January 2017 Rice Growing Outlook

Cambodia

The rice of dry season which planted around 378 thousand hectares is in Tillering - panicle Growing stage in this month. Generally, the growing condition of dry season is slightly good due to adequate supply of irrigation water.

Indonesia

The wet season rice which was planted between October to March starts harvesting in January. The yield of planted rice on October is estimated to be poor due to the lack of sunlight at flowering phase as result of the high rainfall.

The wet season rice in vegetative phase is in good growing condition due to enough precipitation since the rainy season started earlier from early September. The planting of wet season rice is moved forward due to unseasonable precipitation as the effects of La Nina. The high-moderate flooded is reported in some part of Indonesia as well as pests and diseases but it might not cause serious damage to rice growing.

Lao PDR

The dry season rice is in seeding stage. According to the dry season rice production plan on this year is around 90 thousand hectare with production around 462 thousand ton. For now the weather condition is quite good for seeding.

Myanmar

According to cropping patterns of Myanmar, most of rain-fed field are utilized for growing pulses and oil seed crops after the wet season rice. The national plan for growing dry season rice is 1.17 million hectares in irrigated field. Up to now in January 2017, the dry season rice has already been grown for 379 thousand hectares, which is 32.4% of the plan. Although unexpected rain in middle Myanmar fell in the first week of January, it did not interrupt the rice growing.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted in the 2nd half of November - January was in the tillering stage - young panicle forming stage. Around 1.15 million hectares have been planted due to adequate
supply of irrigation water and rainfall during planting. This was 7 percent higher compared to the record in the same period last year. Crop damage, which may result in lower yield for affected provinces, has been noted in the central and eastern regions, particularly in the Bicol Region and CALABARZON due to typhoon Nock-Ten (Nina).

For now, the crop growing condition of dry season rice was fair – good as most part of the country experienced good weather condition.

**Thailand**

The dry season rice is in the tillering stage. Farmers could plant rice in more area than last year due to sufficient rainfall and irrigation water. The growing condition is quite good.

**Vietnam**

In the North, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) does not start yet because this time is the harvesting time of cold season crops including maize, sweet potato, peanuts, and vegetable, etc.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) starts to sow. The total sown area is 0.89 million ha, accounting for 82.4% of the last year area due to unfavorable condition including the salination.