

National Food Authority

Accomplishment Report

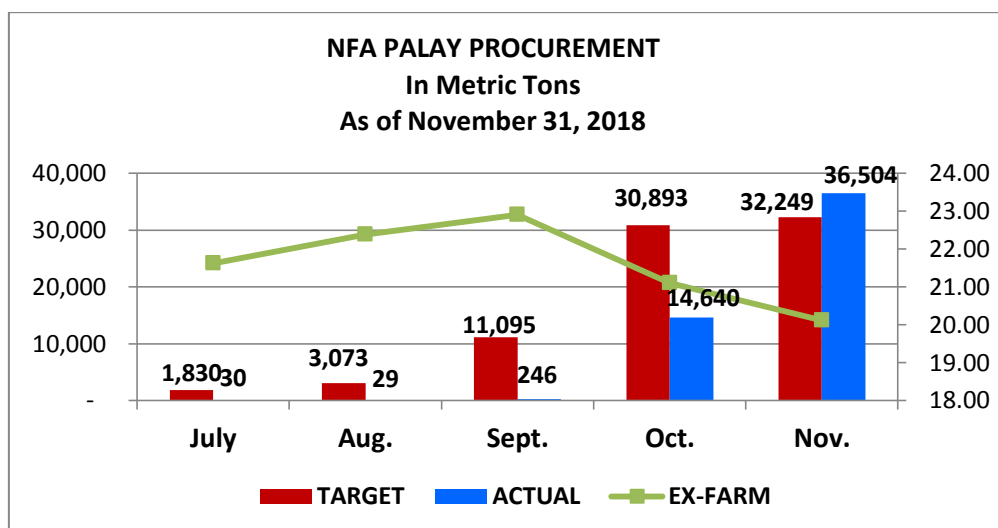
November 2018



MFO 1: STABLE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF STAPLE CEREALS

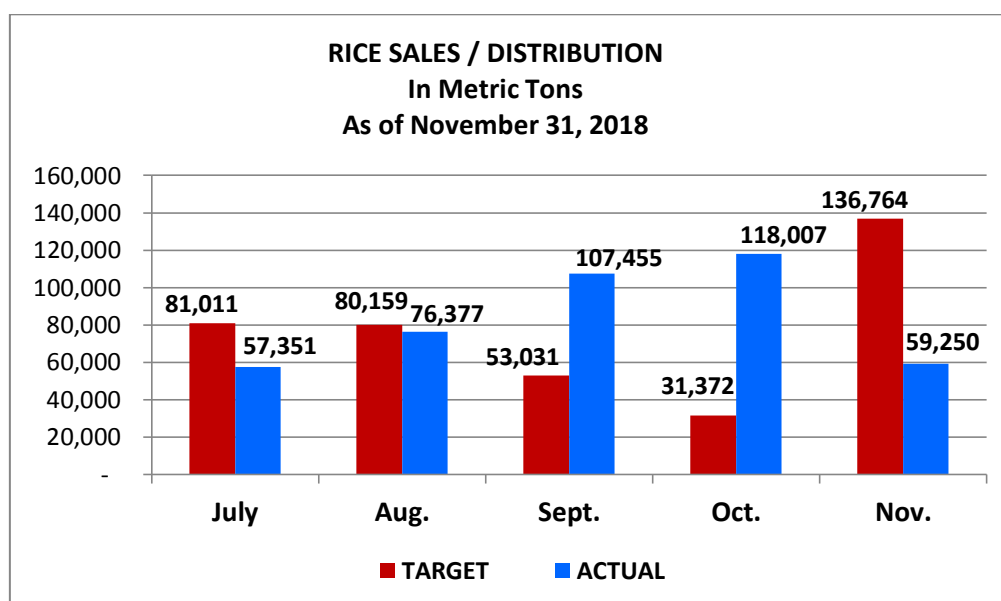
PROCUREMENT

For the month of November 2018, NFA procured 36,504 MT of palay, which is 113% accomplishment of the month's target of 32,249 MT. The increase in procurement from last month's 14,640 MT is attributed to the onset of palay main harvest, and the additional ₱3/kg incentive given by NFA.



