

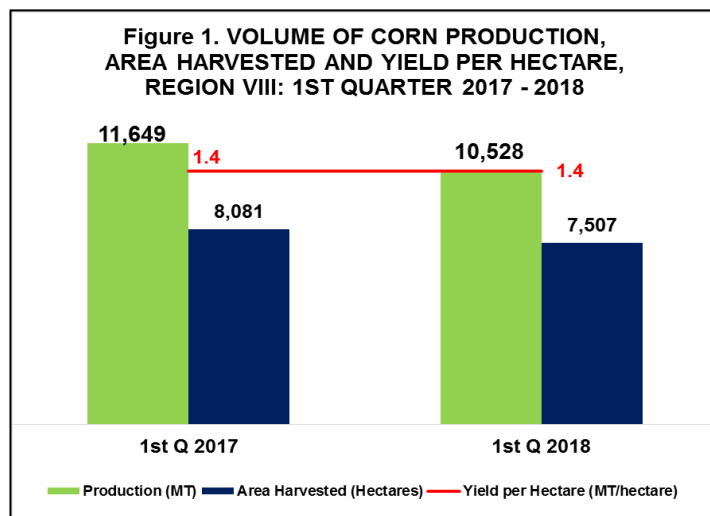
First Quarter Corn Production in EV decreases by 9.6 percent

Corn production in Eastern Visayas decreased by 9.6 percent from 11,649 metric tons (MT) in the first quarter of 2017 to 10,528 MT in the same quarter of 2018. Decreases were observed among all provinces, except in Southern Leyte and Eastern Samar, which posted increases of 7.0 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

Among the provinces, Leyte produced the highest volume of corn at 7,101 MT, which comprised a little over two-thirds (67.4 percent) of the total corn production in the region. Biliran, meanwhile, had the lowest volume of production (118 MT) accounting for only 1.1 percent.

The total harvest area for corn in the region likewise decreased by 7.1 percent, from 8,081 hectares in the first quarter of 2017 to 7,507 hectares in the first quarter of 2018. Contributing largely to this decrease is Northern Samar with a drop of 30.1 percent.

Leyte recorded almost three quarters or 74.3 percent (5,574 hectares) of the total corn area harvested during the quarter in review, while Eastern Samar



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

contributed the least (70 hectares) accounting for only 0.9 percent.

Yield per hectare for corn in the region remained at 1.4 metric tons per hectare.

Among the provinces, Eastern Samar posted the highest yield per hectare during the quarter in review at 2.0 MT per hectare. Biliran registered the lowest yield per hectare at 1.2 MT per hectare.

Table 1. VOLUME OF CORN 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	11,649	10,528	(9.6)	8,081	7,507	(7.1)	1.4	1.4	-
Biliran	121	118	(2.5)	97	96	(1.0)	1.2	1.2	-
Eastern Samar	132	137	3.8	70	70	-	1.9	2.0	5.3
Leyte	7,150	7,101	(0.7)	5,586	5,574	(0.2)	1.3	1.3	-
Northern Samar	3,497	2,444	(30.1)	1,810	1,265	(30.1)	1.9	1.9	-
Southern Leyte	272	291	7.0	178	179	0.6	1.5	1.6	6.7
Samar	477	437	(8.4)	340	323	(5.0)	1.4	1.4	-

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