

## SPECIAL RELEASE

### Palay and Corn Situation in SOCCSKSARGEN Region July-September 2019

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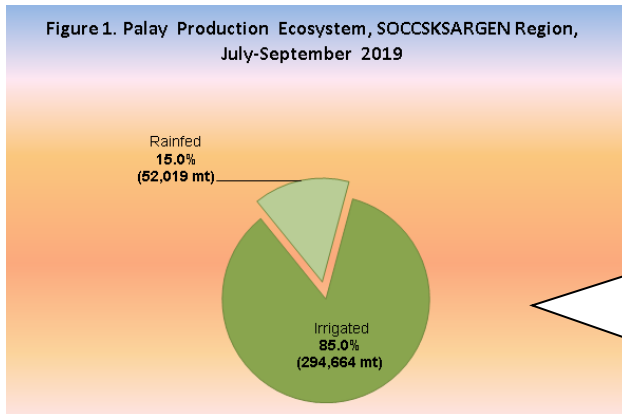


The total palay production during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 in SOCCSKSARGEN Region was estimated at 346,683 metric tons. Cotabato Province was the top producer of palay in the region with 130,935 metric tons and is equivalent to 37.8 percent to the region's total palay production. Sultan Kudarat was next at 116,322 metric tons or 33.6 percent; South Cotabato contributed 85,540 metric tons or 24.7 percent; and Sarangani shared 4.0 percent at 13,886 metric tons as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Volume of Palay Production: SOCCSKSARGEN Region, July to September 2018 and 2019 (in metric tons)

REGION/PROVINCE	2018 3rd Quarter	2019 3rd Quarter	Percent (%) Change
<b>SOCCSKSARGEN</b>	456,096.70	346,683.00	(23.99)
<b>Cotabato</b>	156,986.00	130,935.00	(16.59)
<b>Sarangani</b>	13,927.70	13,886.00	(0.30)
<b>Sultan Kudarat</b>	153,899.00	116,322.00	(24.42)
<b>South Cotabato</b>	131,284.00	85,540.00	(34.84)

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority



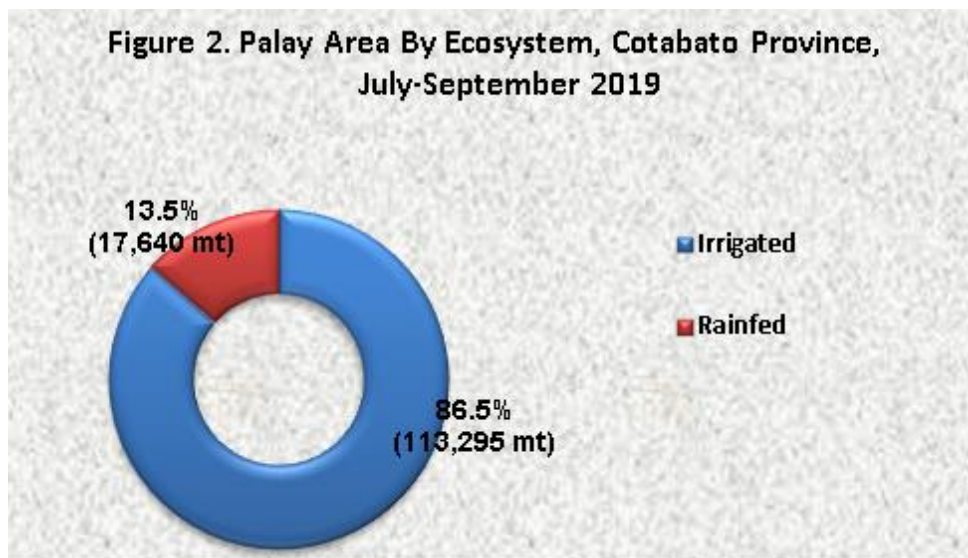
In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019, irrigated areas in SOCCSKSARGEN Region produced 294,664 metric tons constituting 85.0 percent of the region's total palay production. Rainfed areas produced 52,019 metric tons or about 15.0 percent.

### Palay Production in Cotabato Province decreased by 16.6%

Total palay production of Cotabato Province decreased by 16.6 percent from 156,986 metric tons to 130,935 metric tons in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019. Total area harvested was down by 7.3 percent from 34,725 hectares to 32,197 hectares. Total yield also decreased by 10.0 percent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019. Palay production in irrigated areas reached 113,295 metric tons or 86.5 percent. Rainfed areas produced 17,640 metric tons or about 13.5 percent of the province' total palay production in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019. (See Table 2 and Fig. 2)

Table 2. Palay Production, Area Yield, Cotabato Province, July to September 2018 and 2019

Indicator	2018	2019	Percent (%) Change
<b>Volume of Production (in mt)</b>	156,986.00	130,935.00	(16.6)
<b>Total Area Harvested (in hectares)</b>	34,725.00	32,197.00	(7.3)
<b>Yield (MT/Ha)</b>	4.50	4.10	(10.0)



### Corn Production up by 2.9 percent

Total corn production in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019 was estimated at 438,143 metric tons, about 4.9 percent lower from 460,918 metric tons in 2018.

