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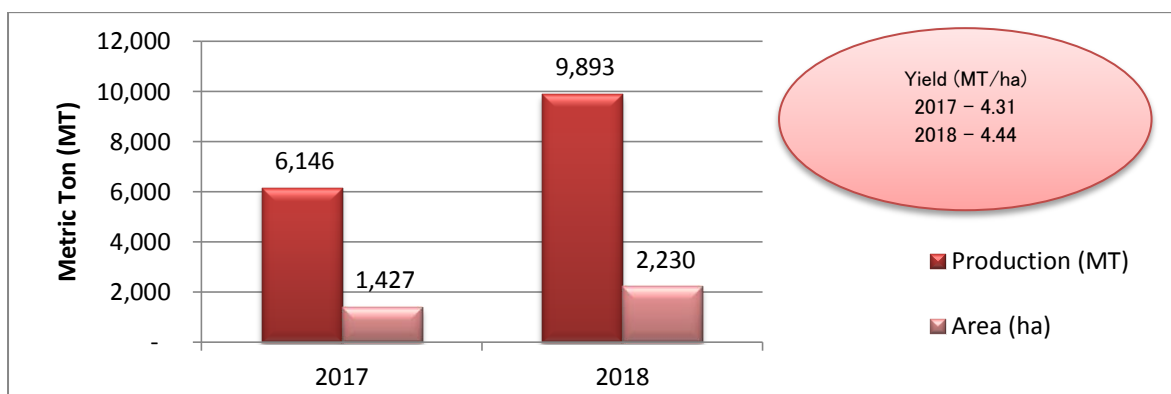
SORSOGON PALAY AND CORN OUTLOOK THIRD QUARTER 2018

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Palay production in Sorsogon province increased by 61 percent in the Third Quarter of 2018

Figure 1. Sorsogon Palay Production, Area and Yield, July-Sept, 2018

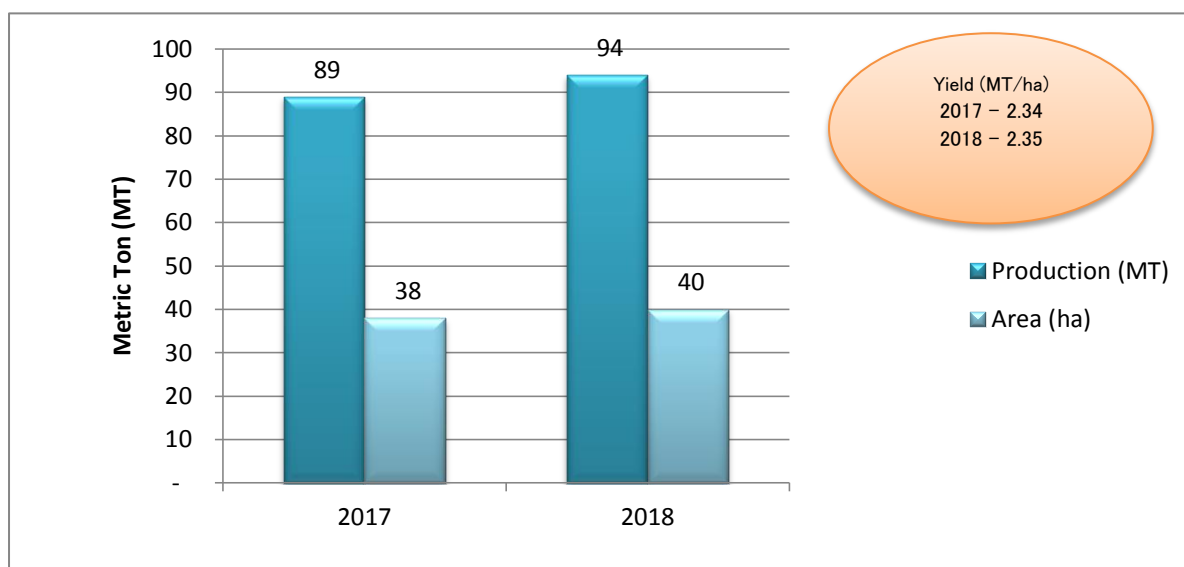


The volume of palay production in the third quarter of 2018 increased by 61 percent or 9,893 MT versus 2017 output of 6,146 MT. Harvest area also increased by 56.3 percent or 2,230 hectares as compared to previous year's final estimate of 1,427 hectares. Majority of palay in Sorsogon is grown in irrigated areas which comprised at about 95 percent of the total harvest area for this quarter while the remaining five percent is grown in rainfed areas.

Average yield generally increased by three percent from 4.31 mt/hectare last year to 4.44 mt/hectare this year.

Corn production in Sorsogon province increased by 5.60 percent in the third quarter of 2018

Figure 2. Sorsogon Corn Production, Area and Yield, Jul-September 2018



Corn production in Sorsogon for July-September 2018 resulted to a positive growth rate by 5.60 percent or 94 mt this year from 89 MT output in 2017. Harvest area of 40 hectares surpassed last year's level of 38 hectares or a 5.30 percent increase in the 3rd Quarter this year.

Meanwhile, average yield per hectare increased by 0.30 percent.

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