Rice Growing Outlook Report

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Overview

In the Norther side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice is in harvesting stage and has finished in South Vietnam and Cambodia. Generally, the final yield of this season rice is estimated to become slightly poor to poor in almost countries and areas due to drought damage of early growing season in June and July and flood damage of generative season after August. In addition, the decrease of harvested area is also reported from Cambodia, Myanmar and North Vietnam.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of dry season rice almost finished. Although the harvest area has decreased considerably due to water shortage, the yield has increased slightly. On the other hand, the planting condition of wet season is still below average.

Cambodia

The harvested area around 28% of cultivated area. The yield estimation 3.6 ton /ha, slightly good with last year. While the wet season rice has suffered drought and flood damage during growing period.

On the other hand, the planting of dry season rice has already started under favorable weather condition. The planted area of dry season rice in this month reached 195 thousand ha, it’s 43 percent of the national plan.

Indonesia

The harvesting of dry season rice almost finished this November. The total harvested rice is around 6.3 million ha and it is 10.9% lower than last year due to water shortage. On the other hand, the yield is 5.12 ton / ha, slightly higher than last year as a result of the planting in good condition fields.

This November is the second month of wet season rice planting. This month’s planting condition is still below average due to water shortage. The rainfall is still not enough and there are differences depending on the region.
Precipitation map by JASMIN: The rainfall is still not enough and there are differences depending on the region.

**Laos**

The wet season rice of lowland rice is in harvesting stage. The harvesting has progressed to about 50% of planted areas. The final paddy production is estimated about 3.1 million tons and the yield would be 4.3 ton/ha with slightly poor than last year. This is mainly due to drought and flood damage in the Northern south region.

Upland rice is in harvesting stage. The harvesting has completed around 88% of planted areas. The yield is concerned to decrease due to drought and pests damage during growing stage.

**Myanmar**

Up to this month, almost 400 thousand hectares accounting 6.6% of total planted area of the wet season rice has been harvested and produced about 1.5 million tons of paddy with a yield of 3.8 t ha⁻¹.

Due to heavy rain, about 74 thousand hectares of the wet season rice were damaged and over 40 thousand hectares have been replanted. The rest damaged area would be used for growing winter crops. In addition, an unexpected heavy rain hit during second week of November in Myanmar. It provided some water for the wet season rice that have early reproductive stages in the middle Myanmar, whereas some of ripen wet season rice was fallen and may be reduced in its yield.
**Philippines**

The wet season rice planted in April-May has been fully harvested. The yield was below normal due to the effect of moisture stress. On the other hand, the planted rice in July-August is around 1.47 million ha and about half fields are in maturing to harvesting. It is expected that most parts of the country will experience normal rainfall conditions for the remaining month of November.

Generally, the crop growing condition of the planted rice in July – August is good in most provinces. Precipitation index showed that some of the northern and southwestern part of the country received above normal rainfall condition.

**Thailand**

The wet season rice is in the Grain Filling Stage. The growing condition is not good nationwide due to the drought in the beginning of cultivation period. Moreover, tropical storm from August to September caused flood damage mainly Northeastern region. This enough rain relieved some of drought damage. And there was pest damage also in some area of Northeastern region. This month, Central region starts the field preparation for the dry season rice.

![Thailand: Nakhon Ratchasima Precipitation time series graph by JASMIN: Tropical storm from August to September caused flood damage mainly Northeastern regionshortage](image)

**Vietnam**

In the North Vietnam, the wet season rice is in the harvesting stage with the area of 0.89 million ha. About 2.6% of total planted area was affected by drought during growing season and the yield is estimated about 4.5 tons/ha, 6.8% lower than the last year.

In the South, the harvest of wet season rice is almost completed and harvested area reached 1.84 million ha. The yield of harvested area is 5.6 tons/ha, 1.0% higher than last year under stable weather condition.