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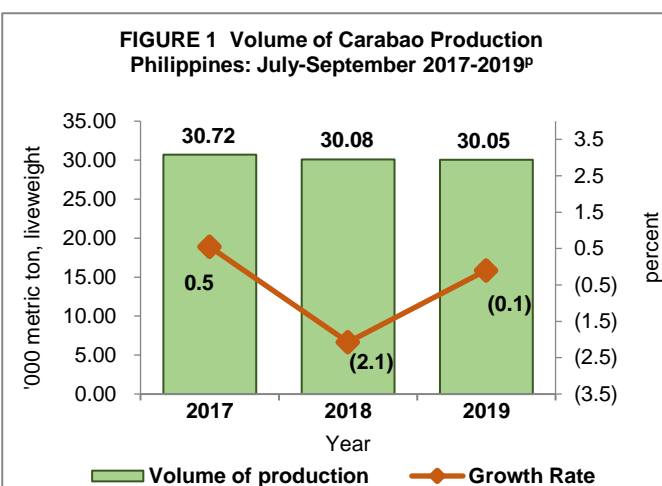
## CARABAO SITUATION REPORT July-September 2019

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The total volume of carabao production in July to September 2019 was 30.05 thousand metric tons, liveweight. This was 0.1 percent lower than the 2018 output of 30.08 thousand metric tons, liveweight.

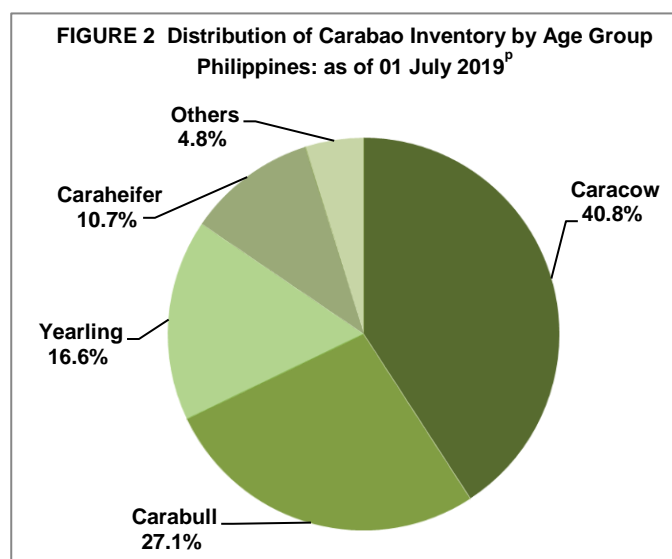
During the period, nine regions recorded decreases in production, ranging from 0.4 percent to 3.0 percent relative to their production levels in 2018. Among these regions, Western Visayas reported the biggest decline in production in terms of level, from 4.80 thousand metric tons, liveweight in 2018 to 4.72 thousand metric tons, liveweight in 2019. Despite its decline in production, it remains to be the top producer of carabao. Davao Region and Ilocos Region followed, with production of 3.05 thousand metric tons and 2.10 thousand metric tons, liveweight, respectively. The combined production of these three regions accounted for 32.8 percent of the country's total carabao production. (Table 1)



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As of 01 July 2019, the total inventory of carabao was estimated at 2.87 million heads. This was 0.3 percent lower than the previous year's level of 2.88 million heads.

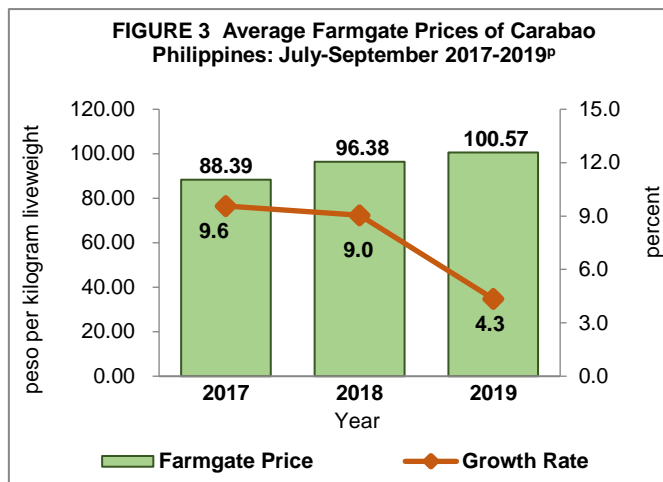
Among all ages, caracow shared 40.8 percent to the total carabao stocks. Carabull, yearling, and caraheifer accounted for 27.1 percent, 16.6 percent, and 10.7 percent, respectively. Others, which composed of castrated and ready to breed carabull, contributed 4.8 percent to the total carabao inventory. (Table 2)



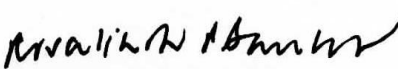
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The average farmgate price of carabao for slaughter in July to September 2019 was quoted at PhP100.57 per kilogram, liveweight. This was 4.3 percent higher than the PhP96.38 per kilogram, liveweight farmgate price level in 2018.

