



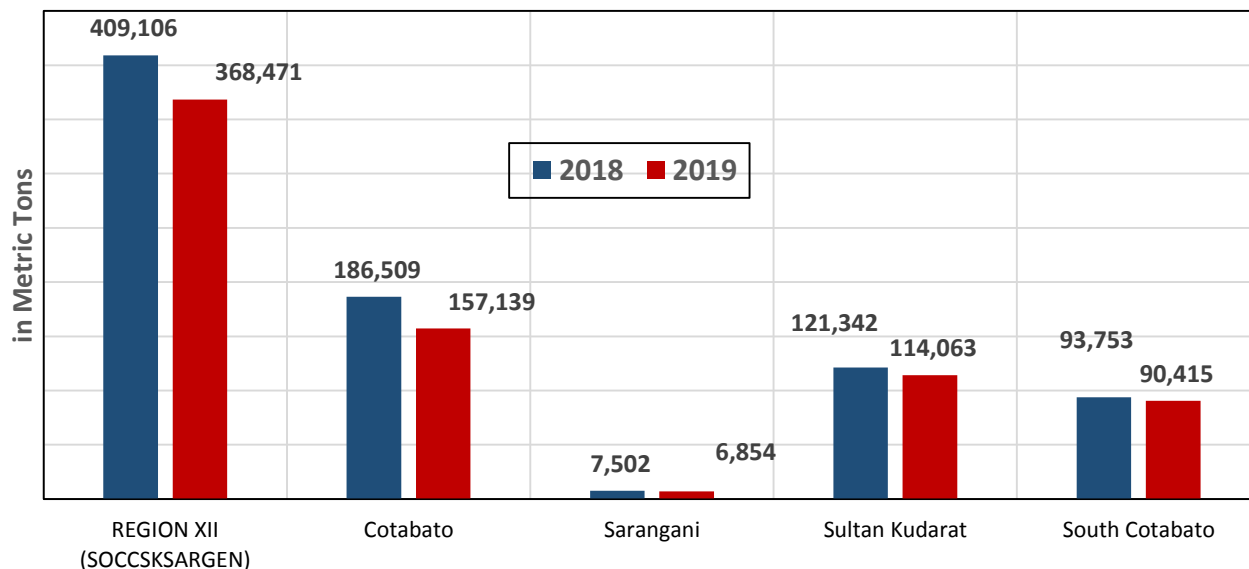
# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Palay Production in SOCCSKSARGEN Drops By 11.0% in the First Quarter of 2019

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Figure 1. Palay Production By Province, SOCCSKSARGEN Region:  
First Quarter, 2018 and 2019

