

# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Cereals Situation in Sultan Kudarat Province 1st Quarter 2025

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### PALAY PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED

The production of palay in Sultan Kudarat Province for the first quarter of 2025 increased to 129,479 metric tons reflecting a growth of 5.29 percent compared to the same period in 2024.

Similarly, the total area harvested grew by 2.38 percent, from 37,943 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 38,846 hectares in the first quarter of 2025, as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1. VOLUME OF PALAY PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED,  
Sultan Kudarat Province: 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025**

| PALAY                      | 1st Quarter<br>2024 | 1st Quarter<br>2025 | Growth rate  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Production (mt)</b>     | <b>122,978</b>      | <b>129,479</b>      | <b>5.29</b>  |
| <i>Irrigated</i>           | <i>112,448</i>      | <i>117,240</i>      | <i>4.26</i>  |
| <i>Rainfed</i>             | <i>10,530</i>       | <i>12,239</i>       | <i>16.23</i> |
| <b>Area Harvested (ha)</b> | <b>37,943</b>       | <b>38,846</b>       | <b>2.38</b>  |
| <i>Irrigated</i>           | <i>32,976</i>       | <i>33,593</i>       | <i>1.87</i>  |
| <i>Rainfed</i>             | <i>4,967</i>        | <i>5,253</i>        | <i>5.76</i>  |

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.



