

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Cereals Situation in Sultan Kudarat Province, 4th Quarter 2024

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### PALAY PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED

The production of palay in Sultan Kudarat Province for the Fourth Quarter of 2024 experienced a decrease compared to the same period in 2023. Total production reached 111,313 metric tons, reflecting a 5.24 percent decline from the 117,464 metric tons recorded in the Fourth Quarter of 2023.

Similarly, the total area harvested also dropped by 3.58 percent, from 31,989 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 30,844 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024, as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1. PALAY: PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED**  
Sultan Kudarat Province, 4th Quarter 2023 and 4th Quarter 2024

PALAY	4th Quarter 2023	4th Quarter 2024	Growth rate
<b>Production (mt)</b>	<b>117,464</b>	<b>111,313</b>	<b>(5.24)</b>
<i>Irrigated</i>	97,917	92,404	(5.63)
<i>Rainfed</i>	19,478	18,746	(3.76)
<i>Upland</i>	69	163	136.23
<b>Area Harvested (ha)</b>	<b>31,989</b>	<b>30,844</b>	<b>(3.58)</b>
<i>Irrigated</i>	25,546	24,381	(4.56)
<i>Rainfed</i>	6,383	6,333	(0.78)
<i>Upland</i>	60	130	116.67

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) ([openstat.psa.gov.ph](http://openstat.psa.gov.ph))

### Production

- Refers to quantity produced and actual harvest of a particular crop during the reference period.
- It includes those harvested but damaged, stolen, given away, consumed, given as harvesters' and threshers' shares, reserved, etc.
- Excluded are those produced but not harvested due to low price, lack of demand and force majeure or fortuitous events, etc.

### Area Harvested

- The actual area from which harvests are realized.
- This excludes crop area totally damaged.
- It may be smaller than area planted.



