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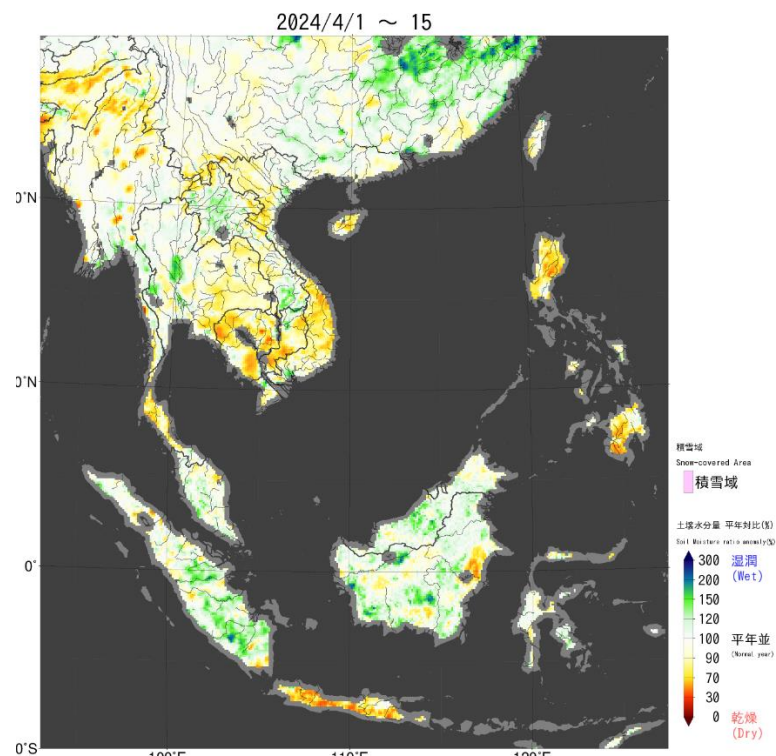
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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, this month is the peak month of dry season rice harvest. Harvested area has decreased due to irrigation water shortage in some countries, but is expected to be at normal level in whole due to high trade price. The yield condition is good in countries with abundant irrigation water, but overall yield condition is estimated to be slightly poor due to lack of rainfall. On the other hand, the sowing of wet season rice in the South Vietnam started as usual.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice is in harvesting stage. The yield condition is good attributed to sufficient sunlight during the growing period. On the other hand, the dry season rice is in land preparation to seeding stage. The early generative dry season rice is in good growing condition.



JASMAI Soil moisture comparison to normal map of beginning April

Brunei

Wet season rice has been fully harvested in both irrigated and rainfed areas. This season rice yield was generally good, achieving an average of 3.8 metric tons per hectare in the irrigated areas, despite the lack of rainfall during the later stages of the growing season. However, the continuous dry weather has hindered the next season of planting, the dry season rice, forcing delays on the dry season planting by a few weeks. Current outlook for dry season rice is slightly poor due to the high temperatures and low precipitation. Rainfall levels are expected to be back to normal from May onwards.

Cambodia

The dry season rice is in the last harvesting stage and the final harvesting area is estimated to be 825 thousand ha with 22% higher than last year due to rising paddy price. The production is forecasted to increase than last year due to increase in area.

The wet season rice is under field preparation and the planting will start in May with the base on rainfall condition. The weather condition is predicted high temperature and low rainfall and it is expected to delay planting of wet season crops too.

Indonesia

This April marks the fourth month of harvesting wet-season rice. The planted area was around 3.6 million hectares which is 14.8% lower than the last wet-season rice. Nonetheless, the yield is good attributed to sufficient sunlight during the growing period. As per the usual schedule, the planting of dry-season rice began this April. The planted area is 1.0 million hectares which is 12.9% higher than the same month of last year. The lack of irrigation water conditions and water shortages were recovered by rainfall which occurred from late March to early April. The early generative dry season rice is in good growing condition, especially in the north of Java Island where there are rice fields with technical irrigation. The high rainfall continues in some regions but no reports of flooding.

