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## **Updates on Palay, Rice and Corn Prices, March 5-11, 2008**

### **A. Farmgate Prices**

**At the national level, farmgate prices of palay dry, white and yellow corngrains recorded slight increases.**

#### **PALAY**

- For the week, the national average price of palay, dry at P12.48/kg registered an increase of P0.14/kg from last week's level. The biggest increase was noted in Maguindanao at P1.10/kg.
- Price decrements were recorded in five (5) provinces namely: Negros Oriental (P0.52/kg), Zamboanga del Norte (P0.50/kg), Misamis Oriental (P1.25/kg), Davao Oriental (P0.42/kg), and Agusan del Sur (P0.52/kg).

#### **CORN**

- Average price of yellow corngrain increased from P10.66/kg last week to P10.69/kg this week. Provinces which registered increases in prices include: Palawan (P1.00/kg), Bohol (P1.50/kg), Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental (P0.30/kg), Davao Oriental, North Cotabato and Sarangani (P0.10/kg), and Davao del Norte and Sultan Kudarat (P0.20/kg).
- White corngrain prices ranged from P7.00/kg in Leyte to P16.00/kg in Laguna. Twelve (12) provinces recorded increases, which ranged from P0.10/kg in Compostela Valley to P1.30/kg in Davao Oriental. Price in South Cotabato was down by P0.10/kg from last week's report.

## **B. Retail Prices**

**Retail prices of four (4) rice types recorded an upward trend. Price of yellow corngrain dropped while that of white corngrain remained at last week's level.**

### **RICE**

- Retail prices of rice, on the average, moved up again this week. The movement was attributed to the decreasing supply of rice in the market. Although harvesting already started in some provinces, continuous rain showers hindered the drying of palay. This encouraged rice millers to use mechanical dryers, which increased the cost that translated to increased price of rice. Also, some palay areas that were to be harvested were damaged by continuous rainfall during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

#### **RICE, FANCY**

Compared to last week's quotations, price posted a significant increase of P3.00/kg in Nueva Vizcaya and a P0.50/kg increase was noted in Cagayan. Price decreases were also observed in Marinduque at P3.00/kg and in Cavite at P1.00/kg.

#### **RICE, PREMIUM**

During the week, the national average price was P28.91/kg. This indicated an increase of P0.16/kg from last week's price. The biggest increase was noted in Benguet at P2.00/kg while the least increase was recorded in Cagayan at P0.50/kg. Price in Metro Manila remained at last week's level.

#### **WELL-MILLED RICE (WMR)**

Prices ranged from P24.00/kg in Pangasinan, Bataan, North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-tawi to P30.00/kg in Benguet, Kalinga, Albay, Masbate, Sorsogon, and Biliran. Price increases were from P0.50/kg in Cagayan to P4.00/kg in Kalinga. Price in Lanao del Norte went down by P1.00/kg or from P27.50/kg to P26.50/kg.

#### **REGULAR MILLED RICE (RMR)**

The average national price was higher than last week's record by P0.35/kg. This was contributed by the price increases in nineteen (19) provinces and in Metro Manila. The range of price gains was from P0.50/kg in Davao Oriental to P4.00/kg in Quirino and Sorsogon. Prices in three (3) provinces registered cuts of P0.50/kg in Lanao del Norte and P1.00/kg in Camiguin and Tawi-tawi.

## **CORN**

### **YELLOW CORNGRAIN**

The average price this week was P17.84/kg. It dropped by P0.08/kg from last week's price. The biggest decrease in price was recorded in Tawi-tawi at P2.00/kg or from P24.00/kg to P22.00/kg. Price in Capiz also dropped from P14.00/kg last week to P13.50/kg this week.

### **WHITE CORNGRAIN**

The national average price remained at last week's level of P15.57/kg. While there were increases in some provinces, other areas registered equal levels of decreases.

**Farm Prices of Palay (dry), February - 2nd wk of March 2008**

( peso per kilogram )

