

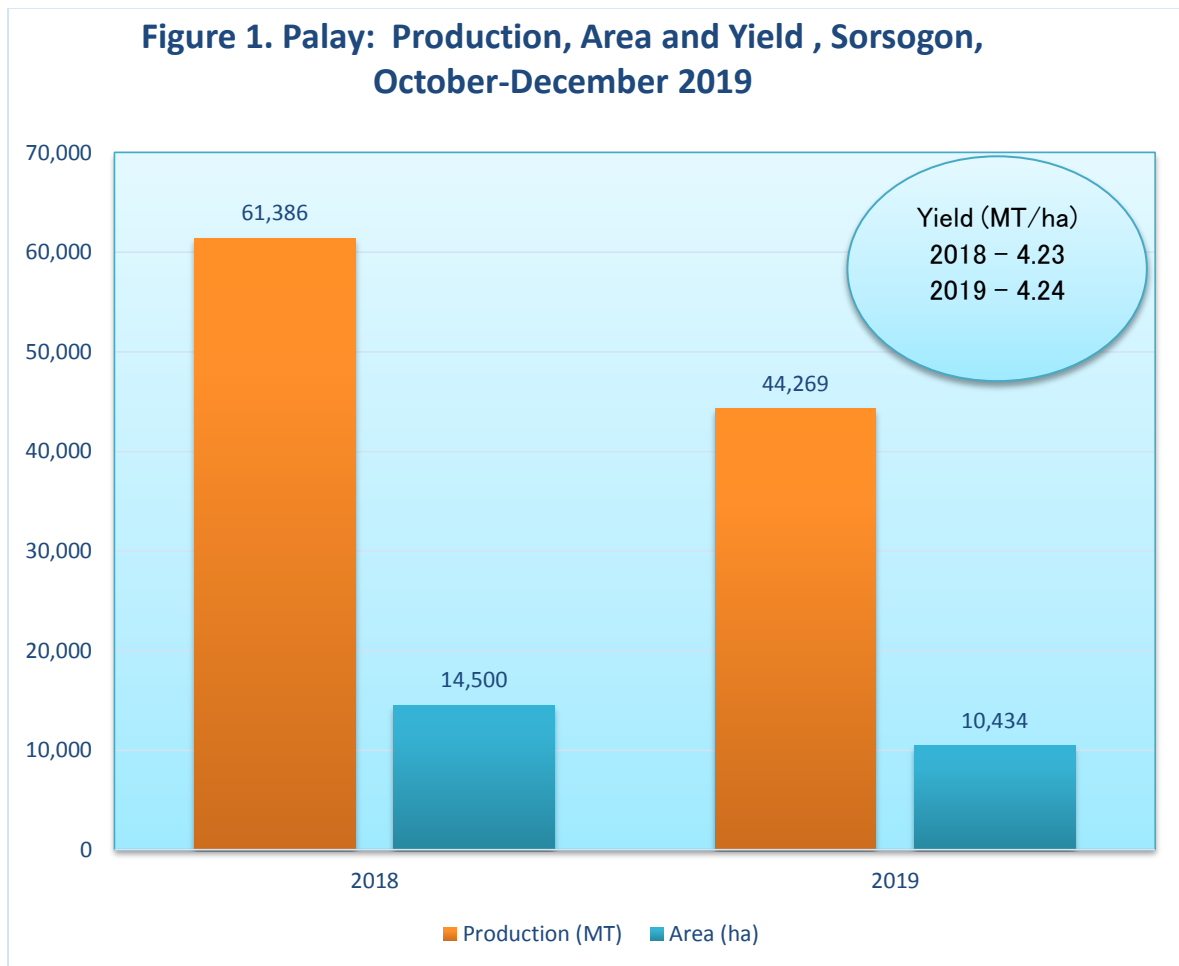
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SORSOGON PALAY AND CORN OUTLOOK FOURTH QUARTER 2019

