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Overview

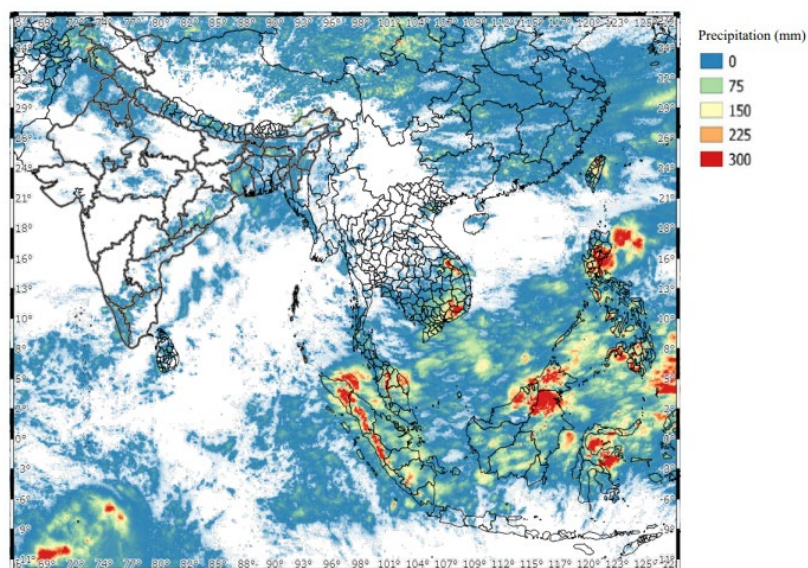
In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the harvesting of dry season rice has almost completed. The final production is estimated to be good because the planted area increased and the yield condition is slightly good to good under sufficient water and favorable weather condition.

On the other hand, the wet season rice is in field preparation to the seeding stage. This season's seeding and planting work seems to be delayed overall due to the late rainy season. The total planted area is forecast to decrease than last year due to water shortage and the increasing costs of fertilizer, pesticides, and fuel.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia (Indonesia), the harvesting of wet season rice is in the final stage. The total harvested wet season rice is 5.1 million hectares. The yield is expected to be good due to enough irrigation water and sunlight during the flowering phase.

On the other hand, the planted area of dry season rice is still limited because of farmers still preparing the land and waiting for enough rainfall.

Precipitation condition in early of May



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Cambodia

The sowing of wet season rice started this month, the planted area so far is 2.6 million hectares, with 12% of the national plan. The condition of early growing stage rice is in growth retardation due to the scattered rainfall throughout the country.

Indonesia

This May is the fifth month of harvesting the wet season rice and about 0.8 million hectares in February planted was harvested. The total harvested wet season rice is 5.1 million hectares. The yield is expected to be good due to enough irrigation water and sunlight during the flowering phase.

This May is supposed to be the second month of planting the dry season rice, but the planted area is still limited due to farmers still preparing the land and waiting for enough rainfall to plant the dry season rice. This May, precipitation is decreasing especially in Java Island but other part keeps in moderate level. The reduction of rainfall does not cause damage to rice growing.

