The updated January-March 2020 production on palay and corn based on standing crop as of 01 March 2020 indicates that production may decline from the January-March 2019 final estimates.

PALAY

- Based on standing crop as of 01 March 2020 (updated), palay production may decrease to 4.25 million metric tons or 0.8 percent from the initial estimate as of 01 January 2020 of 4.28 million metric tons. The updated January-March 2020 estimated palay production indicates a possible downtrend of 3.8 percent in the period January-March 2020, from previous year's output of 4.42 million metric tons (Figure 1).



- Harvest area may decrease by 4.8 percent, from 1,153.19 thousand hectares in 2019. Yield per hectare may rise slightly to 3.87 metric tons, from 3.83 metric tons in the previous year.

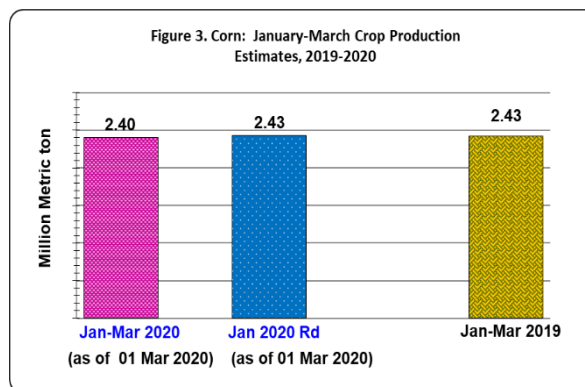


- About 540.14 thousand hectares or 49.2 percent of the updated standing crop have been harvested.
- Of the total area of standing palay, 21.8 percent were at vegetative stage, 36.7 percent at reproductive stage, and 41.5 percent at maturing stage (Figure 2).
- As for the farmer's planting intentions for January-March 2020, 652.98 thousand hectares or 65.0 percent of the perceived area have been actually planted.

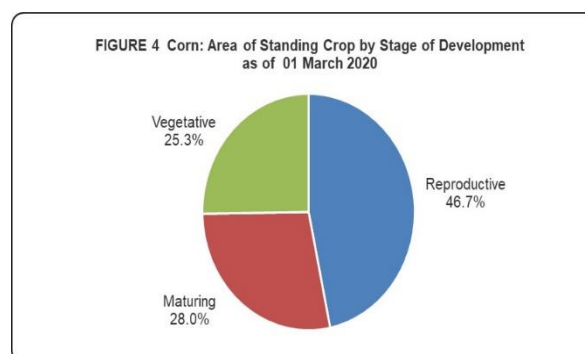


CORN

- The January-March 2020 corn production based on standing crop as of 01 March 2020 (updated) may reach 2.40 million metric tons, lower by 1.1 percent than the estimated corn production as of 01 January 2020 of 2.43 million metric tons. The updated estimate of corn production for January-March 2020 may be lower by 0.9 percent from the previous year's level of 2.43 million metric tons (Figure 3).



- Harvest area may reduce to 698.97 thousand hectares, from 706.26 thousand hectares in 2019. Yield per hectare may slightly increase to 3.44 metric tons from the 3.43 metric tons level in the previous year.



- About 466.20 thousand hectares or 66.7 percent of the updated standing crop have been harvested.

- Of the 497.48 thousand hectares total area of standing crop, 25.3 percent were at vegetative stage, 28.0 percent at reproductive stage, and 46.7 percent at maturing stage (Figure 4).

- Around 264.71 thousand hectares or 64.8 percent of the planting intentions for January-March 2020 crop have been realized.

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Technical Notes

Production refers to the quantity produced and actually harvested/to be harvested palay and corn during the reference period. Harvest area refers to the actual area harvested/to be harvested during the reference quarter.

Updates on production and harvest area estimates of palay and corn are generated from the Monthly Palay and Corn Situation Reporting System (MPCRS). It is a monitoring activity conducted monthly in-between Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) rounds. Monitoring are conducted in February, March, May, June, August, September and November. MPCRS updates the quarterly estimates on production and area for the current quarter based on the PCPS results of the previous survey round. The data generated from MPCRS are as follows:

- 1) Updates on current quarter's production and area estimates based on the standing crop with indications on crop situation; and
- 2) Updates on current quarter's estimates on planting intentions based on actual plantings.