

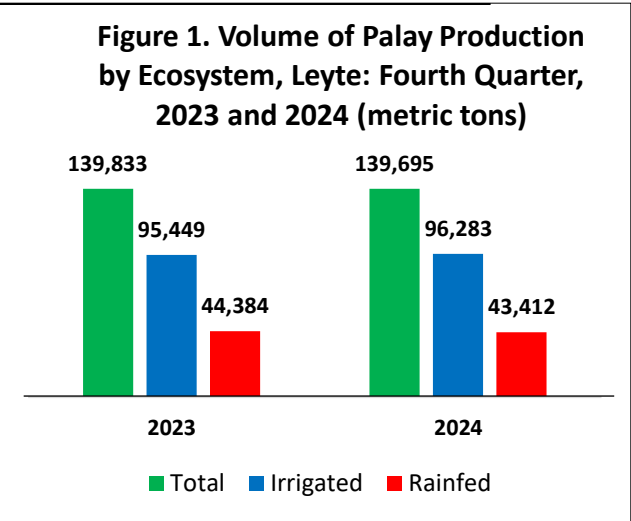
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## Palay Production in Leyte declines by 0.10 percent in Fourth Quarter of 2024

Leyte is considered as the major producer of palay in Eastern Visayas. It accounted for about 57.88 percent of the region’s production of 241,344 metric tons in the fourth quarter of 2024.

The volume of palay production in Leyte slightly decreased by 0.10 percent, from 139,833 metric tons during the fourth quarter of 2023 to 139,695 metric tons in the fourth quarter of 2024. This translates to a decrease of 138 metric tons of palay during the reference period.

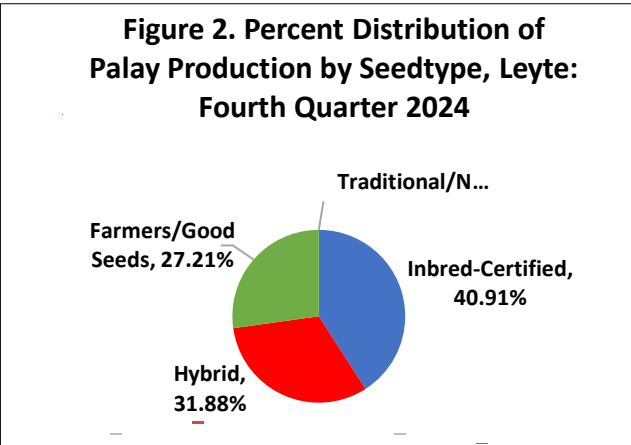


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

By ecosystem, palay production from irrigated farms went up by 0.87 percent, from 95,449 metric tons in the fourth quarter of 2023 to 96,283 metric tons in the same period of 2024.

However, the volume of production of palay from rainfed farms dwindled by 2.19 percent posting at 43,412 metric tons in the fourth quarter of 2024 from 44,384 metric tons in same period of 2023. No record of production was reported for upland ecosystem during the fourth quarter in both years.

Of the 139,695 metric tons of palay production in Leyte during the fourth quarter of 2024, about 40.91 percent or 57,149 metric tons were produced using Inbred-Certified type of seeds. This is higher than the reported 39.68 percent of palay production under this seed type during the fourth quarter of 2023.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Production of palay using Hybrid type of seeds totaled to 44,539 metric tons or 31.88 percent of the total palay production. In the same period of 2023, production for this seed type comprised to 34.33 percent of the total palay production in Leyte.

Meanwhile, 27.21 percent or 38,007 metric tons of palay production in the province utilized Farmers/Good seeds. During the fourth quarter of 2023, palay production for this type of seed accounted 25.99 percent of the total palay production in the province.

  
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