

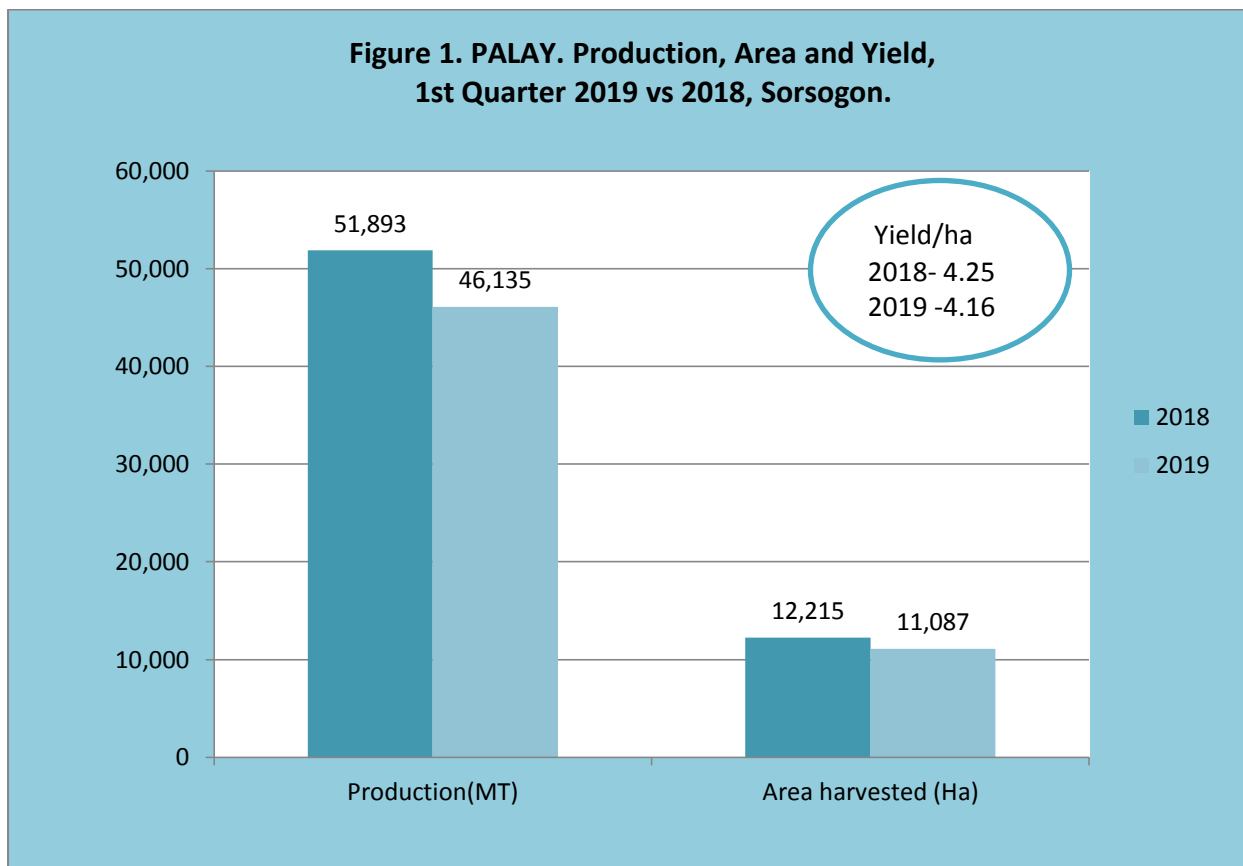
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SORSOGON PALAY AND CORN OUTLOOK 1st Quarter 2019

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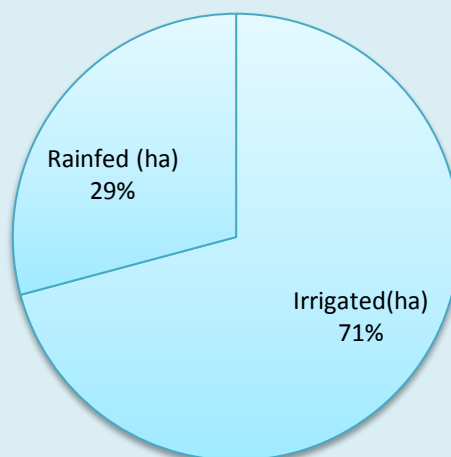


