

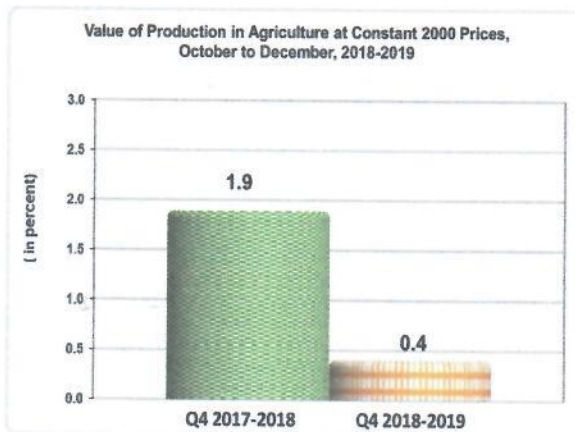


PRESS RELEASE

Agriculture inches up by 0.4 percent in Q4 2019

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In the fourth quarter of 2019, agriculture inched up by 0.4 percent. Crops, poultry and fisheries posted increases in production while livestock production contracted.

Crop production grew by 1.0 percent during the quarter. It shared 50.6 percent in the total agricultural output. Palay production went up by 4.7 percent. Corn recorded an 8.2 percent decline in production.

Livestock which accounted for 16.2 percent of the total agricultural production decreased by 8.5 percent. Hog production dropped by 9.8 percent during the quarter.

Production of poultry expanded by 5.4 percent this quarter. It shared 17.0 percent to the total agricultural production. Except for duck, all poultry commodities posted higher production.

Fisheries production which increased by 3.4 percent contributed 16.2 percent to the total agricultural output during the fourth quarter of 2019. All the major species registered output increases.

At current prices, the value of agricultural production at PhP 492.0 billion was down by 5.3 percent this quarter.

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