Laos

The dry season rice is in the grain filling to harvesting stage. The harvesting area has progressed about 12% of the planted area. The estimated final planted is around 91 thousand hectares with 470 hundred thousand tons production and with 5 tons per hectare yield.

In generally, the weather condition for rice growing in this season is good due to the providing of adequate irrigation water. In addition, rain fell across the county from late last month to this month, helped rice growth.

Malaysia

The harvested area of wet season rice reached around 93% of the cultivation areas and supposed to be completed this May. Harvest progress is slower than the previous year. Nonetheless, the yield is good and it forecasted to be 4.4 ton/ha, which can be attributed to sufficient sunlight during the growing.

The planting of dry season rice progress until April is approximately 6% of the cultivation plan, and it is slower than the previous year because the irrigation water is shortage due to no rainfall. For now, rice cultivation is mostly carried out in granary areas with favorable weather and irrigation conditions.

Myanmar

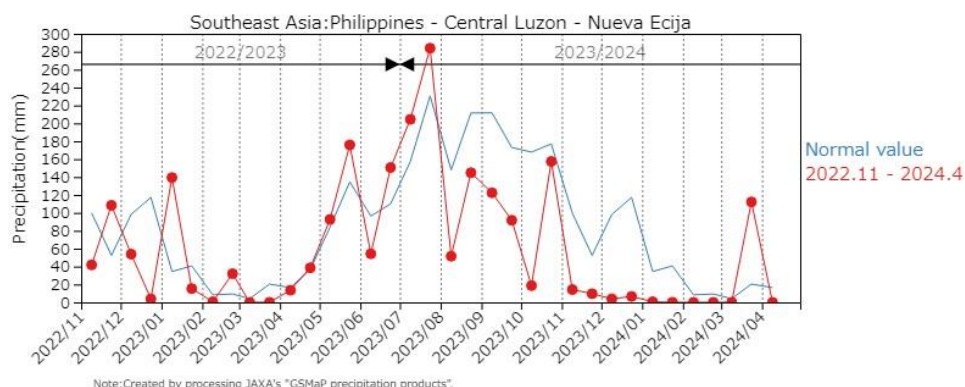
Planted area of the dry season rice has been completed with 1.04 million hectares accounting for 99% of the national plan (1.05 million hectares). With good provision of irrigation water and higher farmgate price of rice, the total planted area of the dry season rice has increased as compared to last year.

About 400 thousand hectares of the dry season rice has been harvested mainly in delta region. It produced about 2.15 million tons of paddy, and the yield is 5.38 tons per hectare. It is a good yield and higher than last year. The overall growing condition is good and the planting and harvesting work is going well too.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted during the period of November – December is in harvesting stage. The yield is expected to decrease since most parts of the country experienced way below to below normal rainfall conditions except for most parts of Luzon Urban Beltway where near to above normal rainfall conditions were observed.

The crop growing condition of dry season rice is slightly poor to fair. It caused dry spells and droughts in some areas of the country due to warmer than average temperatures and below-normal rainfall conditions.



JASMAI precipitation Graph (Nueva Ecija): experienced below to below normal rainfall conditions

Thailand

The dry season rice is in the harvesting stage. The accumulated planted area is 1.54 million hectares. The harvest has progressed about 70% of the planted area. The yield has decreased because of drought and temperature variations. The final production of this season rice is forecasted to decline compared to last year. It is caused by the reductions of area and yield.

Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, the winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the tillering and young panicle forming stages. 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 harvesting stage. The harvested area of dry season rice reached 0.92 million hectares out of 1.89 million hectares planted. The yield on the harvested area reached 6.8 tons per hectare. The production of winter-spring rice is forecast to be lower than normal due to the impact of saltwater intrusion on the Mekong Delta provinces.

On the other hand, the sowing of summer-autumn rice (wet season rice) in the Mekong Delta starts to sow, with the sown area of 0.24 million hectares.

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