Laos

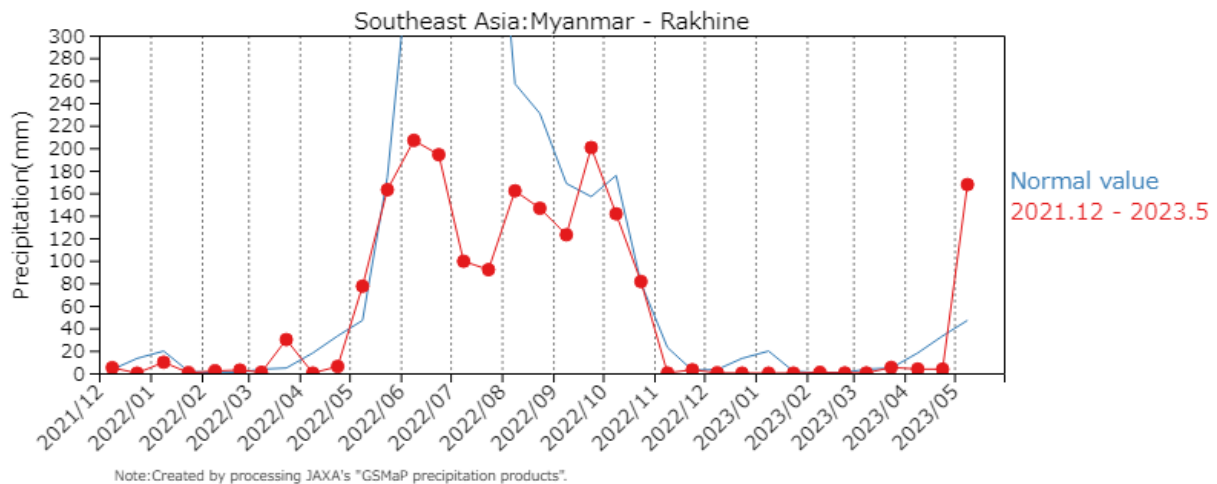
The dry season rice is at the end of the harvesting stage. The final harvested area is estimated at 96 thousand hectares, with the paddy production being about 432 thousand tons and the yield would be 4.5 tons per hectare. The final yield of this dry season rice is estimated to be normal with the last year.

The national planting plan for wet season rice in 2023 is approximately 823 thousand hectares, and now it is in land preparation time, but the weather condition is not good due to poor rain and the low irrigation water supply.

Myanmar

Harvesting of the dry season rice up to this month became over 675 thousand hectares accounting for about 64.2% of the total planted area (1.05 million hectares), the harvesting work is going well. The harvested areas are mainly in the delta region of Myanmar. It produced about 3.4 million tons of paddy, and the yield is 5.05 tons per hectare. It is a good yield and higher than last year. The overall growing condition is good. However, a tropical cyclone called Mocha with its heavy rain and strong wind hit the coastlines of Rakhine state on 13th and 14th May 2023. It is suggested that it may cause negative impacts on the final production of the dry season rice this year.

This month, the wet season rice is in the field preparation time



Precipitation time series graph by JASMAI: A tropical cyclone called Mocha with its heavy rain and strong wind hit the coastlines of Rakhine

Philippines

Dry season rice planted from November to December was fully harvested. About 4.78 million metric tons of production was noted during the period and it increased by 5.2 percent compared to the same period of last year. Generally, the final assessment of the dry season rice is good as most of the regions experienced less occurrence of pests and diseases, sufficient rainfall, and more usage of high-yielding varieties.

Preparation and planting of wet season rice have already started under favorable weather and growing condition. The country is more likely to experience near normal rainfall conditions for the month of May.

Thailand

The harvesting of dry season rice is almost completed. The production is expected to increase by about 23% with last year due to the expansion of the planted area. Rice yield is good under sufficient water and favorable weather condition.

The wet season rice is in the field preparation time. Farmers plow their fields and wait for rain which is expected to start at the end of this month.

The planted area is forecast to decrease because of water shortage and the increasing costs of fertilizer, pesticides, and fuel. As a result, some farmers may change paddy areas to other crops such as cassava which is highly priceworthy and can tolerate drought.

Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the young panicle forming to grain filling stage. The yield is forecast to increase due to favorable weather and better irrigation preparation.

In the South, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the final harvesting stage. The harvested area reached 1.57 million hectares out of 1.88 million hectares planted. The yield of harvested rice is 7.12 tons per hectare, 1.6% higher than the previous year's yield due to favorable weather and less affected by saline intrusion.

On the other hand, the summer-autumn rice (wet season rice) in the South is at the peak of seeding under stable weather conditions, with a sown area of 0.51 million hectares.