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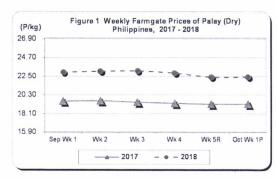
UPDATES ON PALAY, RICE AND CORN PRICES FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER 2018

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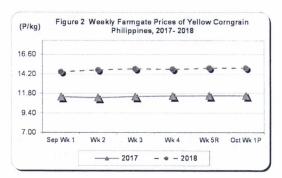
A. Farmgate Price of Palay

- ★ Farmgate price of palay continues to move downward during the week
- The average farmgate price of palay at P21.86/kg during the week further declined by 2.24 percent from the level a week ago. Compared to previous year's price level of P18.91/kg, it rose by 15.60 percent (see Table 1).

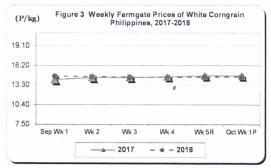


B. Farmgate Prices of Yellow and White Corngrains

- ★ Price of yellow corngrain decreases while that of white corngrain increases
- The average farmgate price of yellow corngrain at P14.69/kg was **lower** by 1.28 percent from P14.88/kg in the previous week. Relative to the level a year ago of P11.46/kg, it was however, **higher** by 28.18 percent (see Table 2).



On the contrary, the average farmgate price of white corngrain at P14.53/kg during the week **picked up** by 0.21 percent from previous week's level. Compared to the price in the same period of the previous year, it **dropped** by 3.07 percent (see Table 2).

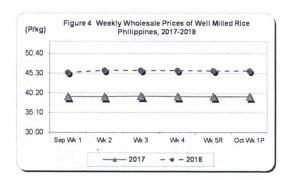


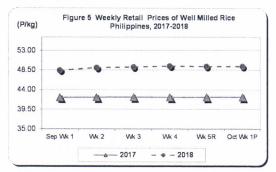




C. Wholesale and Retail Prices of Well Milled Rice (WMR)

- * Wholesale and retail prices of well milled rice register decline for three (3) consecutive weeks now
- The average wholesale price of well milled rice at P45.45/kg posted a decrease of 1.24 percent from the level a week ago of P46.02/kg. On the other hand, it gained by 15.83 percent from previous year's level of P39.24/kg (see Table 1).
- At the retail trade, the average price of well milled rice at P49.00/kg likewise, dropped by 0.73 percent from previous week's level. Relative to the same week in the previous year, it however, rose by 16.09 percent (see Table 1).





D. Wholesale and Retail Prices of Regular Milled Rice (RMR)

- * Prices at the wholesale and retail trades of regular milled rice continues to drop
- Measured from the level a week ago, the average wholesale price of regular milled rice at P42.64/kg exhibited a price cut of 1.20 percent. However, it accelerated by 19.84 percent from previous year's level of P35.58/kg (see Table 1).
- This week's average retail price of regular milled rice at P45.87/kg was lower than its previous week's level by 0.50 percent. Compared to the price level during same week in the previous year, it jumped by 20.65 percent (see Table 1).





E. Wholesale and Retail Prices of Corngrain, Yellow

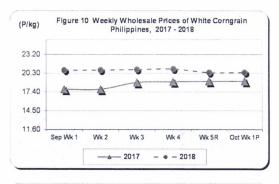
- * Prices at both wholesale and retail trades move at opposite directions
- During the week, a price **cut** of 0.43 percent is noted for the wholesale trade of yellow corngrain at P20.84/kg. On the contrary, it recorded an **uptick** of 13.69 percent from the level a year ago of P18.33/kg (see Table 2).
- The average retail price of yellow corngrain at P25.64/kg this week registered **increases** of 0.12 percent from the level a week ago of P25.61/kg and 14.72 percent from previous year's price of P22.35/kg (see Table 2).

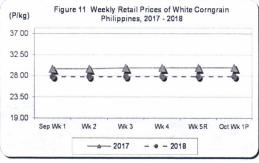




F. Wholesale and Retail Prices of Corngrain, White

- * Wholesale and retail prices exhibit increments during the week
- The average wholesale price of white corngrain at P21.13/kg inched up by 3.48 percent from P20.42/kg in the previous week. Compared to the level a year ago of P19.63/kg, it also climbed by 7.64 percent (see Table 2).
- At the retail trade, the average price of white corngrain at P27.86/kg went up by 0.14 percent during the week. On an annual basis, it dropped by 7.01 percent (see Table 2).





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