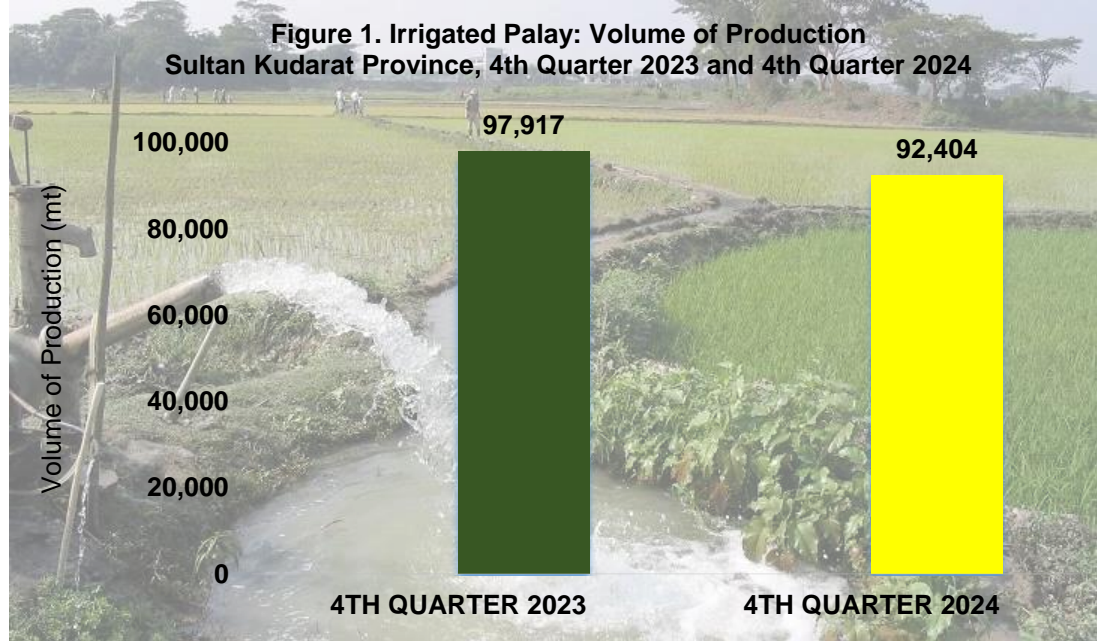


## Irrigated Palay

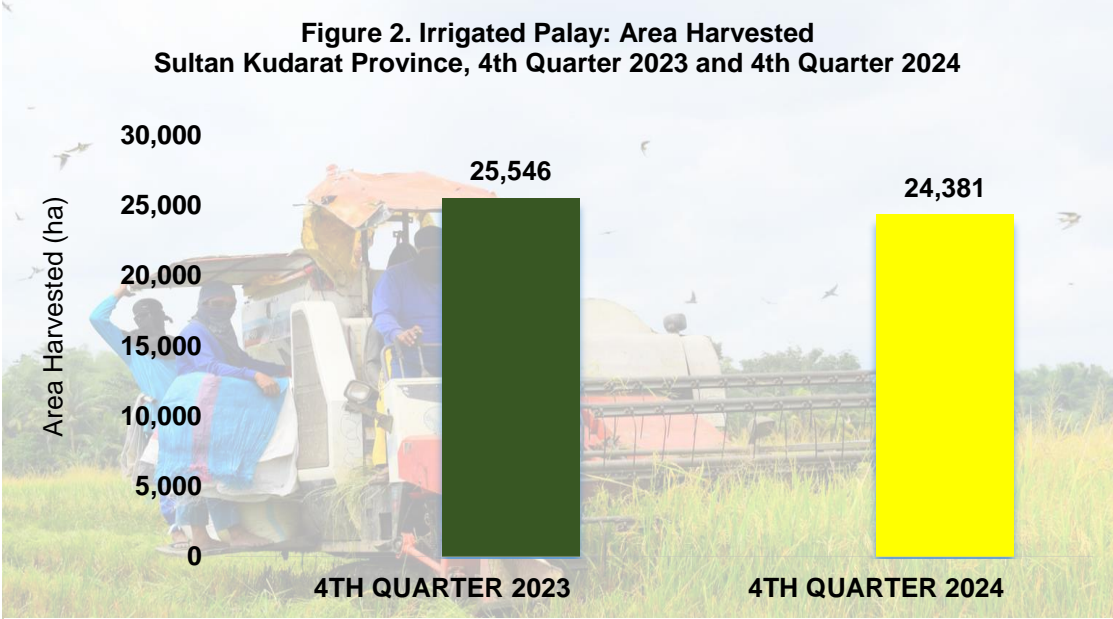
- Palay which needs standing water for its normal growth.
- It is one that requires irrigation water made available through artificial means (gravity, force, power pumps, etc.).
- It is not confined to lowlands but also to higher places where paddies are built for planting palay.

The production of irrigated palay in the province for the Fourth Quarter of 2024 decreased by 5.63 percent, or 92,404 metric tons, compared to 97,917 metric tons in the same period in 2023 (Figure 1).

Likewise, the area harvested for irrigated palay declined by 4.56 percent, from 25,546 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 24,381 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024 (Figure 2).



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) (openstat.psa.gov.ph)