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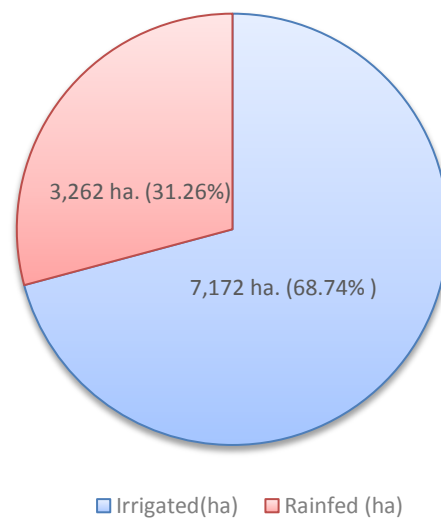




Oct-December 2019 Crop Estimate

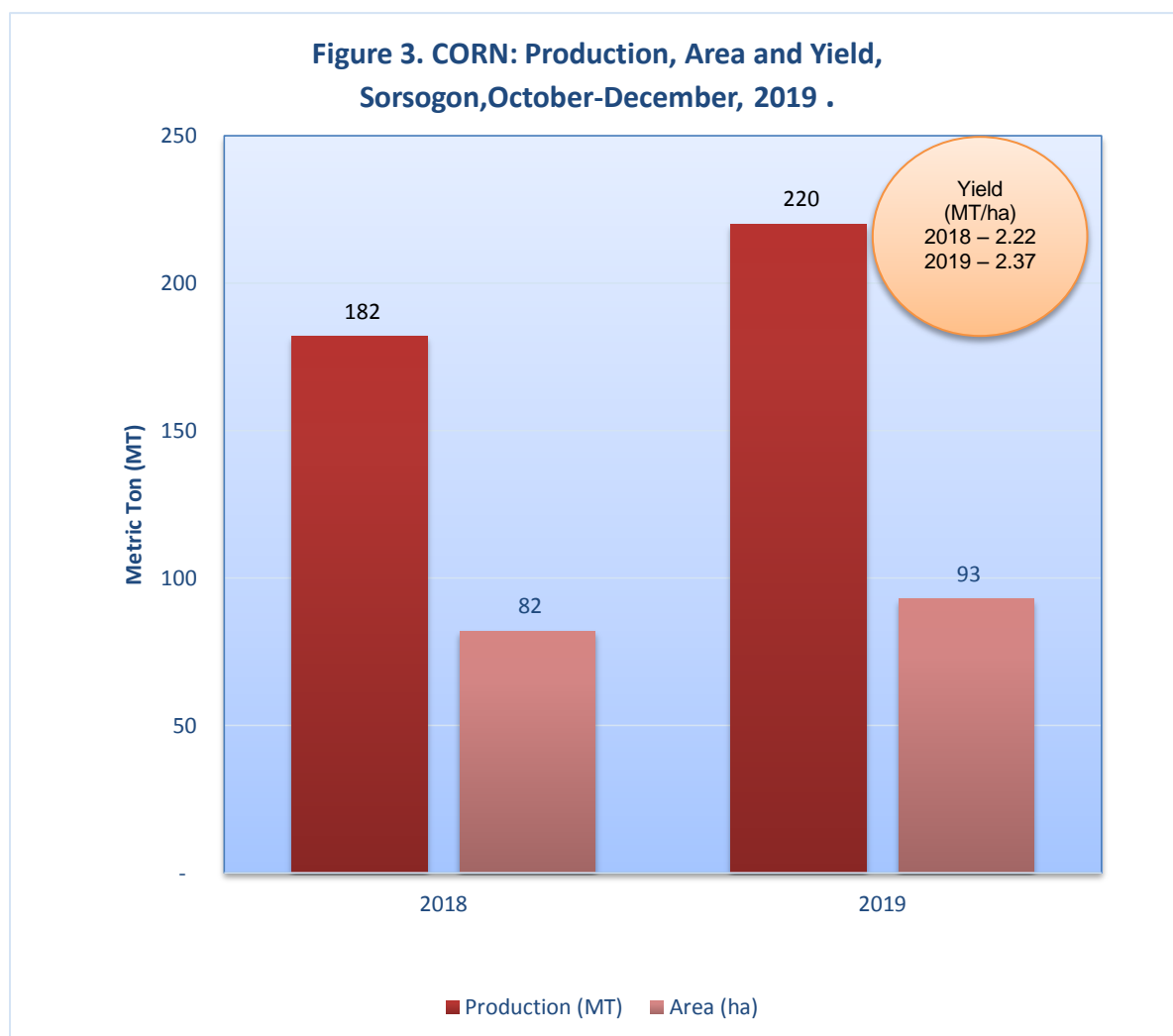
For Oct-Dec 2019, palay production in Sorsogon province decreased by 27.88 percent or **44,269** MT versus 2018 output of **61,386** MT. In the same manner, harvest area decreased by 28.04 percent or **10,434** hectares as compared to previous year's final estimate of **14,500** hectares. However, average yield increased by 0.24 percent from 4.23 mt/ha of last year to 4.24 mt/ha for all crop types.

