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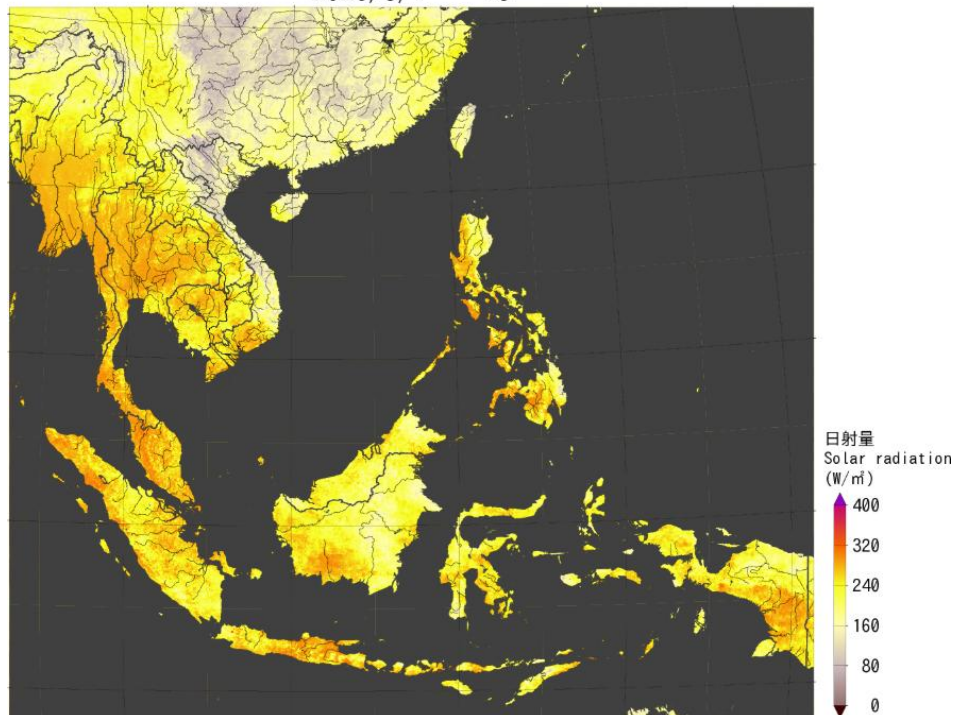
Overview

In the Northern side of SE-Asia, the dry season maize is in vegetative to harvesting stage mainly. The final sown area is forecast to increase compared with last year due to favorable maize prices. The yield conditions vary from country to country, but are generally around normal.

In the Southern side of SE-Asia, the seeding of wet season maize has almost completed. The growing conditions are generally favourable due to adequate irrigation water availability. The harvested maize yields are expected to be fairly good, supported by sufficient irrigation water and sunlight during the crop growth period.

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Cambodia

The final planted area of dry season maize reached 93% of national plan and it is almost same level as the last year. The harvesting reached 35% of total planted area. The average yield is 6.0 t/ha, slightly increase than last year.

Indonesia

March is the last month of maize planting in the wet season, with a total planted area of 1.5 million hectares. The growing conditions are generally favourable due to adequate irrigation water availability.

At the same time, March marks the third month of the wet season maize harvest. The total harvested area is around 0.9 million hectares. Overall maize yields are expected to be fairly good, supported by sufficient irrigation water and sunlight during the crop growth period.

Laos

The dry season maize is in the reproductive stage and the planted area reached up to 9.7 thousand hectares, which is more than two times beyond the national plan (4.5 thousand hectares). The growing condition is good due to the adequate soil moisture following late February rainfall. However, localized pest pressure and uneven rainfall distribution in some areas may pose challenges to yield performance.

Malaysia

By March 2026, wet season maize crops continue to develop across major producing regions.

Most maize fields are now entering the reproductive stage. Crop conditions are generally assessed as fair to good, supported by adequate soil moisture. No major pest or disease outbreaks have been reported. Overall, maize production prospects for the wet season remain stable as crops advance towards the later growth stages.

Myanmar

Dry season maize planting is nearly complete at 88.6% of the national target. Harvesting has reached 36.2% of the planted area, with current yields 3.94 tons per hectare. Slightly above-normal precipitation and soil moisture continue to support healthy crop development. Most fields are in reproductive stage, and good yields are expected.

Philippines

The dry season maize planted from November to December is in maturing to harvesting stage. The yield per hectare may decline compared to last year due to frequent rainfall and presence of pest during reproductive stage. Generally, the crop growing condition of dry season maize is fair due to favorable weather conditions for the remainder of the month.

Thailand

Dry season maize is currently in the harvesting stage, with about 40% of the total area already harvested. The planted area is expected to increase compared with last year, mainly due to favorable prices, with peak harvesting likely to occur in March and April.

Both maize production and yields are projected to increase, supported by adequate irrigation and the use of high-quality seed varieties.

Vietnam

Dry season maize sowing in the Northern region continued for the third month, with the total sown area estimated at 152.3 thousand hectares, 5% lower than last year because the harvest of the winter crop was prolonged due to unfavorable weather conditions and affecting the timing of land preparation and sowing for the spring crop.

In the South, dry season maize sowing has begun, and the current sown area is estimated at 47.3 thousand hectares. Rainfall has been sufficient, and crop germination is progressing well

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