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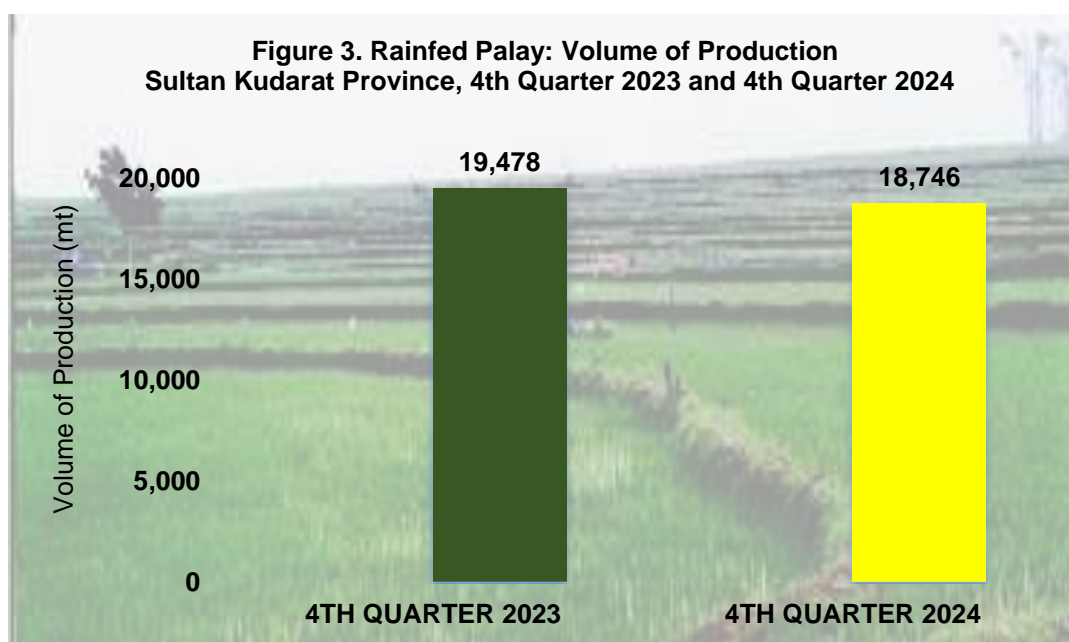


## Rainfed Palay

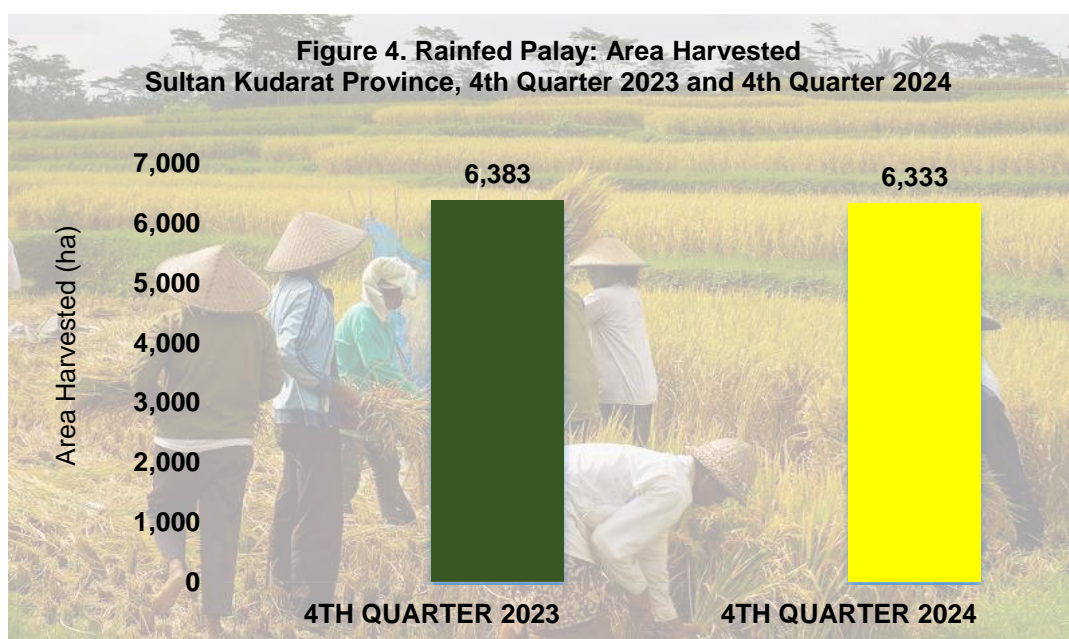
- Palay grown on this ecosystem has dikes that retain water and is solely dependent upon rainfall for its water supply.

Rainfed palay production in the province declined during the Fourth Quarter of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. Production decreased by 3.76 percent, from 19,478 metric tons to 18,746 metric tons (Figure 3).

As shown in Figure 4, this decline was accompanied by a slight reduction in the harvested area, which dropped from 6,383 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 6,333 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024.



