

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Updates on October-December 2018 Palay and Corn Estimates, 01 November 2018

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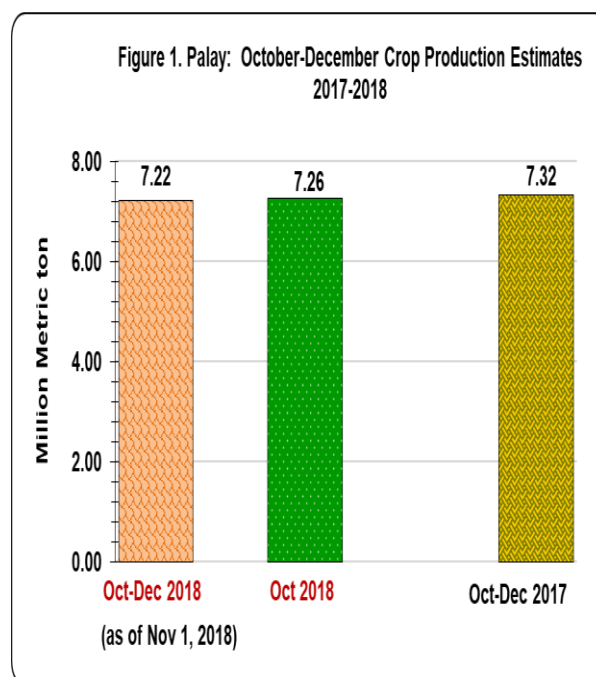
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### HIGHLIGHTS

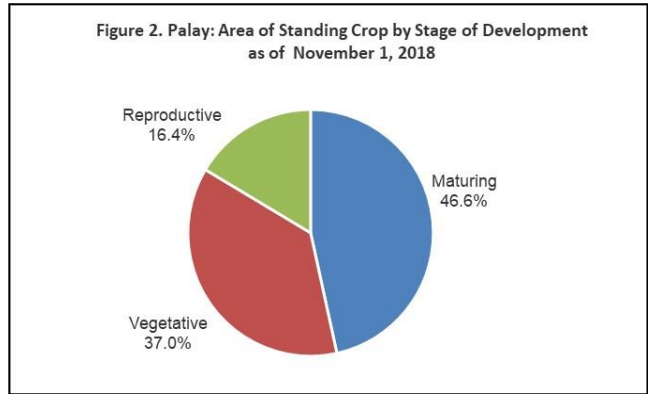
*The updated October-December 2018 production on palay and corn standing crop as of 01 November 2018 may decline from the October 2018 Round estimates.*

### PALAY

- As of 01 November 2018, palay production for October-December 2018 based on standing crop may decrease to 7.22 million metric tons, 0.5 percent below the October 2018 round estimate of 7.26 million metric tons and 1.3 percent lower than the previous year's output of 7.32 million metric tons (Figure 1). Harvest area may fall by 0.8 percent from 1,863.64 thousand hectares level in 2017. Likewise, yield per hectare may decline to 3.91 metric tons from 3.93 metric tons.



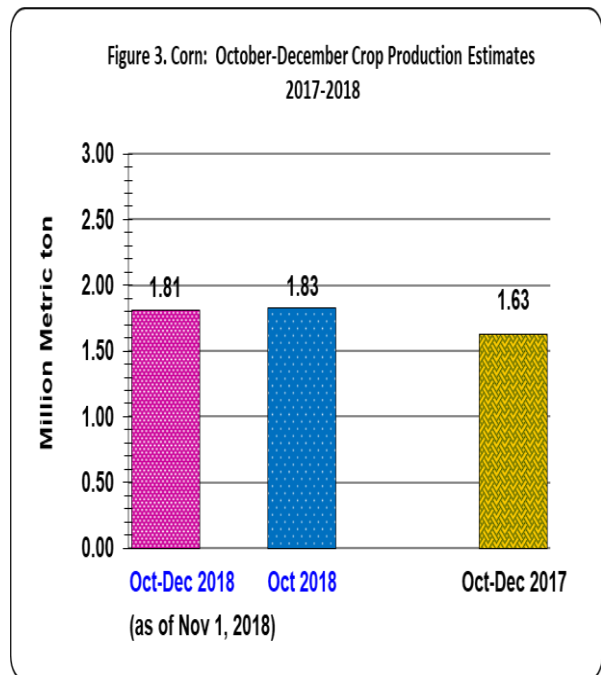
- Around 1,125.40 thousand hectares or 60.9 percent of the updated standing crop have been harvested.
- About 37.0 percent of the 1,037.30 thousand hectares standing crop were still at vegetative stage, 16.4 percent at reproductive stage, and 46.6 percent at maturing stage (Figure 2).



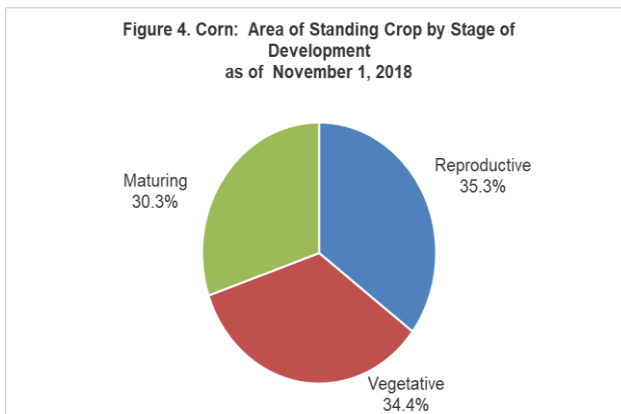
- As for the farmer’s planting intentions for October-December 2018, about 314.63 thousand hectares or 26.5 percent of the perceived area have been actually planted.

## CORN

- The updated corn production for October-December 2018, based on standing crop as of 01 November 2018, may contract to 1.81 million metric tons, down by 0.7 percent from the 1.83 million metric tons estimate in October 2018. This is higher by 11.3 percent from the previous year’s level of 1.63 million metric tons (Figure 3). Harvest area may increase to 611.72 thousand hectares from 571.13 thousand hectares in 2017. Likewise, yield per hectare may increase to 2.97 metric tons from 2.85 metric tons.



- As of 01 November 2018, around 244.91 thousand hectares or 43.0 percent of the updated standing crop have been harvested.
- Of the updated 627.18 thousand hectares of standing crop, 34.4 percent were at vegetative stage, 35.3 percent at reproductive stage, and 30.3 percent at maturing stage (Figure 4).



- With reference to the farmer's planting intentions for October-December 2018, about 250 thousand hectares or 34.8 percent have been planted.

### 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.

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