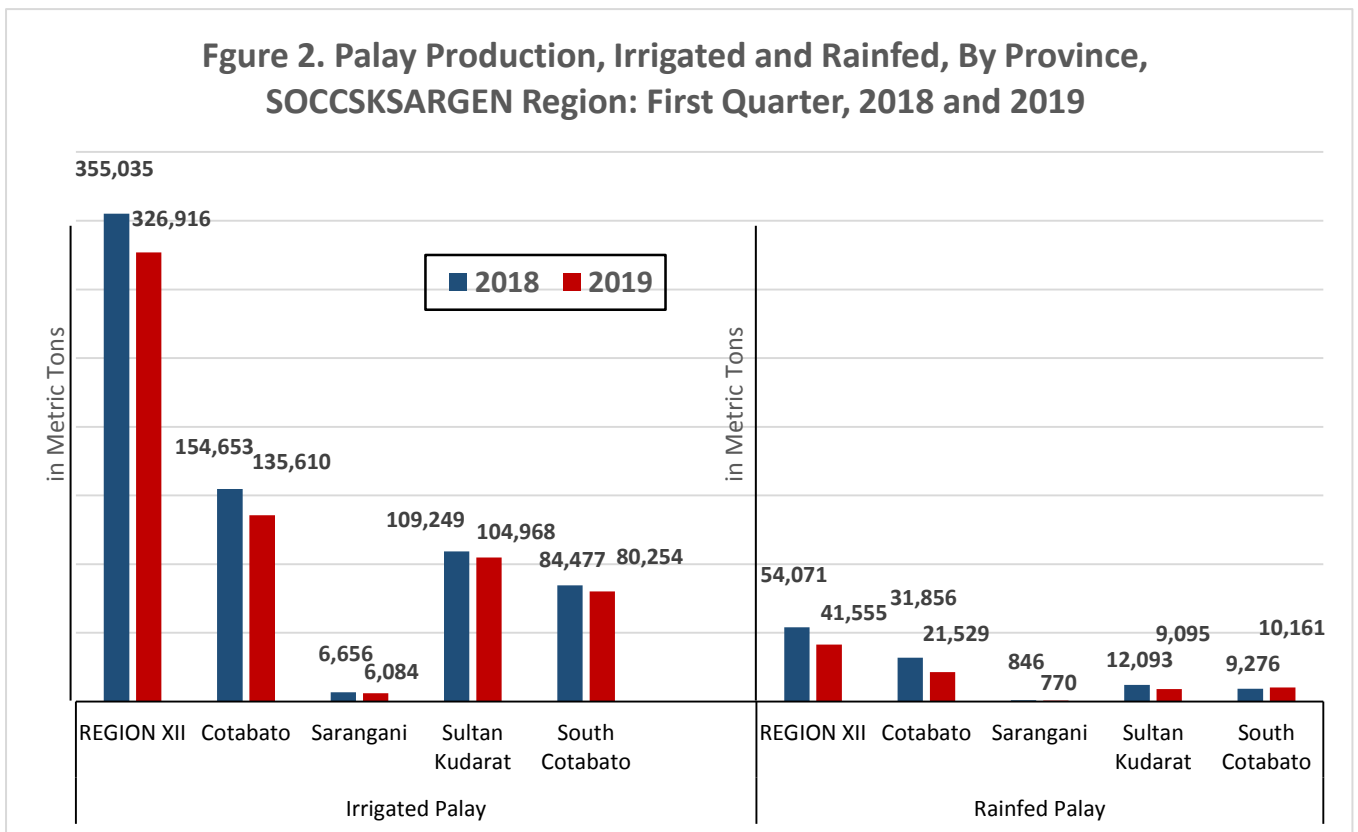


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Region XII has produced a total of 368,471 metric tons of palay in the first quarter of 2019, a 9.9 percent reduction from the same quarter in 2018 due to dry spell. Cotabato Province remained to be the biggest producer of palay in SOCCSKSARGEN Region. During the quarter under review, Cotabato Province accounted for 42.6 percent of the total palay production at 157,139 metric tons; a decrease of 15.8 percent from the first quarter of 2018. Sultan Kudarat shared 31.0 percent at 114,053 metric tons followed by South Cotabato at 24.5 percent with 90,415 metric tons. Sarangani contributed 1.9 percent or about 6,854 metric tons to the region's total palay harvest on the said quarter.



**Figure 2. Palay Production, Irrigated and Rainfed, By Province, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: First Quarter, 2018 and 2019**

