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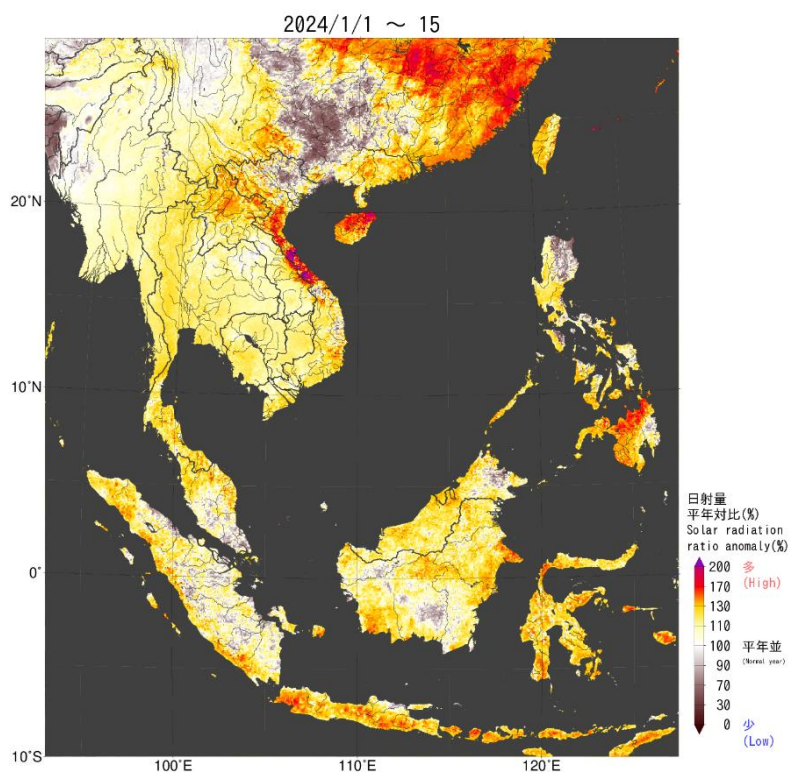
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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the planting of dry season rice fully starts excluding North Vietnam which is in the harvesting season of winter crops. The total planted area of dry season rice is expected to be about the same as last year, but there are concerns about a shortage of agricultural water. The growing is in early growing stage mainly, and the growing condition is generally good.

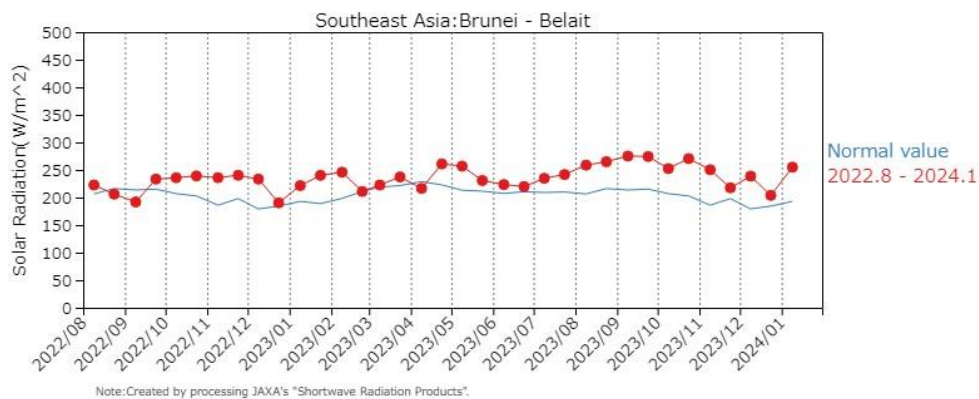
In the Southern side of SE-Asia, the harvesting of wet season rice has started in this month. The yield is expected to be slightly good under good weather condition during growing period. The planting area is steadily expanding due to the intensive rainfall in the late December to mid-January.



JASMAI Solar Radiation Anomaly Map

Brunei

Most of paddy planted areas (irrigated and rainfed) during this wet season in Brunei are in the grain filling stage, and the earliest planted areas in the irrigated areas have started harvesting. With Brunei going under weather condition with high temperatures and low precipitation rates, the current growing condition for irrigated areas is fair due to availability of irrigation, while the rainfed area conditions are slightly poor.



JASMAI Solar Radiation Graph (Belait)

Cambodia

The dry season rice is in young panicle to heading time, and the growing condition is under favorable weather condition with enough sunshine. The planted area is around 692 thousand ha, it increased 12 percent than last year because dry season rice was planted in fields far from irrigation systems due to farmers' strong desire to plant rice due to soaring rice price.

The weather condition begins to hot this month and the influence of this weather condition may effect on rice growing if there are not some raining from now on.

Indonesia

This January is the first harvesting month of wet season rice, with 0.3 million ha, is 27.4% lower than last year. The yield is expected to be slightly good under enough sunlight during growing period.

This January is also the fourth month of wet season rice planting. The accumulated planted area is 4.1 million ha, 6.8% lower than last wet season, but it is steadily expanding due to the intensive rainfall in the late December to mid-January. The vegetative and the early generative rice of wet season is in a good growing condition due to enough irrigation water. The January precipitation is in a moderate to high level in almost all parts of Indonesia but it has not caused significant damage to rice growing.

Laos

The national production plan of dry season rice in 2023 - 2024 is approximately 98 thousand hectares, and the production is expected to be around 506 thousand tons. The planting of dry season rice has started in this month and progressed to 18 thousand hectares with 16% of the national production plan. The weather condition and irrigation supply in this season is quite good, and the rice growing stage is in land preparation and seeding stage mainly.

Malaysia

This January is the sixth month of planting wet season rice. The planting of the wet season is approximately 90% of the planed area which is almost completed. This month, the harvesting has just started for around 15% of cultivated area and the yield is estimated 4.40 tonne per hectare. The yield is slightly good under enough water and sunlight during growing period.

Myanmar

Up to this month in Myanmar, dry season rice has been planted about 470 thousand hectares accounting for 45% of the national plan of 1.05 million hectares in this year. The progress of planting work is similar as compared to last year. However, it is suggested that the planting areas may increase than last year due to higher availability of irrigation water for the dry season rice under favorable weather in this year. The overall growing condition of the dry season rice is good, and most of the dry season rice planted is now at early vegetative growth stage.

Philippines

The dry season rice planted in November to December is already in tillering to young panicle forming stage. The passage of tropical storm in December brought occasional rains in the eastern parts of Visayas and Mindanao but no significant crop damage reported.

Fair to good crop growing condition is expected in most regions of the country due to favorable weather conditions during planting season and seeds assistance (high yielding seeds) from the government.

Thailand

The dry season rice is in the tillering stage mainly. The accumulated planted areas are 1.3 million hectares. Now it has been cultivated approximately 96% of the national plan. The planting area is expected to slightly decrease because natural water resources and amount of water in the irrigation system are less than last year. The growing conditions are good due to farmers taking better care of their crops better by reserving water for their fields.

Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, the planting of dry season rice (winter-spring rice) does not start yet because of the sowing work of winter season crops, such as: maize, potatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, and vegetables.

In the South, the dry season rice (winter-spring rice) is in the sowing stage. The current sown area is 1.22 million ha, mainly the Mekong River Delta. It is forecasted that there will be a shortage of agricultural water for production due to increased temperatures and reduced rainfall in the first quarter of 2024.

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