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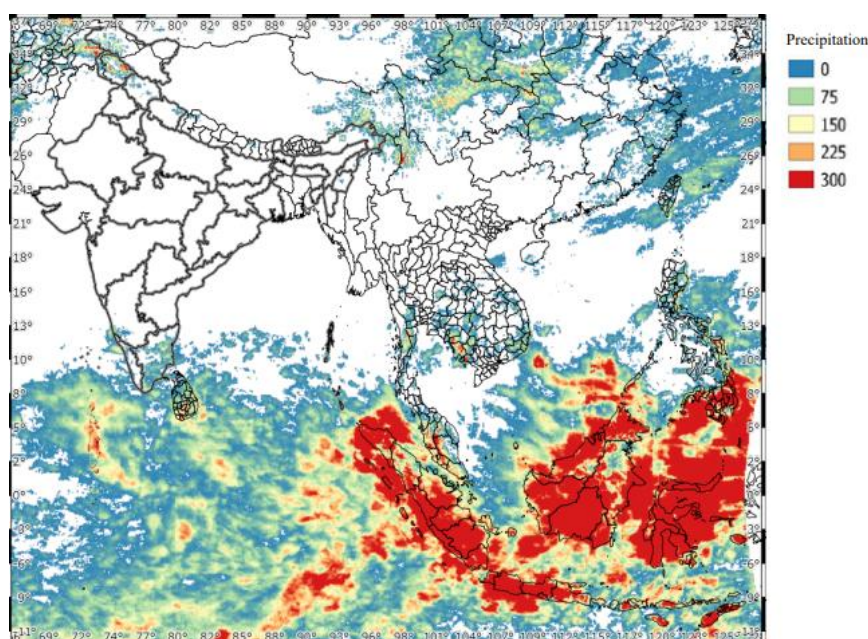
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Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the dry season rice is in growing to early harvesting stage mainly. The planting work is progressing smoothly, and the total planted area is expected to be generally the same as last year. The yield conditions are also estimated to be generally good due to enough irrigation water preparation.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia, the wet season rice harvest is progressing smoothly. Although the effects of heavy rain are reported in some areas, the impact on rice growth is minor. The total production is expected to increase compared to last year due to favorable weather conditions.

Precipitation condition in early of March



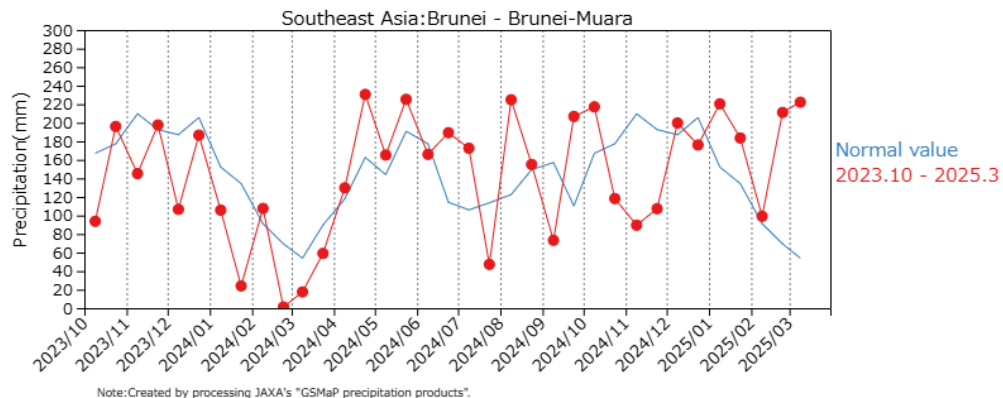
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Brunei

For the wet season rice, about 90% of the irrigated areas have been harvested, whereas about 50% of the rainfed areas have been harvested. Current outlook for the wet season rice remains a concern due to the delays in harvesting from high rainfall rates.

As for dry season rice, land, and seeding preparations, Brunei has currently experienced heavy rainfall for the past few weeks, which may provide enough water for wet tillage in the irrigated areas.



JASMAI Bruni-Muara precipitation graph: Brunei has currently experienced heavy rainfall for the past few weeks

Cambodia

The dry season rice planting has been completed on 907 thousand ha, which is an increase of around 8% compared to last year. During this period of March to April, is currently in the harvesting stage under good weather conditions and the final production is forecast to increase.

