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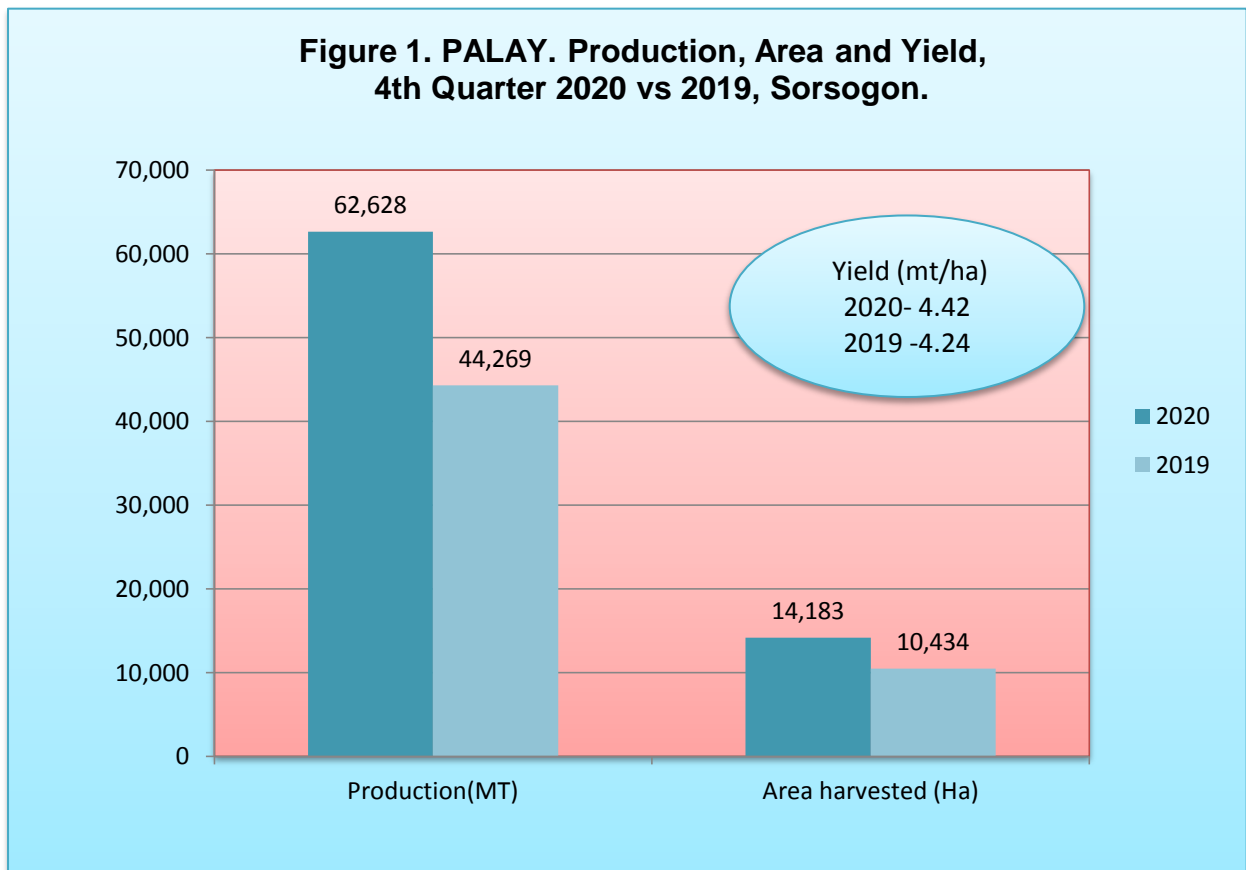
SORSOGON PALAY AND CORN OUTLOOK

4th Quarter 2020

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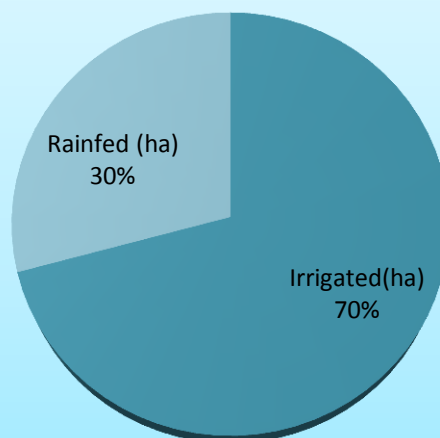