DISTRIBUTION

For the month of November, NFA distributed 59,250 MT of rice, equivalent to 43.32% accomplishment of the month's target of 136,764 MT. Market participation is at 9.07%.



PRICES

Based on the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) summary of commercial palay/rice prices, the average ex-farm price decreased from last month's ₱21.10/kg to ₱20.11/kg this month. NFA's buying price for palay is lower by ₱3.11/kg, compared to the prevailing farm-gate price level. For Yellow corn, NFA's buying price is lower by ₱1.87/kg and ₱1.39/kg in White corn.

Average Ex-Farm Prices vs NFA Buying Price

(Price per kg.)

November 30, 2018

Commodity	NFA Buying Price	Ex-Farm Price	Price Diff. (In peso/kg)
Palay	17.00	20.11	(3.11)
YGN	12.30	14.17	(1.87)
WGN	13.00	14.39	(1.39)

Prices of rice generally went down for the month. WMR and RMR posted decreases of ₱1.82/kg and ₱1.99/kg in the wholesale level, and ₱1.72/kg and ₱2.12/kg in the retail level, respectively. Yellow corn showed a slight decrease of ₱0.18/kg in wholesale but posted an increase of ₱0.14/kg in retail level. White corn prices decreased by ₱0.35/kg in wholesale and ₱0.08/kg in retail level.

Average Prevailing Wholesale/Retail Price of Rice and Corn

(Peso per Kg.)

November 30, 2018

Commodity	November	October	Price Diff in (Peso/Kg)
Whole Sale			
WMR	42.97	44.79	(1.82)
RMR	39.90	41.89	(1.99)
YGN	20.65	20.83	(0.18)
WGN	20.79	21.14	(0.35)
Retail			
WMR	46.78	48.50	(1.72)
RMR	43.20	45.32	(2.12)
YGN	25.66	25.52	0.14
WGN	27.81	27.89	(0.08)

MFO 3: BUFFER STOCK OF STAPLE CEREALS

RICE STOCK INVENTORY

As of November 30, 2018, NFA stock inventory of 2,042,721 bags (total rice equivalent – TRE) or 102,136.05 MT. This is good to last for 3.19 days, based on the 2018 national daily rice consumption requirement of 32,013 MT, while based on the Average Daily Sales (ADS) of 2,938 MT, with a market participation of 9.18%, NFA stocks will last for 33.33 days.

NATIONAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT (QSAR) OF NFA STOCKS

The total volume of assessed NFA stored grains as of the end of November 2018 was 2,378,800.40 bags, an increase of 7.96% from October volume of 2,203,389 bags. Milled rice stocks fit as food represent 99.996% of the total assessed grains. Stocks for disposition totaled 106.8 bags, equivalent to .004%, composed of partial and totally damaged milled rice.

CLASSIFICATION/ CONDITION OF STOCKS	Quantity (in 50-kg bags)	PERCENTAGE (%)
Good Quality (GQ)	2,129,786.10	89.532
Treated	248,907.50	10.464
For treatment	0.00	0.000
Total for Disposition	106.80	
-Sweepings	0.00	0.000
-Partially Damaged	58.90	0.002
Totally Damaged	47.90	0.002
TOTAL	2,378,800.40	100%

NFA Initiatives to comply with the A013: Removal of Non-Tariff Barriers and Streamlining of Administrative Procedures on the Importation of Agricultural Products

- Approval of additional 750 TMT rice imports to increase government buffer stocks.
 - The 250 TMT was already bidded out but only 47 TMT was contracted. In November, the bidding for the 203,000 MT under the Government to Government mode of procurement, failed because offers received from Thailand and Vietnam were higher than the reference price.
- Approval of out-quota rice importation of 350 TMT to the Supermarkets.
 - A Certificate of Eligibility was already issued to Puregold for 15,000 MT rice imports.
- Approval of additional out-quota imports with no limit on the volume to be imported.
 - The administrative process/procedures was simplified, reducing the legal and financial requirements from some 12 to 5 documents and removing the application fee of P100,000.