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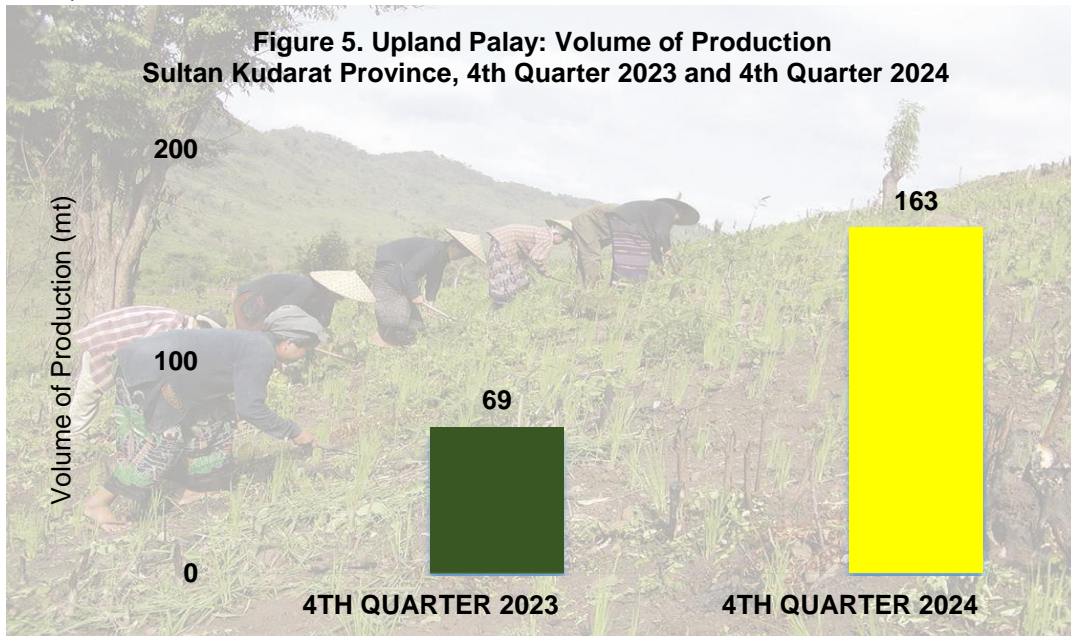


## Upland Palay

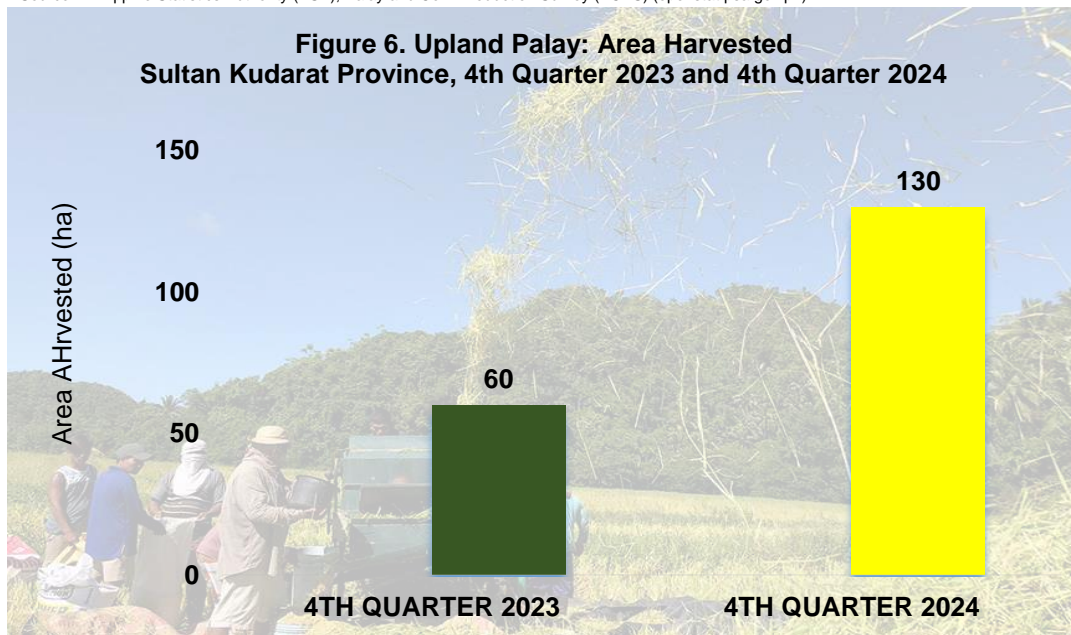
- Upland palay does not require standing water for its normal growth and is usually grown on soil usually dry on the surface.
- It also depends only on rainfall. Both are not necessarily confined to lowlands but also to higher places or hillsides.