During the third quarter of 2019, the highest farmgate price was recorded in August at PhP100.87 per kilogram, liveweight, while the lowest was in July at PhP100.41 per kilogram, liveweight. (Table 3)



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## TECHNICAL NOTES

This Carabao Situation Report presents the carabao industry in terms of volume of production, inventory by age group, and average farmgate price. The report was prepared to serve as ready reference for PSA's various clients and stakeholders in the agriculture sector. It is released quarterly in January, May, August and November every year.

### Concepts and Definitions

**Volume of production** refers to the volume of locally-raised carabao disposed for slaughter including those which were shipped out to other regions/provinces for slaughter. This is expressed in metric ton, liveweight.

**Inventory** refers to the actual number of carabao present in the farm as of a specific reference date.

**Farmgate price** refers to the price received by raisers for their produce at the location of farm. Thus, the marketing costs such as the transport and other marketing cost (if any) incurred in selling the produce are not included in the farmgate prices.

## STATISTICAL TABLES

**TABLE 1 Volume of Carabao Production by Region, Philippines: July-September, 2017-2019<sup>P</sup>**

Region	Production (metric tons, liveweight)			Difference Level	Percent Change		Percent Share to 2019
	2017	2018	2019 <sup>P</sup>	2019-2018	2018/2017	2019/2018	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	<b>30,717</b>	<b>30,080</b>	<b>30,050</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>(2.1)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>100.0</b>
CAR	590	592	574	-18	0.3	(3.0)	1.9
Ilocos Region	2,257	2,138	2,103	-35	(5.3)	(1.6)	7.0
Cagayan Valley	1,863	1,773	1,722	-51	(4.8)	(2.9)	5.7
Central Luzon	1,155	1,052	1,048	-4	(8.9)	(0.4)	3.5
CALABARZON	1,442	1,400	1,408	8	(2.9)	0.6	4.7
MIMAROPA Region	1,550	1,470	1,581	111	(5.2)	7.6	5.3
Bicol Region	1,872	1,899	1,927	28	1.4	1.5	6.4
Western Visayas	4,897	4,798	4,722	-76	(2.0)	(1.6)	15.7
Central Visayas	1,582	1,624	1,625	1	2.7	0.1	5.4
Eastern Visayas	1,989	2,020	2,002	-18	1.6	(0.9)	6.7
Zamboanga Peninsula	1,912	1,963	2,012	49	2.7	2.5	6.7
Northern Mindanao	2,023	1,972	1,953	-19	(2.5)	(1.0)	6.5
Davao Region	3,230	3,087	3,046	-41	(4.4)	(1.3)	10.1
SOCCSKSARGEN	1,989	2,029	2,066	37	2.0	1.8	6.9
Caraga	650	670	650	-20	3.1	(3.0)	2.2
ARMM	1,716	1,593	1,611	18	(7.2)	1.1	5.4

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Note: Details may not add up to total due to rounding

**TABLE 2 Inventory of Carabao by Age Classification**  
**Philippines: as of 01 July 2017-2019<sup>p</sup>**  
**(number of head)**

AGE CLASSIFICATION	2017 <sup>r</sup>	2018 <sup>r</sup>	2019 <sup>p</sup>	Percent Change		Percent Distribution
				2018/2017	2019/2018	2019
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2883321</b>	<b>2878480</b>	<b>2868628</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>100</b>
CARABULL (Male, 3 years old and above)	815,122	784,342	776,176	(3.8)	(1.0)	27.1
CARACOW (Female, 3 years old and above)	1,142,092	1,154,071	1,171,029	1.0	1.5	40.8
CARAHEIFER (2 to 3 years old)	313,803	319,569	305,867	1.8	(4.3)	10.7
YEARLING <sup>1/</sup> (0 to 2 years old)	469,453	477,610	476,906	1.7	(0.1)	16.6
OTHERS <sup>2/</sup>	142,851	142,888	138,650	0.0	(3.0)	4.8

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1/ Male and female including caracalves

2/ Include castrated and ready to breed carabull

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**TABLE 3 Monthly Average Farmgate Prices of Carabao for Slaughter**  
**Philippines: July-September 2017-2019<sup>p</sup>**  
**(peso per kilogram, liveweight)**

MONTH	2017	2018	2019 <sup>p</sup>	Percent Change	
				2018/2017	2019/2018
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<b>Average</b>	<b>88.39</b>	<b>96.38</b>	<b>100.57</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
July	87.11	95.81	100.41	10.0	4.8
August	89.34	97.53	100.87	9.2	3.4
September	88.71	95.79	100.42	8.0	4.8

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