

**Table 1. Volume of Palay Production, Area Harvested and Yield per Hectare by Province
Region VIII: 2nd Quarter, 2019 and 2018**

Region/Province	Volume of Production (MT)			Area Harvested (Ha)			Yield per Hectare (MT/Ha)		
	2nd Quarter 2019	2nd Quarter 2018	Percent Change 2019/2018	2nd Quarter 2019	2nd Quarter 2018	Percent Change 2019/2018	2nd Quarter 2019	2nd Quarter 2018	Percent Change 2019/2018
Eastern Visayas	232,610	258,486	(10.0)	64,186	69,289	(7.4)	3.62	3.73	(2.9)
Biliran	18,586	21,695	(14.3)	4,275	4,763	(10.2)	4.35	4.55	(4.6)
Eastern Samar	10,726	12,215	(12.2)	5,377	5,315	1.2	1.99	2.30	(13.2)
Leyte	133,821	147,221	(9.1)	34,272	37,144	(7.7)	3.90	3.96	(1.5)
Northern Samar	12,560	13,369	(6.1)	4,714	5,076	(7.1)	2.66	2.63	1.2
Samar	22,705	26,680	(14.9)	7,260	8,038	(9.7)	3.13	3.32	(5.8)
Southern Leyte	34,212	37,306	(8.3)	8,288	8,953	(7.4)	4.13	4.17	(0.9)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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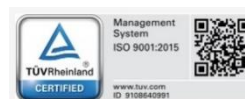
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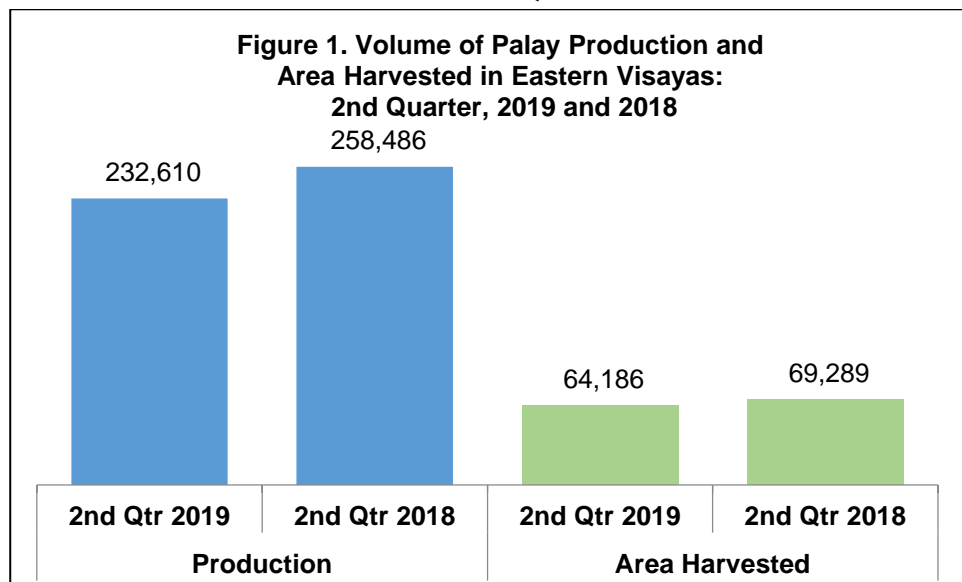
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PALAY PRODUCTION DECREASES BY 10.0 PERCENT DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2019



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Palay production in Eastern Visayas dropped by 10.0 percent, from 258,486 Metric Tons (MT) in the 2nd Quarter of 2018 to 232,610 MT in 2019.

The province of Leyte contributed the biggest share in palay production in Eastern Visayas at 133,821 MT during the 2nd quarter of 2019. It comprised more than half (57.5 percent) of the total palay production in the region. Southern Leyte ranked second with 34,212 MT, accounting for 14.7 percent of the region's total palay production. Samar followed with 22,705 MT production contributing 9.8 percent share to the total production. Biliran and Northern Samar shared 8.0 percent (18,586 MT) and 5.4 percent (12,560 MT), respectively. Meanwhile, Eastern Samar had the least contribution at 4.6 percent (10,726 MT) of the total palay production in the region.

The total area harvested for palay decreased to 64,186 Hectares (Ha) in the 2nd quarter of 2019 from 69,289 Ha recorded in the same quarter of previous year, a decline by 7.4 percent.

All provinces except Eastern Samar posted decreases in area harvested for palay. Biliran registered the biggest drop at 10.2 percent during the 2nd quarter of 2019. Similarly, Samar, Leyte and Southern Leyte posted decreases at 9.7 percent, 7.7 percent, and 7.4 percent, respectively. Northern Samar recorded the lowest decrease in area harvested for palay at 7.1 percent. Eastern Samar was the only province to have increased in area harvested for palay at 1.2 percent.

Consequently, yield for palay in the region reduced by 2.9 percent, from 3.7 Metric Ton per Hectare (MT/Ha) in the 2nd Quarter of 2018 to 3.6 MT/Ha in the same quarter of 2019.

Among the provinces, Biliran recorded the highest yield per hectare at 4.4 MT/Ha during the 2nd quarter of 2019. This figure was lower by 4.6 percent compared with the 4.6 MT/Ha recorded in the same quarter of 2018.

Eastern Samar, meanwhile, posted the lowest yield per hectare during the 2nd quarter of 2019 at 2.0 MT/Ha. It registered the biggest drop in productivity by 13.2 percent from the 2.3 MT/Ha recorded in the same quarter of 2018.