The total upland palay production reached 163 metric tons in the Fourth Quarter of 2024, marking a significant increase of 136.23 percent from 69 metric tons in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 (Figure 5).

This growth was accompanied by an expansion in the harvested area, from 60 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 130 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024 (Figure 6).



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## CORN PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED

The total volume of corn production in Sultan Kudarat Province for the Fourth Quarter of 2024 was 85,746 metric tons, a 2.49 percent decrease compared to the 87,933 metric tons reported in the Fourth Quarter of 2023.

Similarly, the total harvested area declined from 28,438 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 28,233 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024, reflecting a 0.72 percent decrease, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. CORN: PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED**  
Sultan Kudarat Province, 4th Quarter 2023 and 4th Quarter 2024

CORN	4th Quarter 2023	4th Quarter 2024	Growth rate
<b>Production (mt)</b>	<b>87,933</b>	<b>85,746</b>	<b>(2.49)</b>
<i>White</i>	16,295	15,767	(3.24)
<i>Yellow</i>	71,638	69,979	(2.32)
<b>Area Harvested (ha)</b>	<b>28,438</b>	<b>28,233</b>	<b>(0.72)</b>
<i>White</i>	6,597	6,767	2.58
<i>Yellow</i>	21,841	21,466	(1.72)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Palay and Corn Production Survey (PCPS) (openstat.psa.gov.ph)