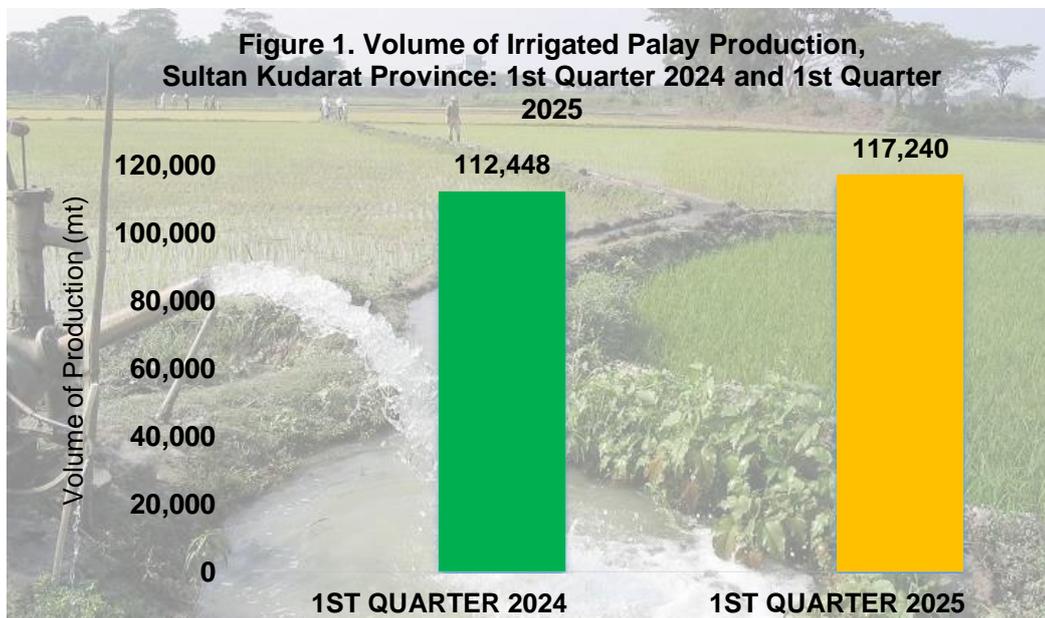


## Irrigated Palay

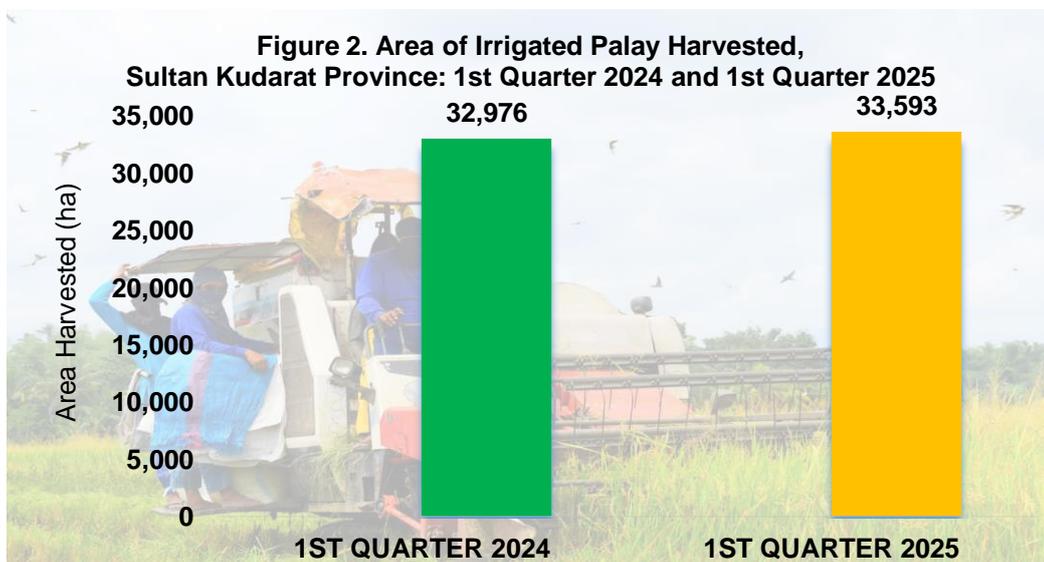
- Palay which needs standing water for its normal growth.
- It is one that requires irrigation water made available through artificial means (gravity, force, power pumps, etc.).
- It is not confined to lowlands but also to higher places where paddies are built for planting palay.

The production of irrigated palay in the province for the first quarter of 2025 increased by 4.26 percent, or 117,240 metric tons, compared to 112,448 metric tons in the same period in 2024 (Figure 1).

Furthermore, the area harvested for irrigated palay grew by 1.87 percent, from 32,976 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 33,593 hectares in the first quarter of 2025 (Figure 2).



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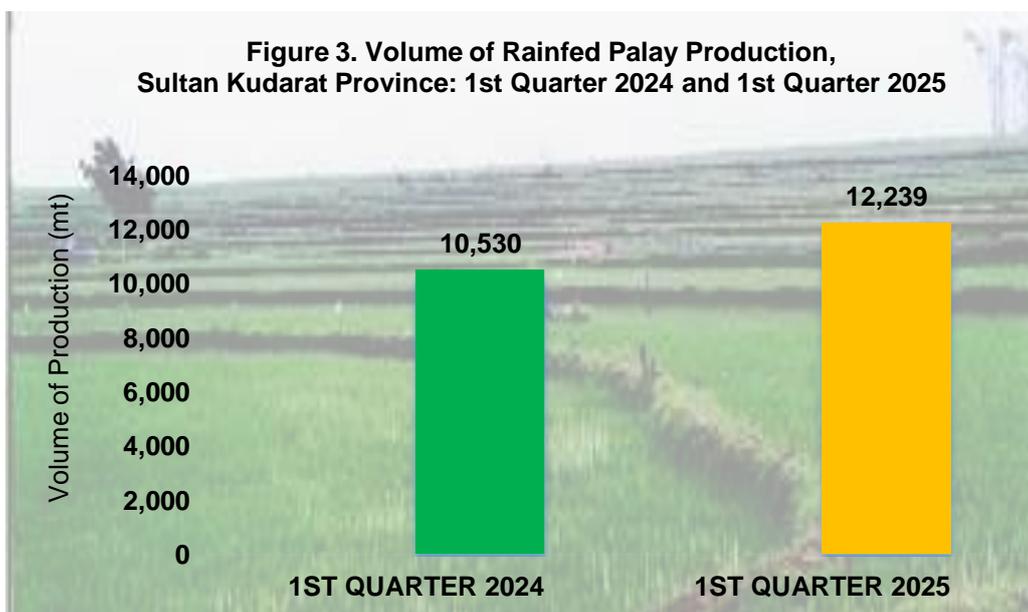


