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Cambodia

The final planted area of dry season rice reached 548 thousand, 23.7% higher than last year. The harvesting of dry season rice has completed at 64% of total planted area. The average yield is 4.47T/ha, slightly increase than last year.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good as well as the expected yield which is currently in harvesting time.

Indonesia

March is the third month of harvesting the wet season rice which is planted on December about 2.2 million ha, 0.3% lower than last year. The yield is expected to be fair with last wet season rice due to enough irrigation water and sunlight at flowering phase.

If it is as usual, this March is the last month of planting wet season rice but, the planted area is still low as it is not yet complete due to the uneven level of rainfall condition still continues in this month. On the other hand, the early generative wet season rice is in a good growing condition especially in the north of Java Island where there is the rice field with technical irrigation. The March precipitation is in high level in Java Island and south of Indonesia with no reported of flood.

Laos

The plating of dry season rice has completed up to 86 thousand ha with 90 thousand ha of notional plan which most of rice is in the tillering stage. The weather condition in this month is normal and there is no reported of damage area by natural disaster.

Myanmar

Up to March 2018, the dry season rice has been planted about 835 thousands hectares accounting for 72.2% of national plan (1.16 million hectares). The planting of the dry season rice is a little faster than last year. The weather is favorable for rice growing.

In this month, 30 thousand hectares of dry season rice already started the harvesting in the southern state which produced 112 thousand tons of paddy with the yield of 3.8 t ha⁻¹. The yield is low compared to last year yield.

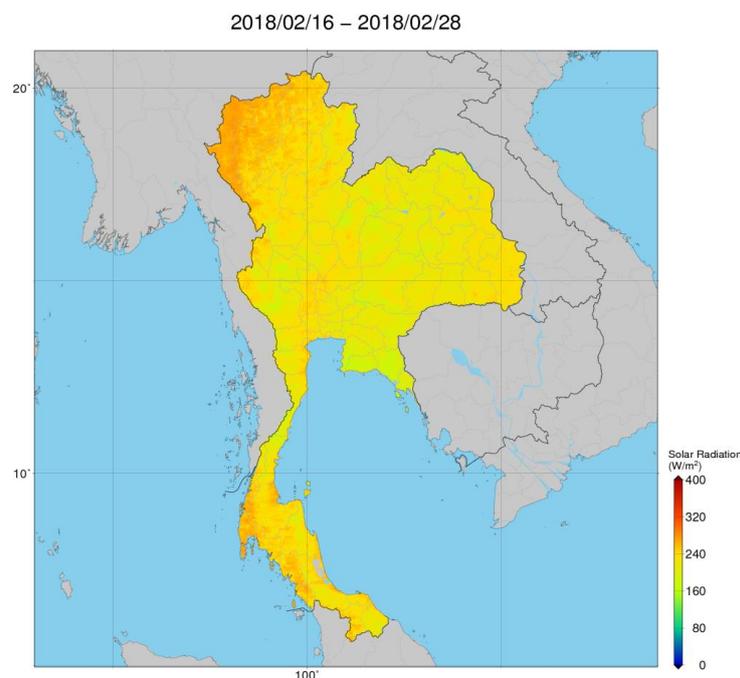
Philippines

Dry season rice planted during the period of November – December is currently in the maturing up to harvesting stage. Multiple weather systems affected the country, including a tropical storm in the southern regions during the second week of February. Despite these, rice production for the first quarter of the year is generally projected to be fine, given the usage of High-Yielding Variety seeds.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is fair in most provinces. Stable weather conditions were presented in the northern and central regions.

Thailand

Dry season rice is from the Young panicle forming stage to Grain Filling stage. The growing condition is good due to the sufficient rainfall and irrigation water support in the field at the beginning of growing stage with the good solar radiation. The yield is expected to increase, although there are some damages by disease outbreak in the Central region.



Vietnam

In the North, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) continues to sow. The total sown area is 0.9 million ha, which is slightly lower than last year area due to 10-day-cold weather occurred before Lunar new year.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) completed the sowing. The total sown area is 1.95 million ha, 1.9% higher than the last year area. The sown area of Mekong River Delta is 1.56 million ha, 1.7% which higher than the last year area due to enough water supply by upstream rivers.