

**Table 1. Volume of Palay Production, Area Harvested and Yield per Hectare by Province, Region VIII: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2018 and 2017**

Region/Province	Volume of Production			Area Harvested			Yield per hectare		
	(in metric tons)			(in hectares)			(in metric tons)		
	4th Qtr 2018	4th Qtr 2017	% Change 2018/2017	4th Qtr 2018	4th Qtr 2017	% Change 2018/2017	4th Qtr 2018	4th Qtr 2017	% Change 2018/2017
<b>EASTERN VISAYAS</b>	<b>290,871</b>	<b>293,419</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>78,017</b>	<b>78,949</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Biliran	22,471	23,898	(6.0)	5,061	5,259	(3.8)	4.44	4.54	(2.3)
Eastern Samar	17,946	18,593	(3.5)	4,931	5,241	(5.9)	3.64	3.55	2.6
Leyte	151,805	147,915	2.6	37,298	36,387	2.5	4.07	4.07	0.1
Northern Samar	20,000	31,141	(35.8)	6,055	9,562	(36.7)	3.30	3.26	1.4
Samar	48,290	41,267	17.0	17,307	15,043	15.1	2.79	2.74	1.7
Southern Leyte	30,359	30,605	(0.8)	7,365	7,457	(1.2)	4.12	4.10	0.4

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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## PALAY PRODUCTION (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)



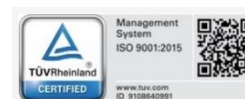
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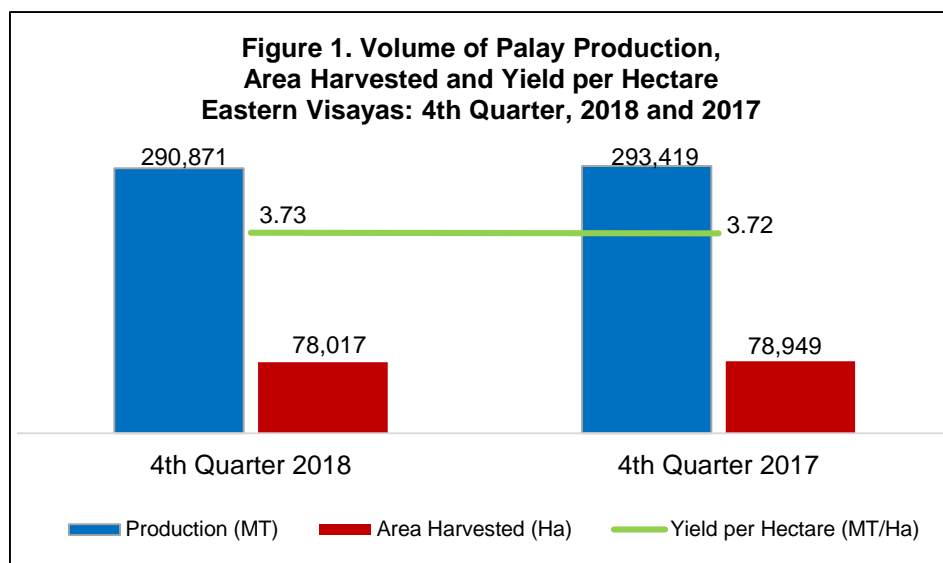
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## 4th Quarter Palay Production in EV declines by 0.9%



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Palay production in Eastern Visayas slightly decreased to 290,871 metric tons (MT) in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018 from 293,419 MT in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017, a decline by 0.9 percent. All provinces registered decreases, except Southern Leyte and Leyte, which posted growths in production at 17.0 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively.

Leyte produced 151,805 MT of palay in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018, which comprised more than half (52.2 percent) of the total palay production in the region and the highest among the provinces. Samar ranked second highest palay producer with 48,290 MT or 16.6 percent share to the total palay production in the region. Southern Leyte followed with 30,359 MT, which accounted for 10.4 percent of the total palay production in the region. Eastern Samar, meanwhile, contributed the least during the quarter in

review at 17,946 MT or 6.2 percent of the total palay production in the region.

The region's total harvest area decreased by 1.2 percent, from 78,949 hectares in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017 to 78,017 hectares in the same quarter of 2018. Samar registered the highest expansion in palay area harvested (15.1 percent) to 17,307 hectares in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018 from 15,043 hectares in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017.

The top three palay producing provinces in the region accounted for the largest percent of palay area harvested. Leyte recorded more than two-fifths or 47.8 percent of the total palay area harvested in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018. Samar shared 22.2 percent, while Southern Leyte accounted for 9.0 percent share to the total palay area harvested in the region.

Yield for palay in the region slightly increased by 0.3 percent from 3.72 MT per hectare in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017 to 3.73 MT per hectare in 2018.

Biliran posted the highest yield per hectare among provinces at 4.44 MT per hectare during the quarter in review. This figure is lower (2.3 percent) than the 4.54 MT per hectare recorded in the same period of 2017. Southern Leyte ranked second highest with yield at 4.12 MT per hectare, higher by 0.4 percent from its yield in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017. Leyte closely followed with a sustained yield of 4.07 MT per hectare.

Meanwhile, Samar registered the lowest yield per hectare at 2.79 MT per hectare, despite registering an increase of 1.7 percent from its 2.74 MT per hectare in the same quarter of 2017.