Among the four provinces in SOCCSKSARGEN Region, South Cotabato had the highest contribution in the region's corn production in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2019 at 167,606 metric tons which accounted for 38.3 percent of the total corn production in the region.

Cotabato province shared 120,237 metric tons representing 27.4 percent of the region's total corn production. Sultan Kudarat had 98,012 metric tons or 22.4 percent while Sarangani recorded 52,288 metric tons or about 11.9 percent.

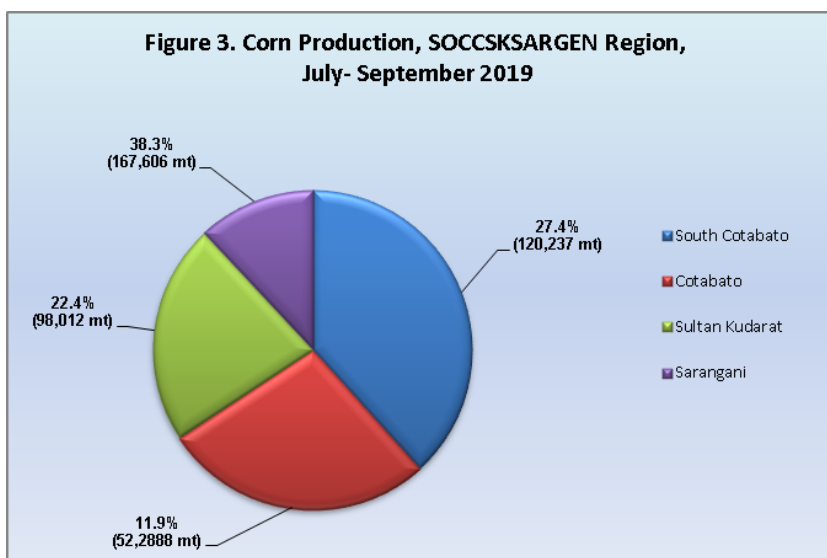


Table 3. Corn Production, Area Yield, South Cotabato Province, July to September 2018 and 2019

Indicator	2018	2019	Percent (%) Change
Volume of Production (in mt)	176,195.00	167,606.00	(4.87)
Total Area Harvested (in hectares)	48,038.00	48,039.00	0.002
Yield (MT/Ha)	3.67	3.49	(4.88)

### Corn Production in South Cotabato dropped by 4.9%

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2019, the total corn production in South Cotabato decreased by 4.9 percent from 176,195 metric tons to 167,606 metric tons. Total yield dropped by 4.9 percent while total area harvested slightly increased by 0.002 percent during the period.



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### **Technical Notes on Concepts and Definitions**

The Palay and Corn production Survey (PCPS) is one of the major agricultural surveys conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). This generates estimates on palay and corn production, area, yield and other production-related data that serve as inputs for policy making and programs on palay/rice productivity and sufficiency.

Production data generated by the PCPS are inputs to the Performance of Agriculture Report (PAR) and accordingly to the preparation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Moreover, the survey supports the data needs of planners, policy and decision makers, and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector particularly the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Agriculture (DA) and its attached agencies such as Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), and the general Public.

**Farm-** a parcel or parcels of land which has a total area of at least 1,000 square meters (one-tenth of a hectare) used for agricultural purposes.

**Palay household-** the sample household operates an agriculture land, whole or part of which palay area within the nine-month period, or the land is temporarily in-fallow but the respondent declares that is devoted to palay production.

**Non-Palay Household-** household operates an agriculture land which is not intended for/devoted to palay production, i.e., zero palay production, no standing palay crop and planting intention.

**Corn Household-** the sample household operates an agricultural land, whole or part of which corn area within the nine month period, or the land is temporarily in-fallow but the respondent declares that it is devoted to corn production.

**Non-Corn Household-** household operates an agricultural land which is not intended for/devoted to corn production, i.e., zero corn production, no standing corn crop and planting intention.

**Production-** refers to the quality produced and actually harvested for a particular crop during the reference period.

**Total Agricultural Area-** is the total physical area for crop production operated by the sample household within the province and those located in other parts of the country.

**Total Palay Area-** is the total physical area of the palay farm operated by the sample household within the province and those located in other parts of the country.

**Total Corn Area-** is the total physical area of the corn farm operated by the sample household within the province and those located in other parts of the country





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