

SPECIAL RELEASE

SORSOGON PALAY AND CORN OUTLOOK

FOURTH QUARTER 2018

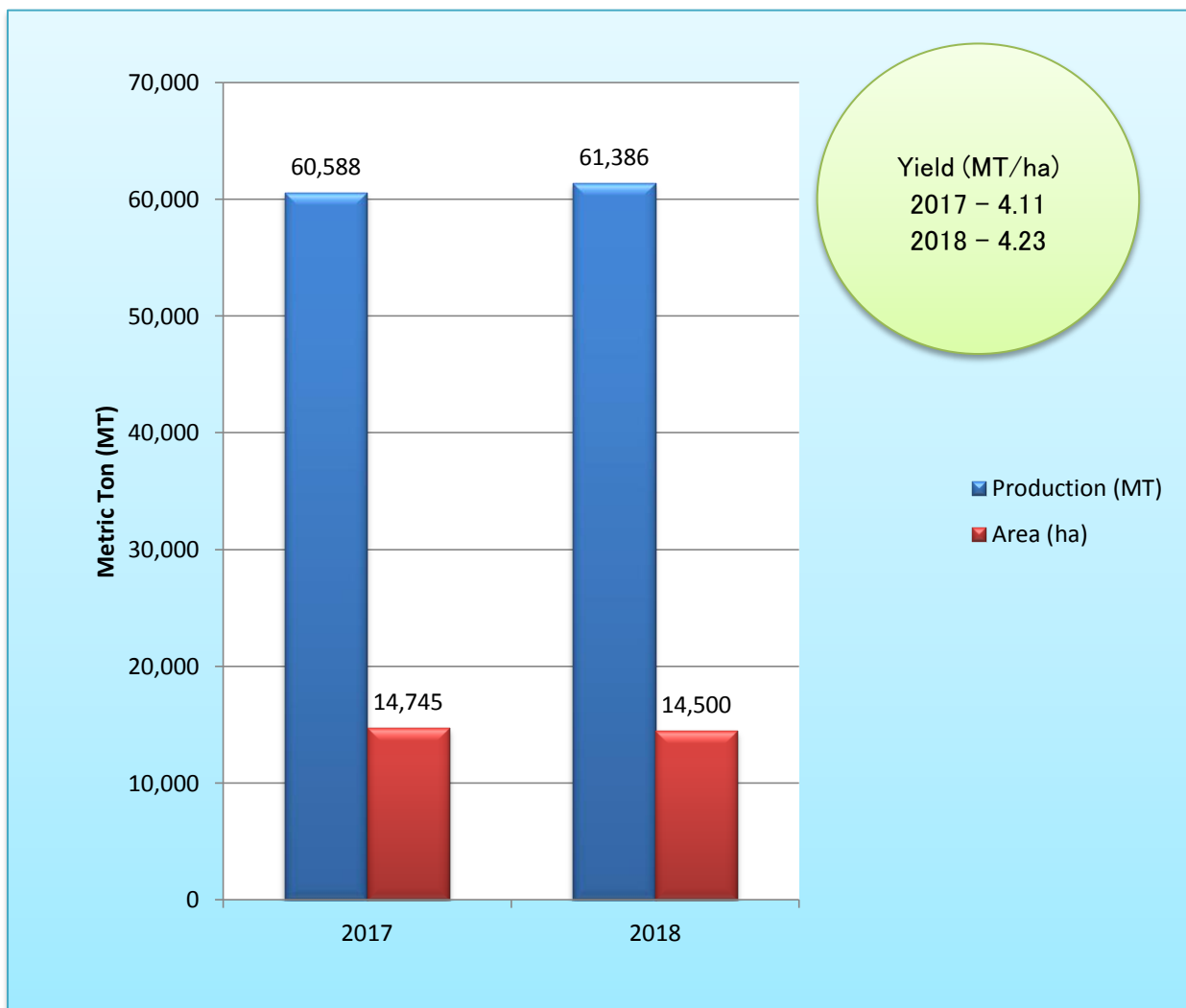
LOOKING AHEAD 2018

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Palay production for October -December 2018 increased to 61,386 MT