- The “Guidelines on the Inspection of grains, their seizure in cases of hoarding and/or cornering and the subsequent disposition thereof to the general public” is being finalized.
- Cooperation efforts with other Trade Regulatory Government Agencies (TRGA)
 - NFA is cooperating with the Dept. of finance (DOF), Dept. of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) in the development of Inter-Agency Business Process Interoperability (IABPI) Program which shall be incorporated in the TradeNet.gov.ph
- Other NFA activities.
 - Continuous/regular inspection of grains business establishments.
 - Continuous deployment of NFA employees to conduct “Palengke Watch” to monitor rice prices and retailers’ inventory of stocks.
 - Deployment of Quality Assurance Surveillance Team (QAST) at the unloading port to monitor pre assess the quality and condition of imported rice to be unloaded at the port thereby preventing the delivery of poor quality imported rice at the NFA warehouse.

INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

In November 2018, the following Audit Services were conducted:

I. AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS

- A. Special Audit on Distribution in Region III (N. Ecija, Bulacan, Tarlac and Pampanga), IV (Batangas, Palawan, Laguna & Quezon), V (Albay & Camarines Sur), VI (Iloilo & Negros Occ.), VII (Cebu & Bohol), NFA-NCR (CDO, NDO, EDO, & SDO) - Audit Report for finalization.
- B. e-IFOMIS TOLA Module Implementation – Pilot testing in Batangas Provincial Office.
- C. Review of computation of Perpetual Leave Cards in HRMD – Two PLCs completed, and three PLCs on-going review.

II. Tolerable Allowance (TOLA)

- A. Issued 41 Certifications of Stock (Grains and MTS) Accountabilities of NFA officials and rank and file employees, 13 of which are for fielding or designation of Stock Accountable Officers (SAOs) and the rest for purposes of retirement, resignation, death benefit claims, travel abroad, maternity sick leave and/or reassignment.

FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Testing

For the month of November, FDC performed 12 physical and sensory evaluation, 128 chemical analysis, two microanalytical (Filt), and 105 microbiological quality evaluation, to determine safety and quality of white rice, brown rice, corn grits, other cereals, and various food and food products. Other activities included the testing of packaging materials and label evaluation; heat penetration and heat distribution test to establish and/or evaluate adequacy of thermal processes of canned goods; shelf life testing to establish shelf life of various packaged products; and the conduct of seminar/training.

Research and Development

- Development and Implementation of R & D projects
 - Prepared five project proposals – Oligo powder, Bihon, Guyabano, Calamansi, Macapuno
 - Prepared progress report for “Arsenic in Rice” project.
 - Prepared three final reports on Product Development of Sardines in tomato sauce, Calamansi, Garlic, Identification of Hair Specimen.

Quality Assurance

- Implemented one pilot plant projects
- Prepared 17 plant inspection plans, nine inspection checklist and four plant inspection report.

Training Programs

- Designed and developed hands on training on Microbiological Analysis of Various Sporeformers.

Industry Liaison

- Evaluated 31 clients’ technical inquiries and recommended FDC analyses/services to meet international standards.
- Maintained FDC website and FDC WiFi network
- Monitored and delivered 168 FDC technical reports to stakeholders

ISO Compliance

- Prepared eight reports on QA activities.
- Prepared/reviewed/revised 17 ISO documents.
- Prepared one audit report for ISO 9001:2015

Operational accomplishment of FDC representing served services to clients for the month of November 2018 amounted to ₱ 380,259.86 Income from collections received from clients request for FDC services (RFDCS) is ₱ 359,011.11.