4th Qtr 2020 Crop Estimate

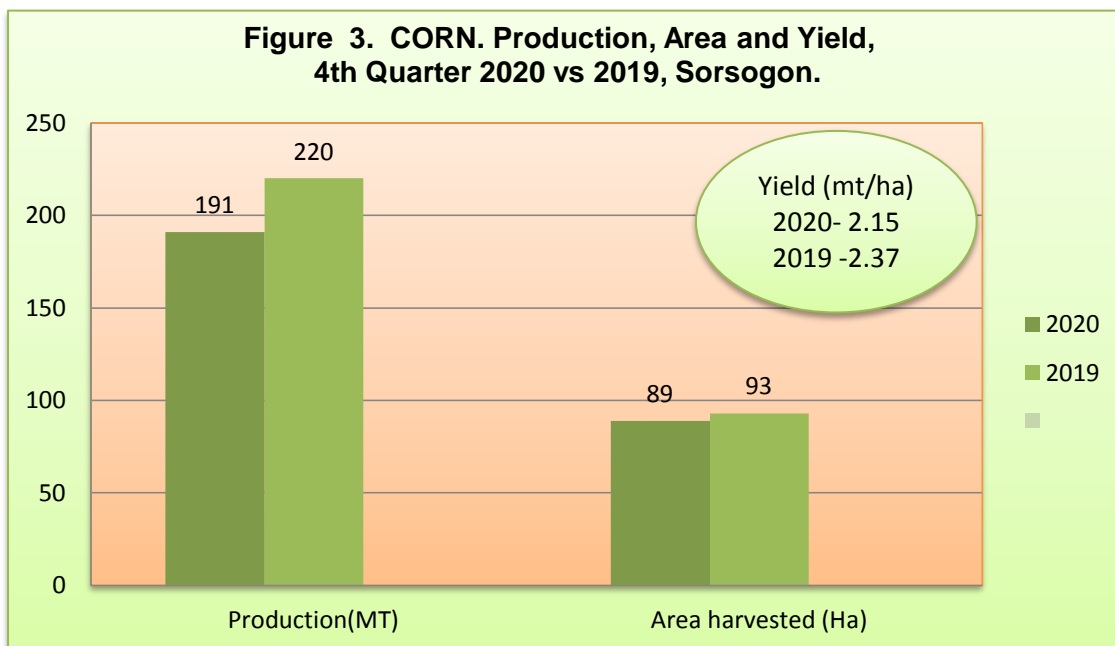
Palay production in Sorsogon province increased by 41.47 percent or **62,628** MT this 4th quarter 2020 against 2019 output of **44,269** MT. Likewise, harvest area increased by **35.93** percent or **14,183** hectares as compared to previous year's final estimate of **10,434** hectares. In effect, average yield increased by **4.24** percent or **4.42** mt/ha as compared to last year's level of **4.24** mt/ha for all crop types.

By sector, irrigated area comprised 70 percent or 14,183 hectares while rainfed area comprised 30 percent or 10,424 hectares of the total palay area harvested of 14,183 hectares in Sorsogon..

Figure 2. Percentage distribution of area harvested by crop type, 4th Quarter 2020, Sorsogon.



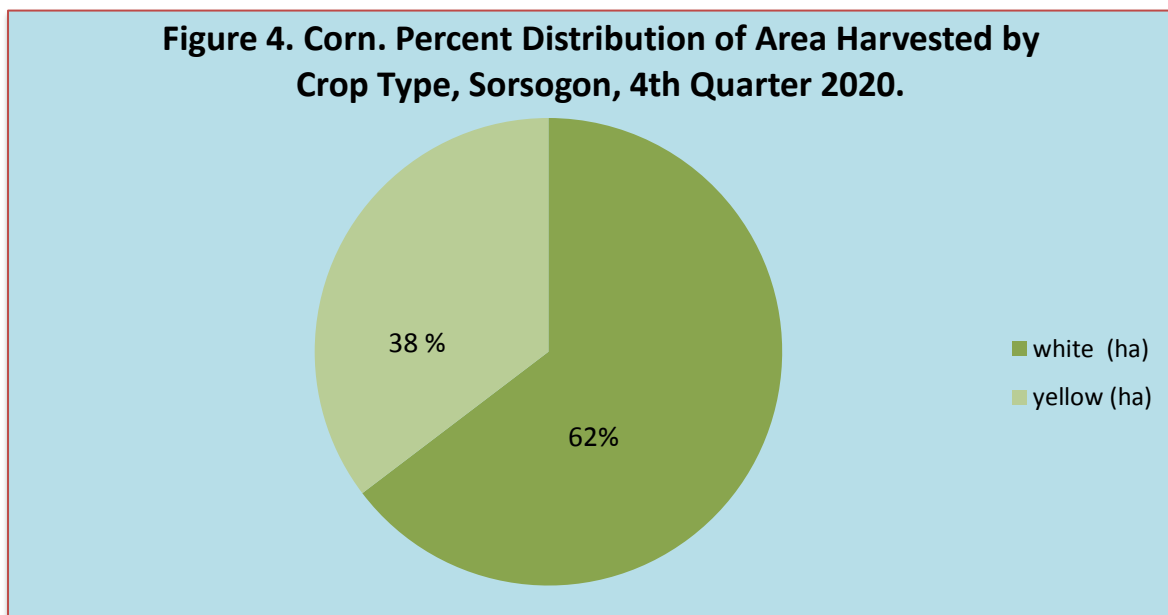
Corn production in Sorsogon decreased by 15.18 percent in the 4th Quarter of 2020.



For 4th quarter 2020, production decreased by 13.18 percent or 191 MT versus 2019 output of 220 MT. Likewise, harvest area decreased by 4.30 percent or 89 hectares against 93 hectares of last year's record.

As a result, average yield also decreased by 9.28 percent or 2.15 mt/ha this quarter from 2.37 mt/ha of last year's level.

By crop type, white corn comprised 62 percent or 55 hectares and yellow corn comprised 38 percent or 34 hectares of the 89 hectares total area harvested in Sorsogon for the 4th quarter 2020.



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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