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FOOD SECURITY SNAPSHOT

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- Rice exports forecast at above-average level in 2024

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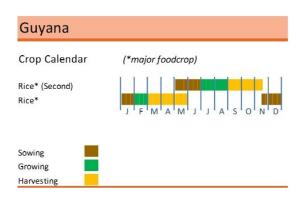
The 2024 second paddy crop, accounting for about half of the annual production, is currently at vegetative and flowering stages, and crop conditions are generally favourable in the main producing eastern coastal areas. Following some dryness between March and April, which coincides with the harvesting of the first crop, rainfall amounts increased in May and June, replenishing soil moisture deficits and supporting planting operations. Planted area is estimated to be above the average due to favourable weather conditions at planting time. Although rainfall amounts are forecast at below-average levels in August, yields are not expected to be affected as the period corresponds to the maturation stage, when crops are more resistant to dryness.

The 2024 annual paddy production, including the first season crop harvested between March and May, is forecast at an above-average level of 1.07 million tonnes due to large sowings and above-average yields.

Rice exports forecast at above-average level in 2024

Rice is the country's most important exportable agricultural commodity and, on average, about half of the annual production is exported. Reflecting the expected increase in exportable surplus due to the above-average 2024 harvest, exports are forecast to be above the average in the 2024 marketing year (January/December).

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Cereal Production

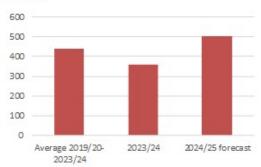
	2019-2023 average	2023	2024 forecast	change 2024/2023
	(000 tonnes		percent
Rice (paddy)	978	995	1070	7.5
Maize	4	4	4	0.0
Total	982	999	1074	7.5

Note: Percentage change calculated from unrounded data.

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Cereals Exports

000 tonnes



Note: Includes rice in milled terms. Split years refer to individual crop marketing years (for rice, calendar year of second year shown).

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