Generally, the growing condition of dry season rice is good, and the average yield is estimated at 4.6 tons per hectare, which is slightly better than last year.

Indonesia

The harvesting of wet season rice up to March is progressing much faster than last year, reaching 3.0 million hectares, with 59.1% higher than the previous same season. Total production is expected to increase compared to last year. This good yield is attributed to sufficient sunlight during the growing period.

This March is the last month of planting wet season rice. Total planted area is 6.6 million hectares, which is a 15.3% increase than the last rainy season. The early vegetative and generative stages of wet season rice are experiencing good growth conditions due to sufficient irrigation water, especially in the north. Some areas reported facing flooding, but there was no damage to rice cultivation.

Laos

The planting of dry season rice has been almost completed in all areas of the country. The planted area reached 85 thousand hectares or 91 % of the national production plan, and it slightly decreased compared to the national production plan due to plants changing to high cash crops.

The rice growth is in the young panicle forming to grain filling stage. The general growing condition is good due to adequate irrigation water. In addition, the first half of this month experienced considerable rainfall, and it also helped rice growth.

Malaysia

March 2025, approximately 55% of the cultivated areas for the wet season have been harvested. The overall condition of rice growth is favorable under normal rainfall. Meanwhile, dry season rice planting began in March and is currently in the seedling stage. Land preparation is ongoing, and planting will commence once conditions become suitable.

Myanmar

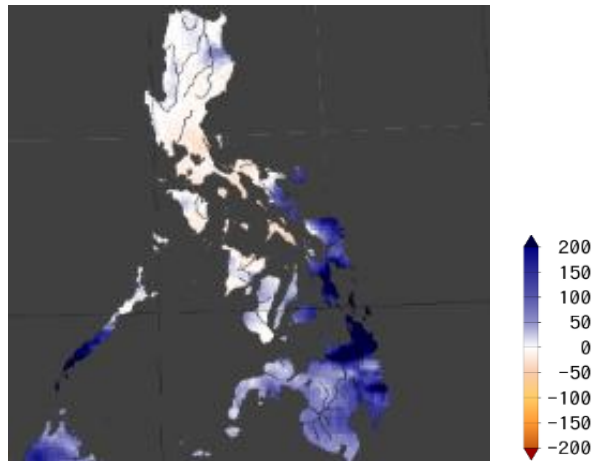
Up to this month, dry season rice has been planted 960 thousand hectares accounting for 82% of the national plan. The progress of planting work is similar to last year. It is expected that the planting work of the dry season rice will be continued up to next month due to availability of irrigation water with favorable weather condition. The overall growing condition is good, and average growing stage is at panicle formation stage.

Harvest of the early planted rice has started mainly in delta region. About 34 thousand hectares has been harvested with a yield of 3.95 tons per hectare. The yield condition is from fair to slightly poor with last year.

Philippines

Dry season rice planted from November to December is in maturing to harvesting stage. The shearline and northeast monsoon brought continuous heavy rainfall resulting to flooding across the Central Philippines region. Around 8.3 thousand hectares of paddy field were affected with an estimated volume loss of 19.7 thousand metric tons.

Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season rice is good as most regions of the country is more likely to experience good weather conditions for the remainder of the month.



JASMAI precipitation map: The shearline and northeast monsoon brought continuous heavy rainfall resulting to flooding across the Central Philippines region

Thailand

The dry season rice is currently in the grain filling stage and harvesting stages. The accumulated planted areas are 1.9 million hectares or approximately 94% of the national plan. In March 2025, brown planthoppers which their rapidly growth in paddy fields, and infestations can cause the wilting of rice plants is reported in some areas of the North and Central regions. However, overall production is expected to increase compared to last year due to good crop growth and sufficient water.

Vietnam

In the North of Vietnam, winter-spring rice (dry season rice) is in the sowing and early growing stages. The total sown area is 1.05 million hectares. The growing condition is good due to better irrigation preparation.

In the South, the harvesting of winter-spring rice (dry season rice) has started. The harvested area reached 0.4 million hectares, out of 1.9 million hectares planted. The yield of harvested rice is estimated at 7.1 tons per hectare, equivalent to the same period last year.

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