

Table 1. Volume of Palay Production, Area Harvested and Yield per Hectare by Province, Region VIII: 4th Quarter 2019 and 4th Quarter 2020

Region/Province	Volume of Production (MT)			Area Harvested (ha)			Yield per Hectare (MT/ha)		
	4 th Quarter		Percent Change 2020/2019	4 th Quarter		Percent Change 2020/2019	4 th Quarter		Percent Change 2020/2019
	2019	2020		2019	2020		2019	2020	
REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)	268,382	272,182	1.4	72,797	72,892	0.1	3.69	3.73	1.3
Biliran	18,109	17,746	-2.0	4,144	4,083	-1.5	4.37	4.35	-0.5
Eastern Samar	16,149	16,315	1.0	4,640	4,568	-1.5	3.48	3.57	2.6
Leyte	146,460	148,509	1.4	36,190	35,985	-0.6	4.05	4.13	2.0
Northern Samar	8,016	8,012	0.0	2,575	2,572	-0.1	3.11	3.12	0.1
Samar	52,555	54,859	4.4	18,574	19,172	3.2	2.83	2.86	1.1
Southern Leyte	27,093	26,742	-1.3	6,674	6,512	-2.4	4.06	4.11	1.2

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



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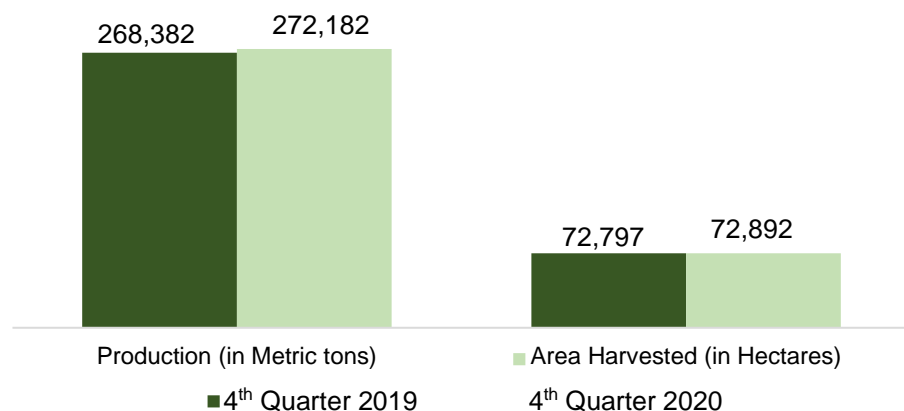
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PALAY PRODUCTION INCHES UP BY 1.4 PERCENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2020

Volume of Palay Production and Area Harvested of Palay in Eastern Visayas: 4th Quarter 2019 and 4th Quarter 2020



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Palay production in Eastern Visayas slightly increased by 1.4 percent, from 268,382 metric tons (MT) in the 4th quarter of 2019 to 272,182 MT in the same quarter of 2020. This is attributed to the minimal or 0.1 percent change in the total area harvested for palay from 72,797 hectares (Ha) in the 4th quarter of 2019 to 72,892 Ha in the same quarter of 2020. Likewise, the minimal increase in the production was due to the increase in the production in Samar by 3.2 percent during the reference period.

The Province of Leyte contributed the biggest share in palay production in Eastern Visayas at 148,509 MT during the 4th quarter of 2020 (Table 1). It comprised more than half or 54.6 percent of the total palay production in the region. Samar came next with 54,859 MT production, accounting for 20.2 percent of the region's total palay production. Southern Leyte followed with 26,742 MT production contributing 9.8 percent share to the total production. Biliran and Eastern Samar shared 6.5 percent

(17,746 MT) and 6.0 percent (16,315 MT), respectively. Meanwhile, Northern Samar had the least contribution at 2.9 percent (8,012 MT) of the total palay production in the region.

All provinces except Samar registered decreases in area harvested for palay. Southern Leyte posted the biggest drop by 2.4 percent from 6,674 Ha in the 4th quarter of 2019 to 6,512 Ha in the same quarter in 2020. While area harvested for palay in Eastern Samar, Biliran, Leyte and Northern Samar declined by 1.6 percent, 1.5 percent, 0.6 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively.

On the other hand, the total area harvested for palay in Samar rose to 19,172 Ha in the 4th quarter of 2020 from 18,574 Ha registered in the same quarter of 2019, an increase by 3.2 percent.

Among the provinces, Biliran recorded the highest yield per hectare at 4.35 MT/Ha during the 4th quarter of 2020. This figure was 0.5 percent lower compared with the 4.37 MT yield per hectare recorded in the same quarter of 2019. Leyte followed at 4.13 MT yield per hectare, 2.0 percent higher than its 4.05 MT yield per hectare recorded in the 4th quarter of 2019. Southern Leyte ranked third with 4.11 MT yield per hectare, 1.2 percent higher compared with its figure in the same quarter of 2019. Eastern Samar ranked fourth with 3.57 MT yield per hectare, from 3.48 MT yield per hectare recorded in the same quarter of 2019, an increase by 2.6 percent.

Northern Samar registered a 3.12 MT yield per hectare in the 4th quarter of 2020. This is a slight improvement from its level of 3.11 MT yield per hectare in the same quarter in 2019.

Samar posted the lowest yield per hectare at 2.86 MT/ha during the 4th quarter of 2020. This is slightly higher by 1.1 percent compared with the 2.83 MT/ha recorded in the same quarter of 2019.