## Rainfed Palay

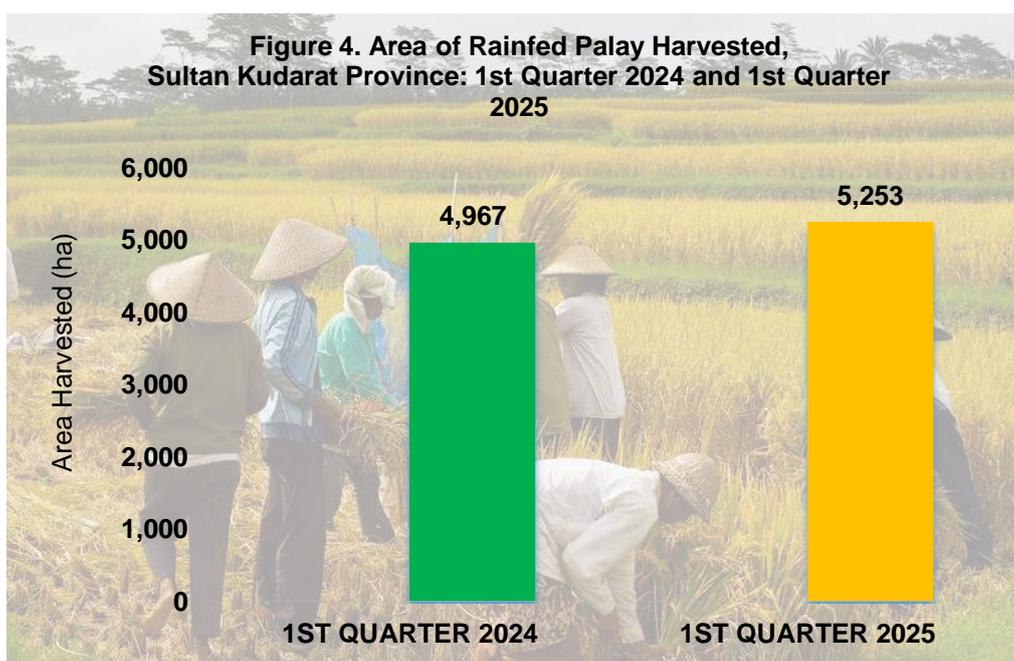
- Palay grown on this ecosystem has dikes that retain water and is solely dependent upon rainfall for its water supply.

Rainfed palay production in the province increased during the first quarter of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. The production increased by 16.23 percent, from 10,530 metric tons to 12,239 metric tons (Figure 3).

Similarly, the area harvested for rainfed palay grew by 5.76 percent, from 4,967 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 5,253 hectares in the first quarter of 2025 (Figure 4).



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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.

During the reference quarter, there was no reported harvesting of upland palay.

## CORN PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED

The total volume of corn production in Sultan Kudarat Province for the first quarter of 2025 was 55,268 metric tons, a 25.41 percent increase compared to the 44,070 metric tons reported in the first quarter of 2024.

Correspondingly, the total harvested area increased from 22,861 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 24,489 hectares in the first quarter of 2025, reflecting a 7.12 percent increase, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. VOLUME OF CORN PRODUCTION AND AREA HARVESTED, Sultan Kudarat Province: 1st Quarter 2024 and 1st Quarter 2025**

| CORN                       | 1st Quarter 2024 | 1st Quarter 2025 | Growth rate  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Production (mt)</b>     | <b>44,070</b>    | <b>55,268</b>    | <b>25.41</b> |
| <i>White</i>               | 11,051           | 14,925           | 35.06        |
| <i>Yellow</i>              | 33,019           | 40,343           | 22.18        |
| <b>Area Harvested (ha)</b> | <b>22,861</b>    | <b>24,489</b>    | <b>7.12</b>  |
| <i>White</i>               | 8,186            | 8,480            | 3.59         |
| <i>Yellow</i>              | 14,675           | 16,009           | 9.09         |