Figure 1. Palay: Production, Area and Yield, Sorsogon October-December, 2018

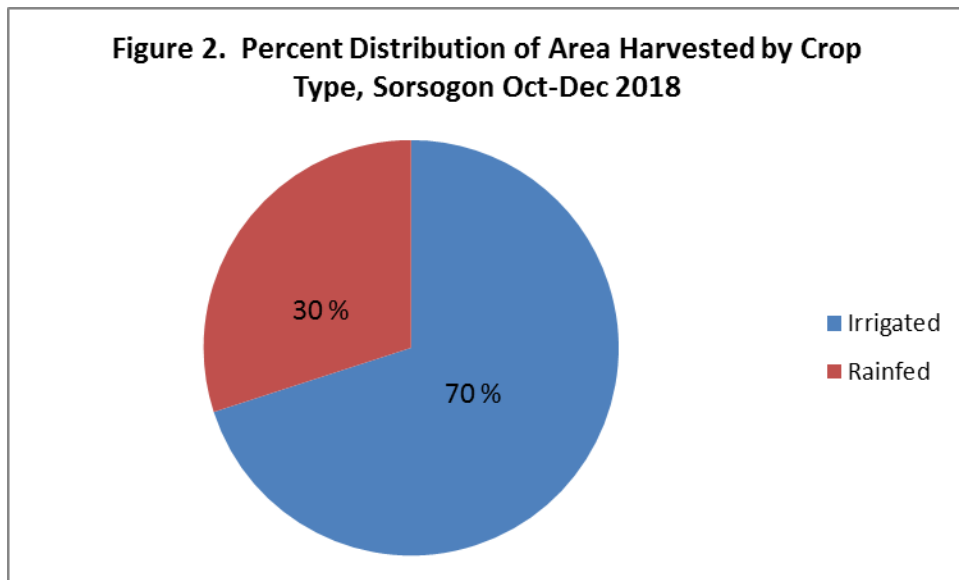




Oct-December 2018 Crop Estimate

Palay production in Sorsogon province increased by 1.3 percent or **61,386** MT versus 2017 output of **60,588** MT. However, harvest area decreased by 1.7 percent or **14,500** hectares as compared to previous year's final estimate of **14,745** hectares. Meanwhile, average yield increased by 3.0 percent from 4.11 mt/ha of last year to 4.23 mt/ha for all crop types.

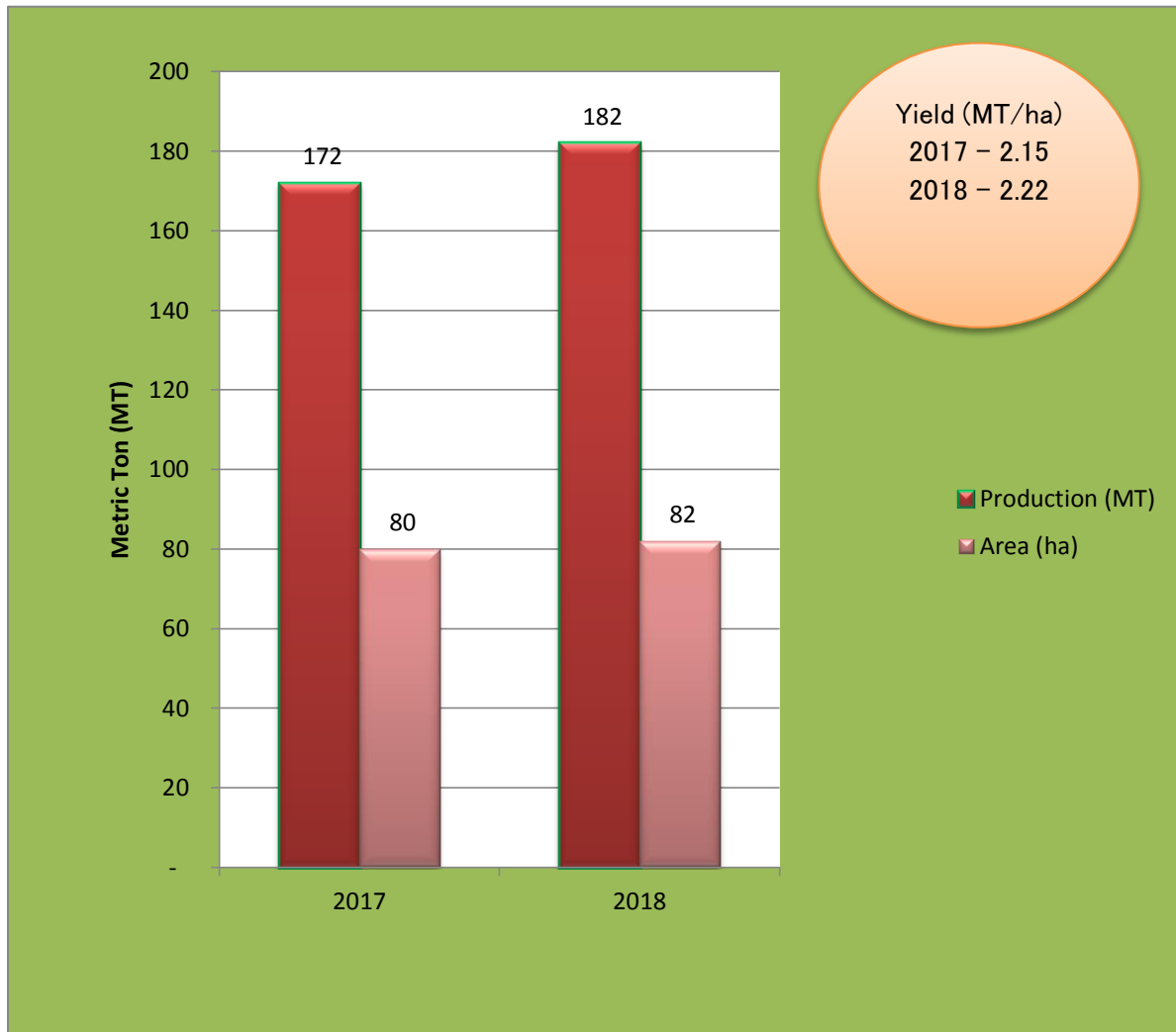
Figure 2. Percent Distribution of Area Harvested by Crop Type, Sorsogon Oct-Dec 2018