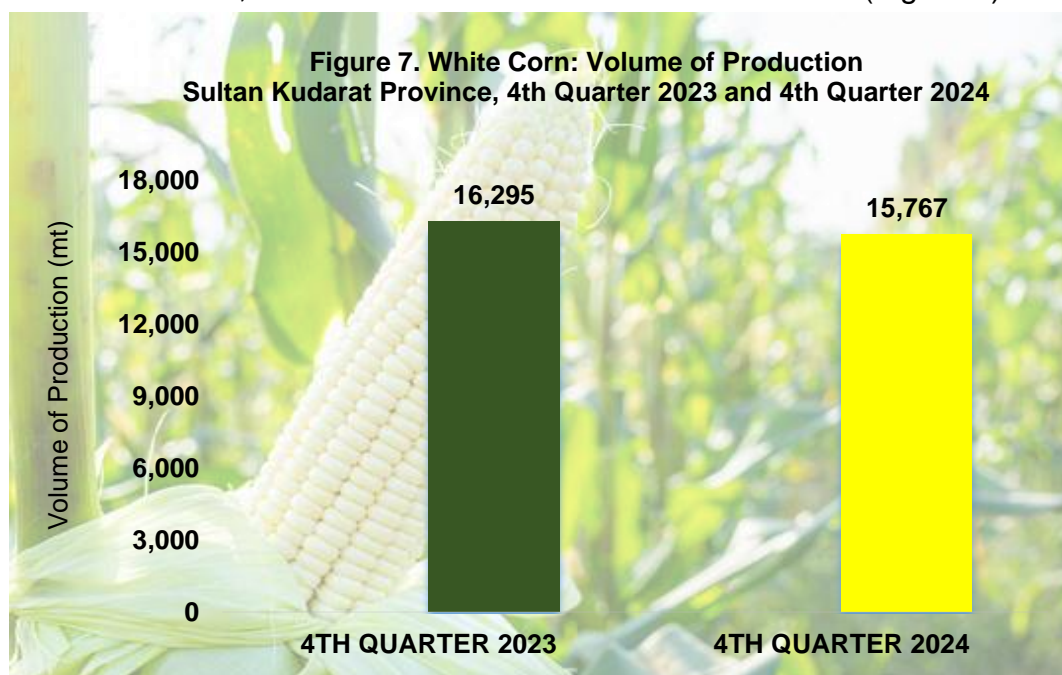


### White Corn

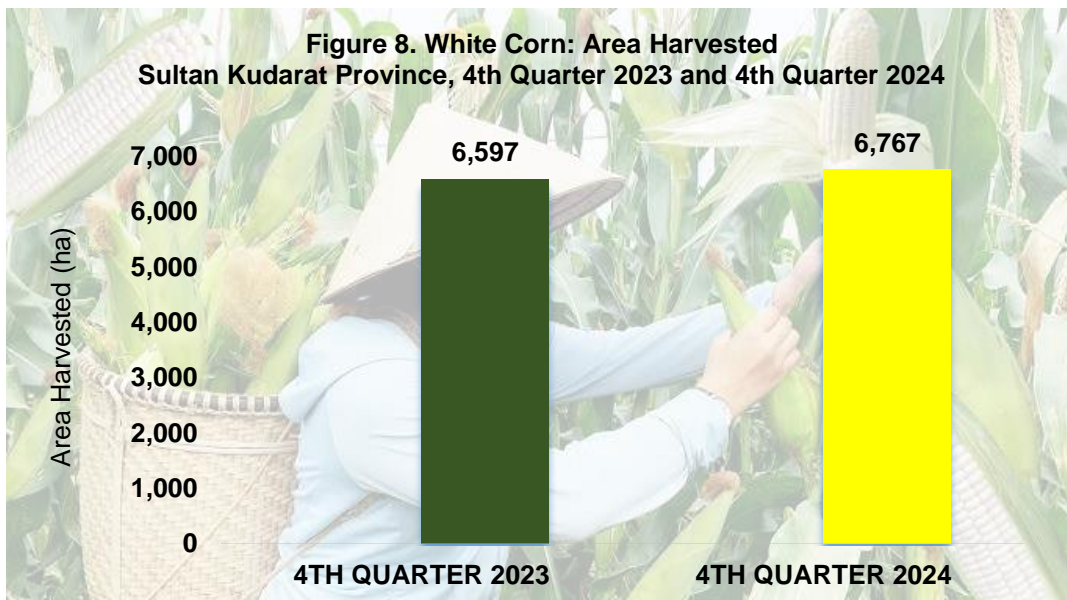
- Corn kernels of white color with no more than two percent (2%) of other colors.

White corn production decreased by 3.24 percent, from 16,295 metric tons in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 15,767 metric tons in the same period of 2024 (Figure 7).

Meanwhile, the harvested area showed an increase from 6,597 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 6,767 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024 (Figure 8).



