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Harvesting of the 2024 paddy crop, virtually the only cereal grown in the country, concluded last December. The rainy season, which normally extends from May to October, had a good performance in the key producing counties of Lofa, Bong and Nimba. In these regions, seasonal rainfall amounts were near average, with a favourable impact on vegetation conditions and yields. By contrast, in most of the other counties, precipitation amounts were near to slightly below average and rains were erratically distributed. Prolonged dry spells, in particular early in the season, were followed by torrential rains in June and July, which triggered floods in parts of Montserrado, Bong and Grand Cape Mount counties.

The aggregate 2024 paddy production is forecast at about 325 000 tonnes, near the 2023 level and about 18 percent above the average of the previous five years, mainly reflecting the favourable weather conditions in key cropping areas.

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FAO/GIEWS Food Price Monitoring and Analysis (FPMA) Tool
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FAO/GIEWS Earth Observation for Crop Monitoring
https://www.fao.org/giews/earthobservation/.
Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) https://www.ipcinfo.org/.

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Crop Calendar (*major foodcrop)

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Cereal Production

	2019-2023 average	2023	2024 forecast	change 2024/2023
	000 tonnes			percent
Rice (paddy)	277	324	325	0.4
Total	277	324	325	0.4

Note: Percentage change calculated from unrounded data.