By sector, irrigated area comprised 70 percent or 10,150 hectares while rainfed area comprised 30 percent or 4,350 hectares of the total palay area of 14,500 hectares in Sorsogon province.

Corn production for October-December 2018 increased to 182 MT

Figure 3. Corn Production, Area and Yield, Sorsogon Oct-Dec 2018

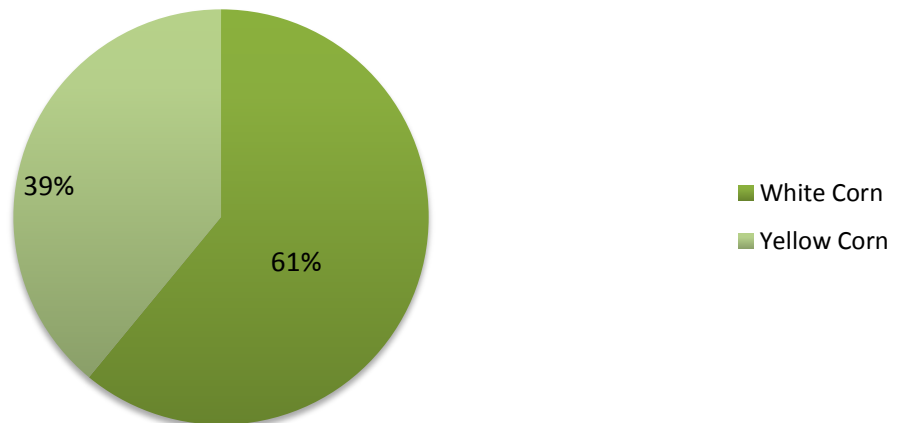




Sorsogon is a minor corn producing province in the Bicol Region. For Oct-December 2018, production increased by 5.80 percent or 182 MT versus 2017 output of 172 MT. Likewise, harvest area increased by 2.50 percent or 82 hectares against 80 hectares of last year's record.

In effect, average yield also increased by 3.20 percent to 2.22 mt/ha from 2.15 mt/ha of last year's level.

Figure 4. Corn. Percent Distribution of Area Harvested by Crop Type, Sorsogon, 4th Quarter 2018



By crop type, white corn comprised 61 percent and yellow corn comprised 39 percent of the total area harvested of 82 hectares in Sorsogon.

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