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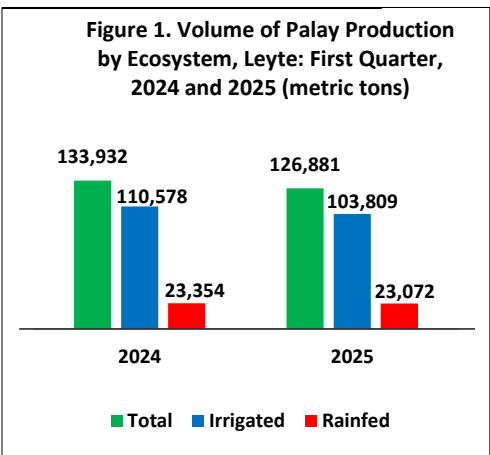
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## Palay Production in Leyte declines by 5.26 percent in First Quarter of 2025

Leyte is considered as the major producer of palay in Eastern Visayas. It accounted for about 52.75 percent of the region's production of 240,530 metric tons in the first quarter of 2025.

The volume of palay production in Leyte decreased by 5.26 percent, from 133,932 metric tons during the first quarter of 2024 to 126,881 metric tons in the first quarter of 2025. This translates to a decrease of 7,051 metric tons of palay during the reference period.

By ecosystem, palay production from irrigated farms went down by 6.12 percent, from 110,578 metric tons in the first quarter of 2024 to 103,809 metric tons in the same period of 2025.



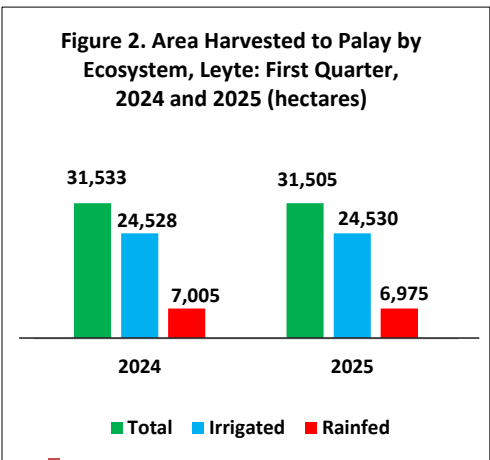
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Likewise, the volume of production of palay from rainfed farms dwindled by 1.21 percent posting at 23,072 metric tons in the first quarter of 2025 from 23,354 metric tons in same period of 2024. No record of production was reported for upland ecosystem during the first quarter in both years.

## Area harvested to Palay dwindles by 0.09 percent in the First Quarter of 2025


During the first quarter of 2025, area harvested to palay in Leyte slightly decreased by 0.09 percent posting at 31,505 hectares from 31,533 hectares in same period of 2024. This was attributed to the decrease in area harvested in rainfed ecosystem.

Moreover, area harvested to palay in rainfed farms went down by 0.43 percent, from 7,005 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 6,975 hectares in the same period of 2025. However, a slight increase in area harvested to palay was noted in irrigated farms. It went up by 0.01 percent, from 24,528 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 24,530 hectares during the quarter in review. Irrigated farms comprised 77.86 percent of the total area harvested to palay while rainfed accounted only 22.14 percent.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Area harvested to palay in Leyte accounted 44.52 percent to the total area harvested to palay in Eastern Visayas during the first quarter of 2025.

  
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