Certification International Philippines Inc. (CIPI) recommended the continuous certification of FDC to ISO 9001 with transition to version 2015, after the conduct of surveillance/reassessment audit on September 13-14, 2018.

CORPORATE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Information Technology/Systems Development/SOPs

- As of November 30, 2018, Roll-out or Installation of two HURIS modules were completed in Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VIII, and NCR. Implementation and training of RAOs and PAOs were also completed in these regions, all in awareness of the Data Privacy Act of 2012. Firewall appliance, as required in the HURIS access, were also installed and configured.

Corporate Planning

- Preparation and Submission of requirements/targets to the 2017-2022 Public Investment Program under the Philippine development Plan
- Prepared report on the MANCOM and joint EXCOM-MANCOM meeting
- Prepared updates on AO 13
- Prepared update on Presidential Directive no. 2018-0326 (Study on the viability of constructing own rice mill stations)

Corporate Development and/or Evaluation:

1. Divestment of Assets
 - a. On-going Complete Staff Work (CSW)
 - Maramag, Bukidnon
 - Bugallon, North Ramon, Isabel
 - Catalunan Grande
2. ARP Committee
 - Attended the NFA Regional Engineers Conference as resource person on ARP matters.

Monitoring and Reporting

- Prepared Visibility Reports from Field Offices – Liaison with LGUs and Congressmen.

LEAP

- Prepared NFA position paper on SB 1998: Rice Tariffication Bill
- Attended small group meeting on Senate Bill No. 1998
- Attended Congress PLLO Dialogue regarding disagreeing provisions on Rice Tariffication Bill
- Attended Bicameral Hearing on Rice Tariffication Bill
- Attended Congress meeting on HB Nos. 8252 and 8323 entitled “CIFIT Act of 2009” Capital Income and Financial Intermediary Taxation
- Attended Congress TWG meeting on HB Nos. 8252 and 8323
- Attended Senate budget hearing for CY2019

TRAININGS:

In November 2018, NFA facilitated the participation of 113 NFA officials and employees in two internal trainings and 18 external trainings.

TITLE		NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	DURATION
I. Internal Training		84	
1	2018 Regional Engineers Conference and Planning Workshop	53	November 13-15
2	Grains Classification for Internal Auditors	31	November 13-15
II. External Training		29	
1	Competency-Based HR	1	November 7-9
2	OECD-ASEAN Outreach Event	1	November 4-7
3	e-government Project Management Seminar	2	November 12-16
4	44th PAGBA Quarterly Seminar	3	November 21-24
5	73rd PICPA Convention (Region 8)	1	November 22-24
6	SDC Track 1 (Region 11)	2	November 5-9
7	Property and Supply Manangement System (Region 7)	2	November 26-29
8	73rd PICPA Convention (Region 11)	2	November 22-24
9	44th Quarterly PAGBA (Region 5)	2	November 21-24
10	08 (Region 6)	1	November 12-17
11	S/W on updates on IRR of RA9185 (Region 7)	1	November 8-9
12	ORA-OHRA (Region 8)	2	November 13-15
13	PHILGEPS Buyers Training (Region 9)	2	November 26-27
14	Effective Business Writing (Region 13)	1	November 12-13
15	Tax Updates and Implementation of TRAIN (region 8)	1	8-Nov
16	SDC Track 1 (Region 2)	1	November 13-15
17	PAPFI-FPA Training (Region 2)	3	November 13-15
18	CPA Fumigators (Region 13)	1	8-Nov
TOTAL		113	

NFA PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT as of November 30, 2018

No. of Positions

Regular Plantilla	3,860
Central Office	<u>523</u>
Executive	50
Rank & File	473
Field Office	<u>3,337</u>
Executive	106
Rank & File	3,231
CTI Personnel (Rank & File)	288
Central Office	51
Field Office	<u>237</u>
Total	<u><u>4,148</u></u>

ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION

Nationwide enforcement accomplishment for the month of November 2018: Inspected 15,616 business establishments, apprehended 824 grains businessmen with 19,975 violations resolved, and collected a total of ₱ 116,800 from fines and penalties.

