

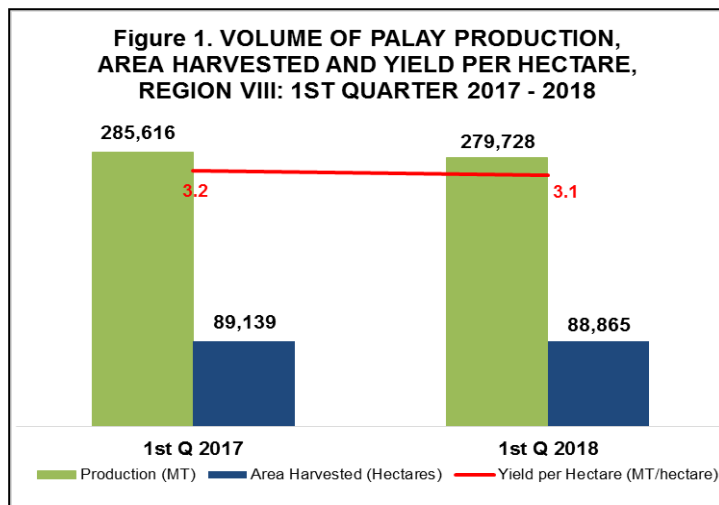
First Quarter Palay Production in EV declines by 2.1 percent

Palay production in Eastern Visayas declined by 2.1 percent from 285,616 metric tons (MT) in the first quarter of 2017 to 279,728 MT in the first quarter of 2018. Decreases were observed among all provinces, except in Northern Samar and Southern Leyte, which posted an increase of 12.1 percent and 4.8 percent, respectively.

Among the provinces, Leyte produced the highest volume of palay at 147,131 MT, which comprised more than half (52.6 percent) of the total palay production in the region. Biliran, meanwhile, had the lowest volume of production (1,938 MT) accounting for only 0.7 percent

The total harvest area for palay in the region likewise decreased by 0.3 percent, from 89,139 hectares in the first quarter of 2017 to 88,865 hectares in the first quarter of 2018. Biliran contributed largely to this decrease posting a drop of 83.9 percent.

Leyte recorded almost two-fifths or 38.8 percent (34,498 hectares) of the total palay area harvested during the quarter in review, while Biliran contributed the least (429 hectares) accounting for only 0.5 percent.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Yield per hectare for palay in the region went down by 3.1 percent, from 3.2 MT per hectare in the first quarter of 2017 to 3.1 MT per hectare in the first quarter of 2018.

Among the provinces, Biliran and Southern Leyte posted the highest yield per hectare during the quarter in review at 4.5 MT per hectare. Eastern Samar registered the lowest yield per hectare at 2.1 MT per hectare.

Table 1. VOLUME OF PALAY PRODUCTION, AREA HARVESTED AND YIELD PER HECTARE BY PROVINCE, REGION VIII: 1ST QUARTER 2017 – 2018

PROVINCE	VOLUME OF PRODUCTION (in metric tons)		PERCENT CHANGE (%)	AREA HARVESTED (in hectares)		PERCENT CHANGE (%)	YIELD PER HECTARE (metric tons/hectare)		PERCENT CHANGE (%)
	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018	2017-2018	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018	2017-2018	1st Quarter 2017	1st Quarter 2018	2017-2018
Region VIII	285,616	279,728	(2.1)	89,139	88,865	(0.3)	3.2	3.1	(3.1)
Biliran	11,883	1,938	(83.7)	2,670	429	(83.9)	4.5	4.5	-
Eastern Samar	20,121	18,947	(5.8)	8,969	9,078	1.2	2.2	2.1	(4.5)
Leyte	147,424	147,131	(0.2)	34,504	34,498	(0.0)	4.3	4.3	-
Northern Samar	41,207	46,174	12.1	17,366	19,173	10.4	2.4	2.4	-
Southern Leyte	12,190	12,778	4.8	2,736	2,840	3.8	4.5	4.5	-
Samar	52,791	52,760	(0.1)	22,894	22,847	(0.2)	2.3	2.3	-

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