| Province            | February |       |       |       | March |       |
|---------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                     | wk 1     | wk 2  | wk 3  | wk 4  | wk 1  | wk 2  |
| <b>PHILIPPINES</b>  | 11.97    | 12.05 | 12.09 | 12.22 | 12.34 | 12.48 |
| Abra                | 12.50    | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| Cagayan             | 12.80    | 13.00 | 13.00 | 13.20 | 13.20 | 14.00 |
| Nueva Vizcaya       | 12.50    | 12.50 | 12.50 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 12.00 |
| Bataan              | 12.55    | 12.52 | 12.52 | 12.52 | 12.52 | 12.54 |
| Nueva Ecija         | 14.50    | 14.50 | 14.50 | 14.50 | 14.75 | 15.50 |
| Tarlac              | 14.00    | 14.00 | 14.00 | 14.20 | 14.20 | 14.50 |
| Zambales            | 13.00    | 13.00 | 13.00 | 13.50 | 13.50 | 14.00 |
| Cavite              | 12.00    | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 13.00 | 13.50 |
| Sorsogon            | 11.00    | 11.00 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.00 | 12.80 |
| Capiz               | 11.20    | 11.30 | 11.10 | 10.90 | 11.00 | 11.20 |
| Guimaras            | 12.00    | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 13.00 |
| Bohol               | 12.00    | 12.00 | 12.00 | 13.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| Negros Oriental     | 11.54    | 11.54 | 11.54 | 11.54 | 12.06 | 11.54 |
| Zamboanga del Norte | 12.50    | 11.50 | 11.50 | 12.50 | 13.00 | 12.50 |
| Lanao del Norte     | 12.50    | 12.50 | 12.50 | 13.00 | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| Misamis Oriental    | 13.14    | 13.14 | 13.14 | 13.14 | 13.73 | 12.48 |
| Davao Oriental      | 12.06    | 13.11 | 13.63 | 13.32 | 13.32 | 12.90 |
| Davao del Sur       | 13.00    | 13.00 | 13.50 | 13.50 | 13.50 | 14.00 |
| Davao del Norte     | 11.20    | 11.20 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.50 |
| Sarangani           | 11.40    | 11.40 | 11.40 | 11.40 | 11.40 | 11.50 |
| South Cotabato      | 12.50    | 12.80 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.70 | 13.00 |
| Sultan Kudarat      | 12.28    | 12.80 | 12.80 | 12.80 | 12.80 | 13.26 |
| Agusan del Sur      | -        | -     | -     | -     | 12.06 | 11.54 |
| Maguindanao         | 9.90     | 9.75  | 9.90  | 9.90  | 10.90 | 12.00 |

**Farm Prices of Yellow Corngrain, February - 2nd wk of March 2008**

( peso per kilogram )

| Province           | February |       |       |       | March |       |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                    | wk 1     | wk 2  | wk 3  | wk 4  | wk 1  | wk 2  |
| <b>PHILIPPINES</b> | 10.55    | 10.60 | 10.62 | 10.62 | 10.66 | 10.69 |
| Kalinga            | -        | 11.35 | 11.35 | 11.25 | 11.30 | 11.00 |
| Quirino            | 11.00    | 11.50 | 11.50 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 11.00 |
| Palawan            | 10.00    | 10.00 | 10.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 12.00 |
| Bohol              | 8.50     | 8.50  | 8.50  | 8.50  | 8.50  | 10.00 |
| Bukidnon           | 10.30    | 10.40 | 10.40 | 10.50 | 10.70 | 11.00 |
| Misamis Oriental   | 10.50    | 10.60 | 10.60 | 10.70 | 10.70 | 11.00 |
| Davao Oriental     | 9.10     | 9.00  | 9.00  | 9.20  | 9.20  | 9.30  |
| Davao del Norte    | 10.00    | 10.00 | 10.30 | 10.30 | 10.30 | 10.50 |
| North Cotabato     | 10.60    | 10.40 | 10.40 | 10.30 | 10.50 | 10.60 |
| Sarangani          | 10.50    | 10.50 | 10.50 | 10.60 | 10.60 | 10.70 |
| Sultan Kudarat     | 10.10    | 10.30 | 10.50 | 10.40 | 10.20 | 10.40 |
| Maguindanao        | 8.95     | 8.90  | 8.95  | 8.95  | 8.95  | 8.95  |

**Farm Prices of White Corngrain, February - 2nd wk of March 2008**

( peso per kilogram )

| Province           | February |       |       |       | March |       |
|--------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                    | wk 1     | wk 2  | wk 3  | wk 4  | wk 1  | wk 2  |
| <b>PHILIPPINES</b> | 10.59    | 10.76 | 10.89 | 11.01 | 11.21 | 11.34 |
| Bohol              | 10.00    | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| Zamboanga del Sur  | 10.00    | 10.00 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 13.00 | 13.50 |
| Bukidnon           | 10.50    | 10.50 | 10.50 | 11.00 | 11.25 | 11.50 |
| Lanao del Norte    | 11.00    | 11.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 12.00 | 12.50 |
| Misamis Oriental   | 10.80    | 11.50 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 12.50 |
| Compostela Valley  | 9.20     | 9.20  | 9.40  | 9.40  | 9.40  | 9.50  |
| Davao City         | 11.80    | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.20 | 12.80 | 12.80 |
| Davao Oriental     | 9.60     | 10.50 | 10.50 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 12.30 |
| Davao del Sur      | 12.50    | 12.70 | 12.80 | 13.00 | 13.50 | 14.00 |
| Davao del Norte    | 11.50    | 11.50 | 12.00 | 12.30 | 12.50 | 12.70 |
| North Cotabato     | 10.90    | 11.40 | 11.80 | 11.70 | 12.30 | 12.80 |
| Sarangani          | 10.90    | 11.20 | 11.20 | 11.50 | 11.50 | 12.20 |
| South Cotabato     | 11.00    | 11.80 | 12.00 | 12.20 | 12.60 | 12.50 |
| Sultan Kudarat     | 10.80    | 10.98 | 11.00 | 11.80 | 11.80 | 12.30 |