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

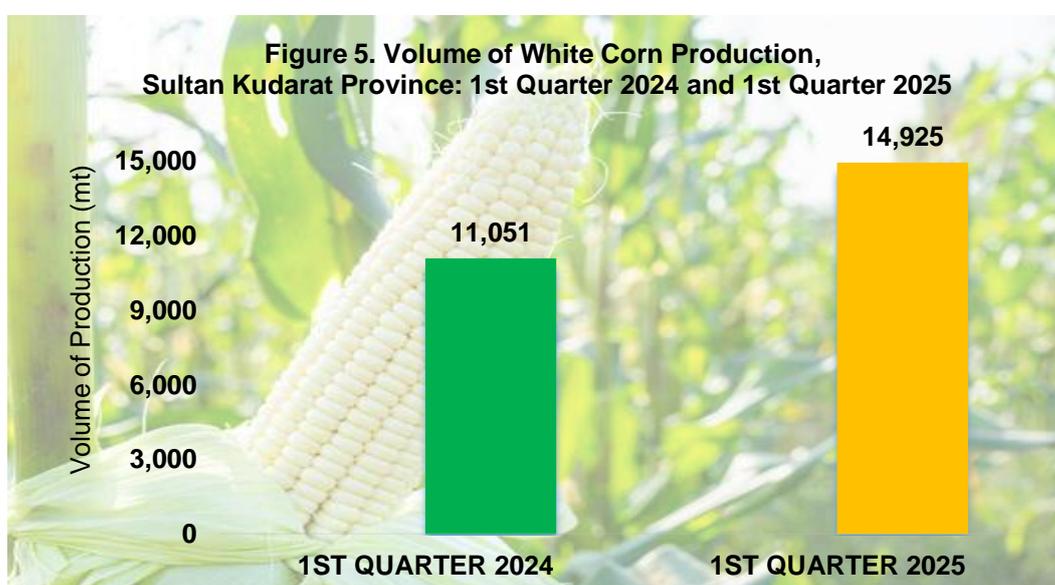


### White Corn

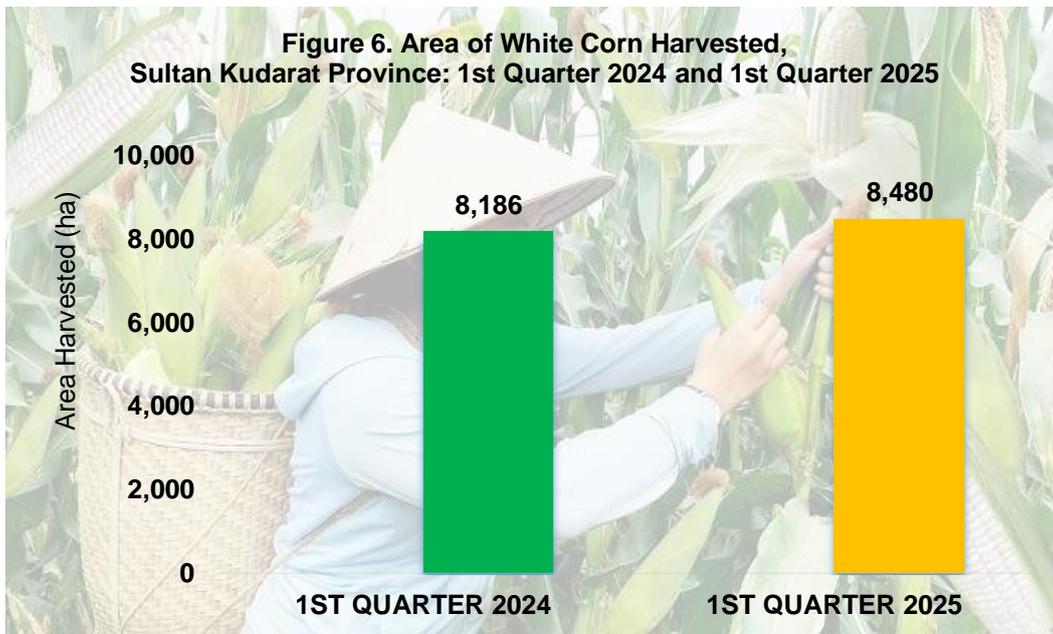
- Corn kernels of white color with no more than two percent (2%) of other colors.

White corn production increased by 35.06 percent, from 11,051 metric tons in the first quarter of 2024 to 14,925 metric tons in the same period of 2025 (Figure 5).

Similarly, the harvested area also showed an increase from 8,186 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 8,480 hectares in the first quarter of 2025 (Figure 6).