Figure 2. Percentage distribution of area harvested by crop type, Sorsogon, 4th Quarter 2019.



By sector , irrigated area comprised 68.74 percent or 7,172 hectares while rainfed area comprised 31.26 percent or 3,262 hectares of the total palay area of 10,434 hectares in Sorsogon province.

Corn production for October-December 2019 increased by 20.88 percent.

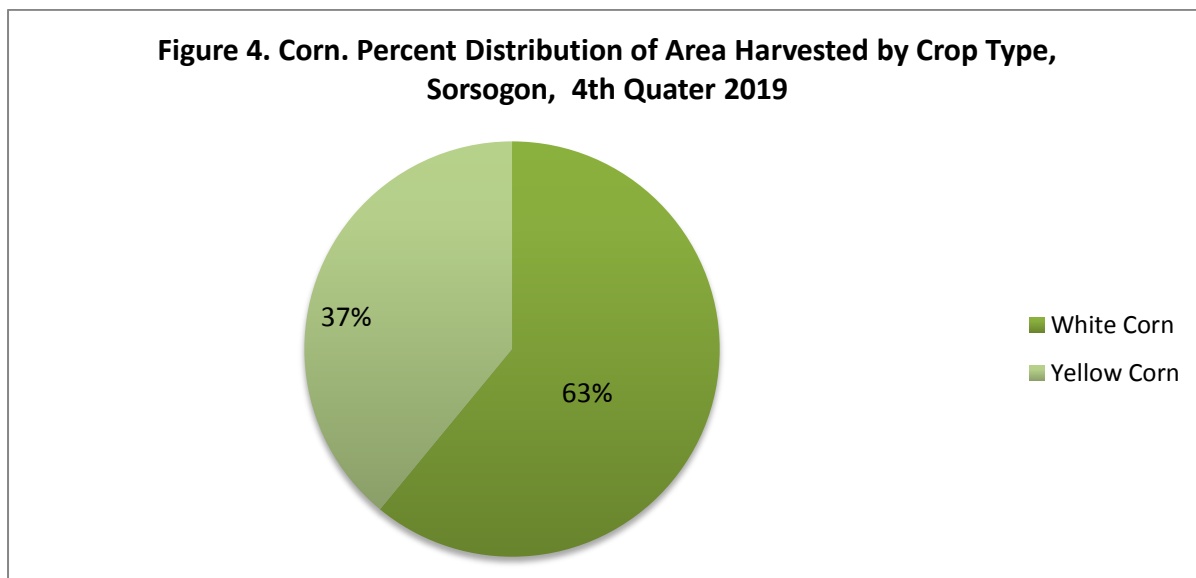


October-December 2019 Crop Estimate

Sorsogon is a minor corn producing province in the Bicol Region. For Oct-December 2019, production increased by 20.88 percent or 220 MT versus 2018 output of 182 MT. Likewise, harvest area increased by 13.41 percent or 93 hectares against 82 hectares of last year's record.

In effect, average yield also increased by 6.76 percent or 2.37 mt/ha from 2.22 mt/ha of last year's

Figure 4. Corn. Percent Distribution of Area Harvested by Crop Type, Sorsogon, 4th Quater 2019



By crop type, white corn comprised 63 percent and yellow corn comprised 37 percent of the total area harvested in Sorsogon province.

Technical Notes

- Decrease in palay production, area and yield was attributed to damage caused by flooding during occurrence of Typhoon Tisoy which made four landfalls on December 2-3, 2019 in the province of Sorsogon with maximum sustained winds of up to 165 kilometers per hour (kph) and 275 kph gusty winds. Said super typhoon brought severe damages on cereals and other crops.
- Increase in corn production, area and yield was due to usage of OPV high yielding variety. Harvesting was done prior to typhoon occurrence.

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