February 2017 Rice Growing Outlook Report

Cambodia

The rice of dry season has planted around 482 thousand ha over planting plan due to adequate supply of irrigation water to far area from irrigation system. The early harvesting area where it holds around 18% of total planted area is in harvesting time.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good due to enough irrigation water and sunshine.

Indonesia

This February is the second month of harvesting of wet season rice. The yield of harvested wet season rice in this month is estimated to be higher than last month due to enough precipitation, government policy (farmer assistant) and revised sunlight at flowering phase especially on December.

The wet season rice in vegetative phase is in good growing condition continuously due to enough precipitation. 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.

Laos

The dry season rice is in transplanting stage. The weather condition is quiet good for transplanting and farmer work goes smoothly. Now the planted area is around 77 thousand hectare (around 82% of plan). It will be complete for transplanting in the end of this month in whole country. In this year, the irrigation water is enough, but some provinces in the northern region have to find natural resources water instead of irrigation water.

Myanmar

Myanmar has already planted the dry season rice for 705 thousands hectares which it occupies about 60% of national plan. The planted area is slightly lower than last year due to insufficient irrigation for hilly areas and change of crop to cash crops like pulses or some vegetables.. The weather condition is quite favourable for the growth of the dry season rice and growing condition is good.

Philippines
Dry season rice planted in November - January was in the young panicle forming stage – Heading stage. Very high precipitation index were noted in some provinces in Mindanao region. Crop damage has been noted in these areas which may result in lower yield.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is fair in most provinces. No crop damaged has been noted in northern regions of the country especially in the rice producing areas in Luzon.

**Thailand**

There was unseasonable rain all over Thailand last month. This precipitation supports the irrigation water and farmers extend the planted area of dry season rice. The most of dry season rice is in tillering stage and growing condition is good due to sufficient irrigation water and moderate weather.

**Vietnam**

In the North, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) starts to sow, the total sown area is 93 thousand ha, 2.9% higher than the last year area due to warm weather and better irrigation preparation.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) completed the sowing. The total sown area is 1.86 million ha, 0.7% lower than the last year area due to heavy rain and flood in low-lying land. In which, the sown area of Mekong River Delta is 1.51 million ha, 1.3% lower than the last year area.