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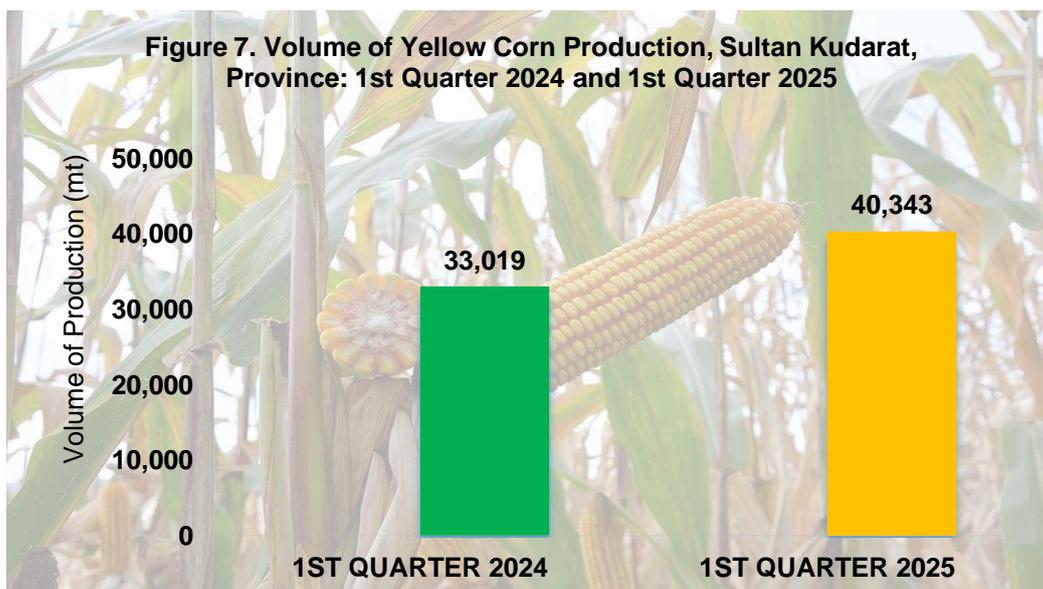


## Yellow Corn

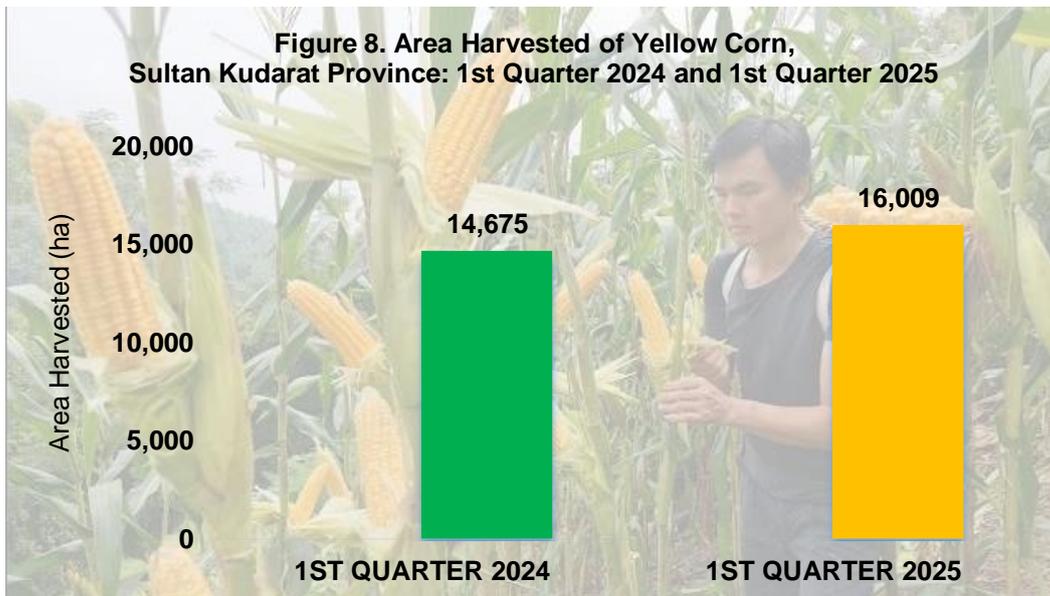
- Yellow corn kernels with not more than two percent (2%) of other colors.
- A slight tinge of other colors, other than yellow, shall not affect their qualification as yellow corn.

Yellow corn production increased by 22.18 percent, from 33,019 metric tons in the first quarter of 2024 to 40,343 metric tons in the first quarter of 2025 (Figure 7).

Similarly, the harvested area grew by 9.09 percent, from 14,675 hectares in the first quarter of 2024 to 16,009 hectares in the first quarter of 2025, as shown in Figure 8.



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