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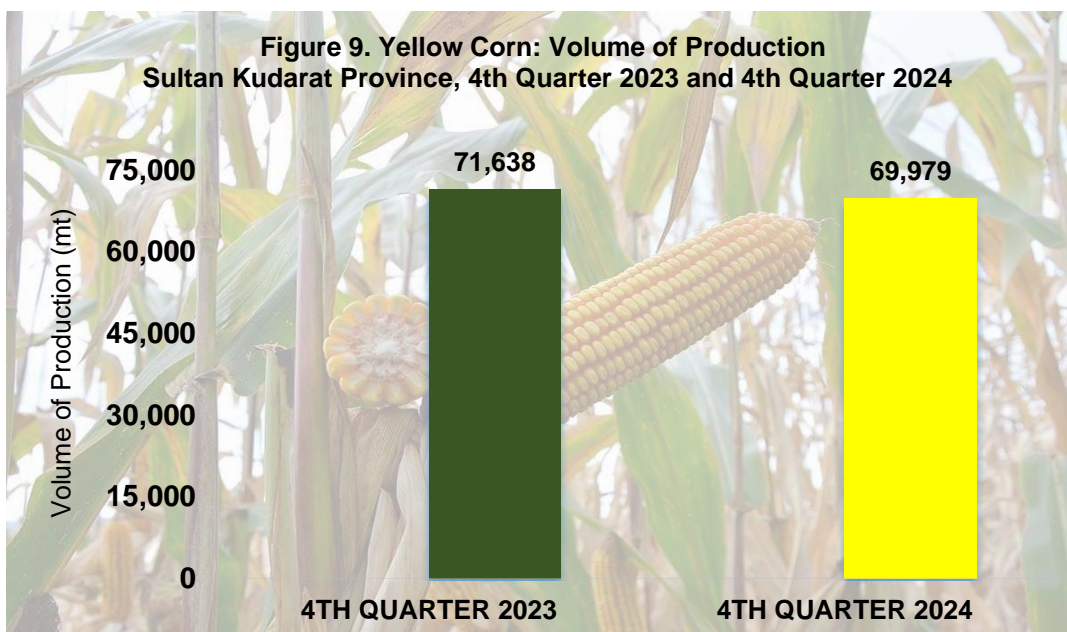


### Yellow Corn

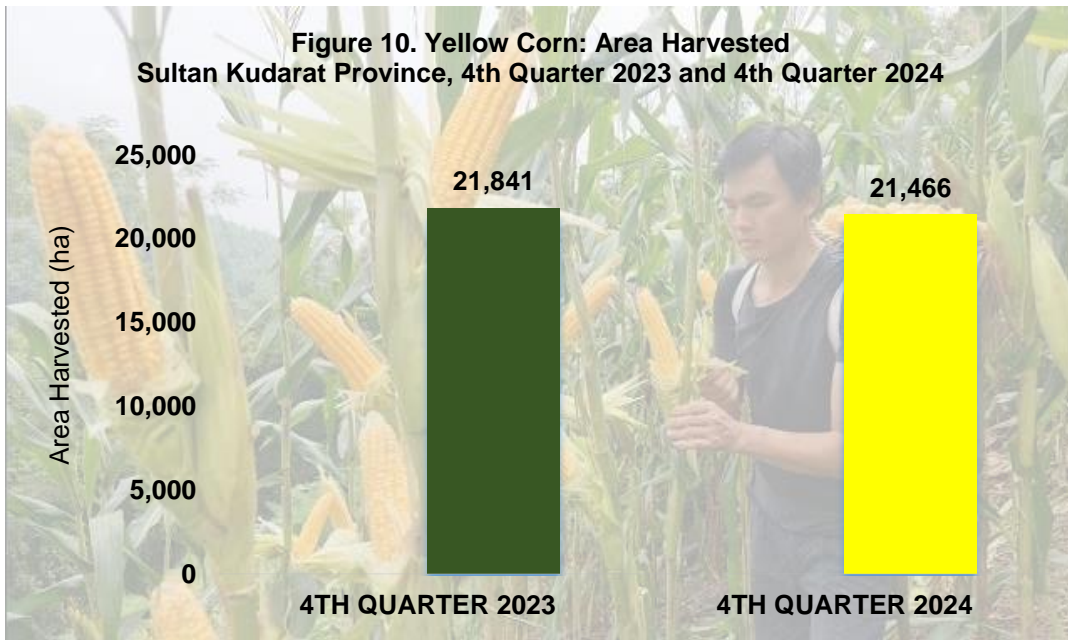
- Yellow corn kernels with not more than two percent (2%) of other colors.
- A slight tinge of other colors, other than yellow, shall not affect their qualification as yellow corn.

Yellow corn production decreased by 2.32 percent, from 71,638 metric tons in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 69,979 metric tons in the Fourth Quarter of 2024 (Figure 9).

Similarly, the harvested area declined by 1.72 percent, from 21,841 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2023 to 21,466 hectares in the Fourth Quarter of 2024, as shown in Figure 10.



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