1ST Qtr 2019 Crop Estimate

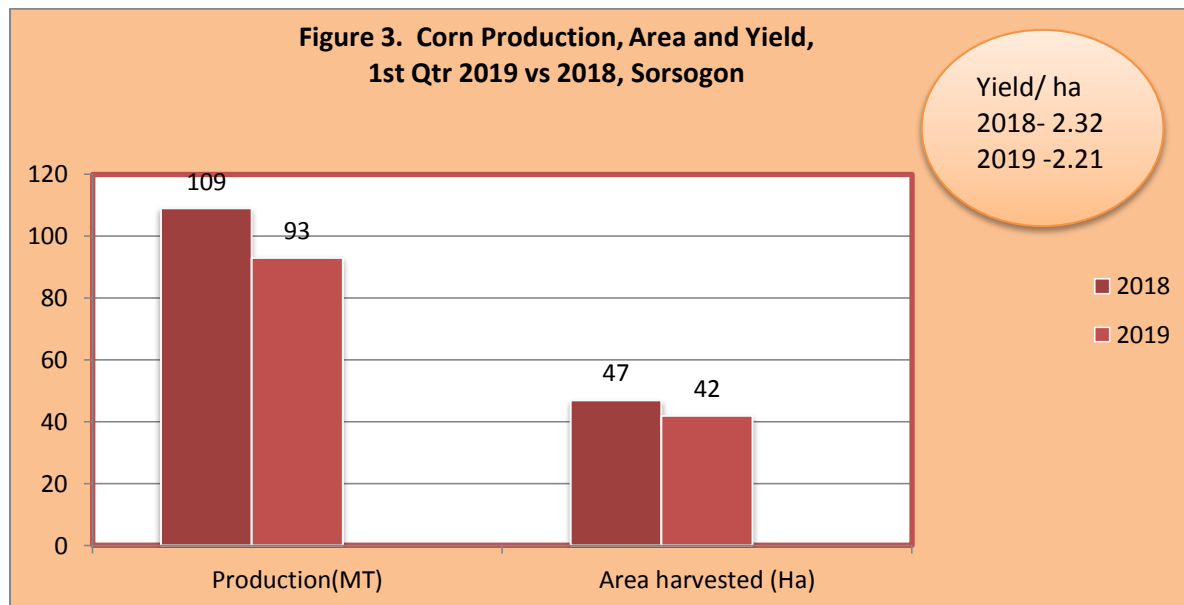
Palay production in Sorsogon province decreased by 11.10 percent or **46,135** MT versus 2018 output of **51,893** MT. Likewise, harvest area decreased by **9.23** percent or **11,087** hectares as compared to previous year's final estimate of **12,215** hectares. In effect, average yield decreased by 2.05 percent or 4.16 mt/ha as compared to last year 's level of 4.25 mt/ha for all crop types.

By sector, irrigated area comprised 71 percent or 7,905 hectares while rainfed area comprised 29 percent or 3,182 hectares of the 11,087 hectares total palay area harvested in Sorsogon during the 1st Quarter of 2019.

Figure 2. Percentage distribution of area harvested by crop type, 1st Quarter 2019, Sorsogon.



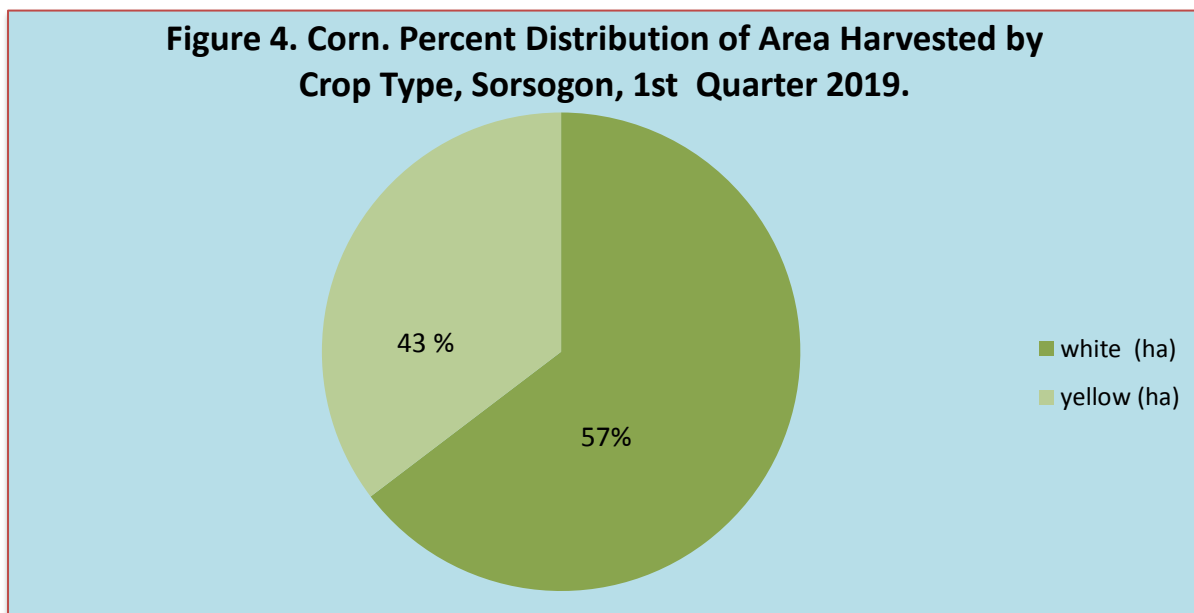
Corn production in Sorsogon decreased by 14.68 percent in the 1st Quarter of 2019



For 1st quarter 2019, production decreased by 14.68 percent or 93 MT versus 2018 output of 109 MT. Likewise, harvest area decreased by 10.64 percent or 42 hectares against 47 hectares of last year's record.

As a result, average yield also decreased by 4.74 percent or 2.21 mt/ha this quarter from 2.32 mt/ha of last year's level .

By crop type, white corn comprised 43 percent or 18 hectares and yellow corn comprised 57 percent or 24 hectares of the 42 hectares total area harvested in Sorsogon for the 1st quarter 2019.



Technical Notes

Palay and corn production, area and yield and other production data are generated from Palay Production Survey (PPS) and Corn Production Survey (CPS) which are among the major agricultural surveys of the Philippine Statistics Authority. Said surveys are being conducted every quarter of each year. These aim to generate estimates that serve as inputs for policy making and programs on palay and corn. Production data generated from the PPS/CPS are inputs to the Performance of Agriculture Report (PAR) and to the preparation of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Moreover, the surveys support the data needs of planners, policy and decision makers and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector.

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