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of grains business establishments inspected	15,616
2. No. of grains businessmen apprehended	824
3. No. of apprehensions/violations resolved	19,795
4. Total fees collected	₱ 116,800.00

Nationwide Regional/Provincial Consolidated Report on “**Task Force NFA Kontra Abuso**”

For the “Task Force NFA Kontra Abuso”, of 100 complaints received, 64 were resolved, 32 are still for resolution of the concerned field offices, three are for investigation, and one not related to NFA.

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of text messages received	91
2. No. of calls received	7
3. No. of e-mail received	2
TOTAL	100

Actions taken:

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of complaints resolved	64
2. No. of complaints still pending with the concerned field offices	32
3. No. of complaints subject for SSID investigation	3
4. No. of complaints not NFA related	1

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1. News Releases:

- NFA's government-to-government bidding fails
- NFA conducts pre-bid conference for 500,000 MT rice import
- NFA, DTI launch SRP for rice in Northern Mindanao
- NFA, DA and DTI launch SRP in Eastern Visayas
- 1.7 million consumers served by NFA Tagpuan Day in barangays
- NFA assures sufficient rice in areas hit by typhoon Samuel
- NFA exceeds procurement target in Southern Tagalog
- Rice retailers commit to continue to sell affordable rice amid rice tariffication
- NFA assures continuous sale of low-prices rice

2. Media Advisories re Invitation to trimedia reporters to attend the following events:

- Nov. 6 – Pre-Bid of the 203,000 MT Rice Imports thru government-to-government (G2G) scheme
- Nov.7 – Pre-Bidding of the 500,000 MT Rice Imports thru Open Tender
- Nov.9 - Press Con of Farmers Organization at Bacolod Inasal Restaurant
- Nov.12 – Proteat Rally re Opposition to Senate Bill 1998 or the Revised Rice Tariffication Bill of 2018
- Nov.13 – Bidding of 203,000 MT Rice Importaion thru G2G scheme
- Nov. 20 – NFA Open Tender Bidding of 500,000 MT Rice Importation
- Nov. 23 – Oath Taking of Newly Elected officers of ANIB
- Nov. 26 – Indignation Rally re Approval of Bicam on the Adoption of Senate Bill 1998 or the revised Rice Tariffication Bill of 2018
- Nov. 28 – Lightning Protest Against the Ratification of the Rice Tariffication Bill/NFA Abolition (SB 1998 Version as adopted by the Bicameral Committee)

3. Monitored and summarized highlights of news clipping about NFA, agriculture and other related issues for the month of October

4. Maintain and manage NFA Facebook account, posted/reposted press releases and articles related to NFA particularly on NFA rice importation and rice distribution, posted/shared 149 NFA news releases on NFA Facebook Account, shared news report re NFA rice distribution, Tagpuan, relief operations, palengke watch, market inspection, palay procurement, Ugnayan and SRP implementation, answered/replied 320 queries from NFA official Facebook account.

5. Coordinated the following:

- Publication of 17 sets of bidding notices in national dailies
- Malacanang Hotline 8888 : relayed/endorsed 40 complaints to concerned offices/officials/employees; followed-up and ensured prompt compliance on complaints, endorsed compliance to the Office of the President

- Facilitated the NFA's participation to the National Rice Awareness Month publication and airing
6. Provided photo and video coverage on the following events:
 - Market inspection by NFA and DTI at Blumentrit market
 - National Rice Awareness Month celebration at QC Memorial Circle
 - Bidding re Procurement of 203,000 MT Rice Importation
 - Workshop on GRAINS Classification for Internal Auditors
 - Bidding of 203,000 MT Rice Importaion through G2G scheme
 - Regional Engineers Conference and Planning Workshop
 - SRP Rice Inspection
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 7. Monitored and clipped 447 news items on NFA and agri-related issues and concerns, reproduced and provided copies to concerned NFA officials.