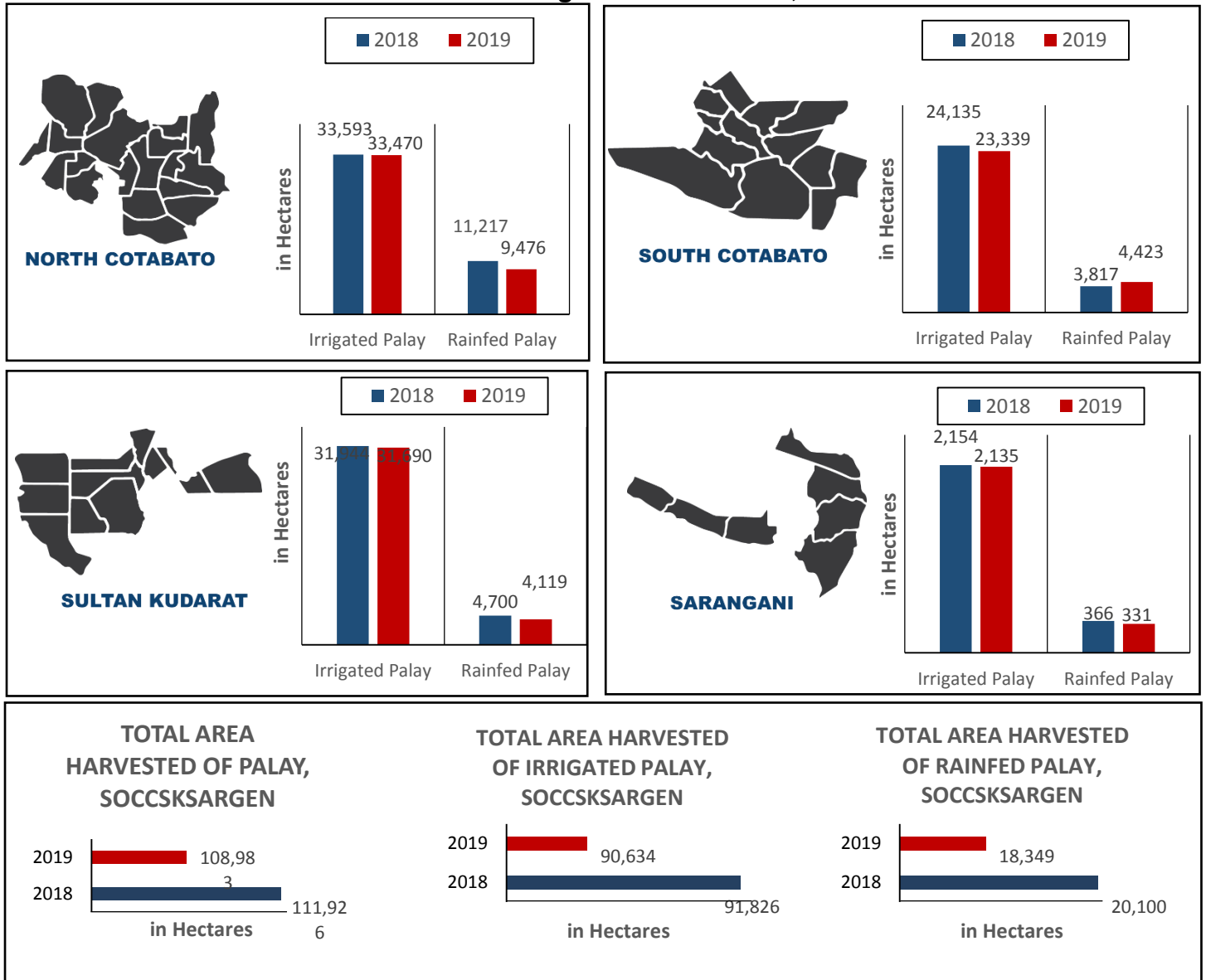


Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Production of irrigated palay accounted for 88.7 percent of the total regional palay harvest in the first quarter of 2019. Production from irrigated palay on the said quarter totalled to 326,916 metric tons, a decrease of 28,119 metric tons as compared to the same period in 2018. Cotabato Province shared 41.5 percent of the total palay production for irrigated paddies in the region followed by Sultan Kudarat at 32.1 percent.

Palay production from rainfed paddies accounted for 11.3 percent of the total palay produced in the first quarter of 2019. Production in the region went down by 23.2 percent from 54,071 metric tons in the first quarter of 2018. Cotabato Province is the top producer of rainfed palay. Cotabato Province accounted for half (51.8%) of the production for rainfed palay at 21,529 metric tons during the period under review.

**Figure 3. Area Harvested of Palay, Irrigated and Rainfed, By Province, SOCCSKSARGEN Region: First Quarter, 2018-2019**



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Area harvested of palay in the region during the quarter under review totalled to 108,983, about 2.6 percent lower compared to the same quarter last year. Area harvested of irrigated palay totalled to 90,634 in the first quarter of 2019, about 83.2 percent of the region's total area harvested of palay. It was lower by 1,192 hectares compared to the same period in 2018. Cotabato Province and Sultan Kudarat had the largest area harvested



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of irrigated palay at 33,470 hectares and 31,690 hectares, respectively. Both provinces constituted 36.9 percent and 35.0 percent, respectively, of the total area harvested of irrigated palay in the region during the quarter.

Area harvested of rainfed palay constituted 16.8 percent of the region's total area harvested of palay in the first quarter of 2019. It decreased by 8.7 percent during the quarter under review. Cotabato Province remained to have the largest area harvested of rainfed palay. In the first quarter of 2019, this area totalled to 9,476 hectares but due to dry spell during the quarter it went down by 15.5 percent.

### **Technical Notes**

Production refers to the quantity produced and actually harvested for a particular crop during the reference period. For palay and corn, harvest area refers to the actual area harvested/to be harvested during the reference quarter. Estimates and forecasts of production and harvest area of palay and corn are generated from the Quarterly Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) of which there are four survey rounds in a year, that is, January, April, July and October.

The PCPS consists of two (2) surveys, namely: Palay Production Survey (PCS) and the Corn Production Survey (CPS), which are conducted quarterly by the Philippine Statistics Authority to generate: 1) Production estimates of the previous quarter for each survey round; 2) Forecast one quarter ahead based on the standing crop; and 3) Forecast two quarters ahead based on planting intentions for policy formulation and program implementation on rice and corn.

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