## SPECIAL RELEASE

## UPDATES ON PALAY, RICE AND CORN PRICES

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## A. Farmgate Price of Palay

* Farmgate price of palay is still on a downtrend

The average farmgate price of palay at P19.70/kg continued to register a downward movement as it recorded a 0.15 percent drop this week. On the other hand, it was higher by 1.65 percent compared with the same period of the previous year (see Table 1).

B. Farmgate Prices of Yellow and White Corngrains

* Price gains are noted for both yellow and white corngrains

The average farmgate price of yellow corngrain at $\mathrm{P} 13.93 / \mathrm{kg}$ picked up by 0.22 percent from a week ago level of P13.90/kg. Similarly, compared with the same period a year ago, it rose by 7.32 percent (see Table 2).

Likewise, the average farmgate price of white corngrain at P14.41/kg during the week was higher than its previous week's level by 3.08 percent. However, compared with the previous year's level of P16.84/kg, it dropped further by 14.43 percent (see Table 2).


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

* Wholesale and retail prices of well milled rice continue to decline this week

Compared with the previous week's level of $P 41.50 / \mathrm{kg}$, the average wholesale price of well milled rice at P41.49/kg was lower by 0.02 percent during the week. On an annual basis, it went up at a slower pace of 4.38 percent (see Table 1 ).


The average retail price of well milled rice at $P 44.87 / \mathrm{kg}$ posted a decrease of 0.29 percent from a week ago level of P45.00/kg. Compared with the previous year's level of $P 42.62 / \mathrm{kg}$, it was higher by 5.28 percent (see Table 1).

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

* Wholesale price of regular milled rice declines while that of retail price picks up
The average wholesale price of regular milled rice this week at P38.18/kg was lower by 0.18 percent compared with its previous week's level of P38.25/kg. Relative to the same week in the previous year, it climbed by 4.92 percent (see Table 1).

At the retail trade, the average price of regular milled rice at $P 41.14 / \mathrm{kg}$ during the week inched up by 0.02 percent from its previous week's level of P41.13/kg. On the other hand, it recorded an increment of 5.92 percent from previous year's price of P38.84/kg (see Table 1).


* Prices are still higher for both wholesale and retail trades

The average wholesale price of yellow corngrain at P20.41/kg exhibited an increase of 0.49 percent from previous week's level of $P 20.31 / \mathrm{kg}$. It also accelerated by 7.36 percent from previous year's level of P19.01/kg (see Table 2).


Likewise, the average retail price of yellow corngrain at $\mathrm{P} 25.35 / \mathrm{kg}$ rose by 0.68 percent during the week. Relative to a year ago level of P22.87/kg, it went up by 10.84 percent (see Table 2).

F. Wholesale and Retail Prices of Corngrain, White

* Price increases at wholesale trade while it remains stable at the retail trade

The average wholesale price of white corngrain at $P 20.88 / \mathrm{kg}$ posted an increment of 0.38 percent from a week ago level of P20.80/kg. Similarly, compared with previous year's level of P20.70/kg, it was higher by 0.87 percent (see Table 2).

The average retail price of white corngrain remained stable at P28.12/kg for four consecutive weeks now. Meanwhile, it went down by 6.14 percent from a year ago level of P29.96/kg (see Table 2).

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