

National Food Authority

Accomplishment Report

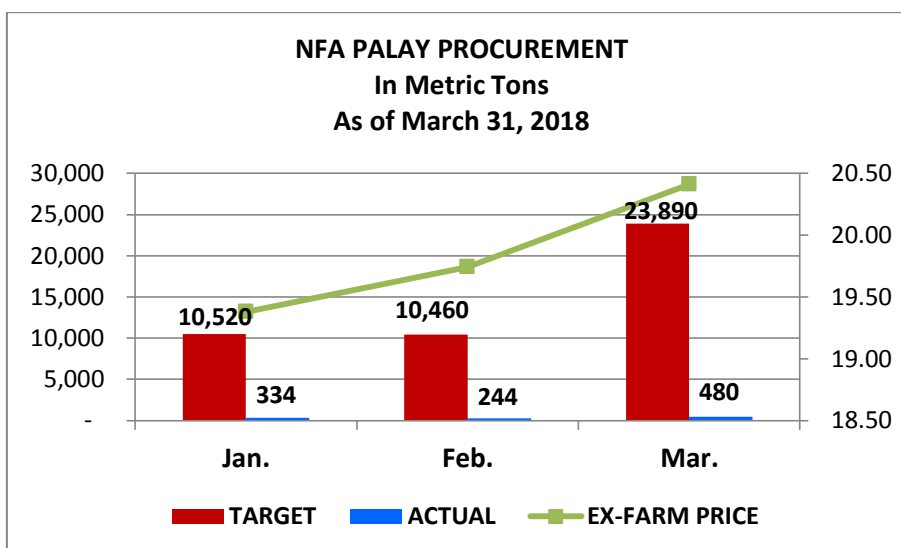
March 2018



MFO 1: STABLE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF STAPLE CEREALS

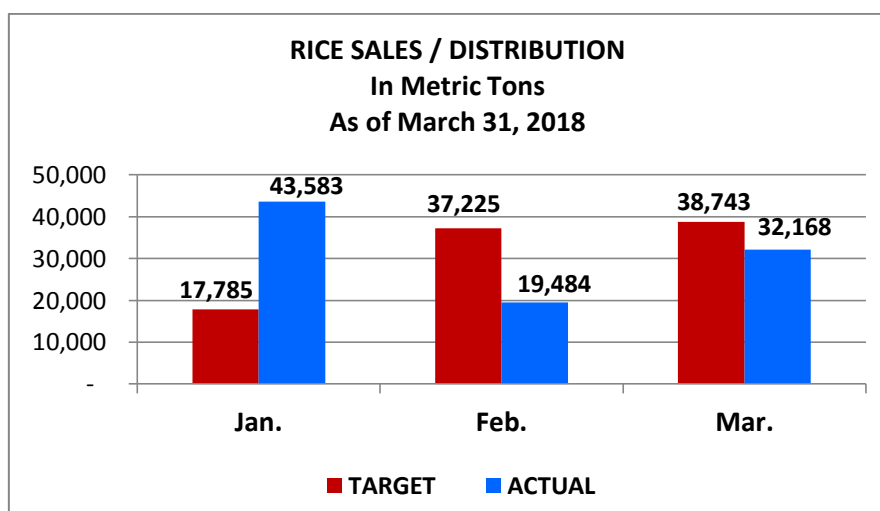
PROCUREMENT

For the month of March 2018, NFA procured 480 MT of palay, which is 2.01% accomplishment of the month's target of 23,890 MT. The continued low procurement is still due to the prevailing high farm-gate prices of palay, which as of March 31, 2018, is at ₱20.41/kg. , ₱3.41/kg. higher than the government's buying price of ₱17.00/kg.



DISTRIBUTION

For the month of March, NFA distributed 32,168 MT of rice, equivalent to 83.03% accomplishment of the month's target of 38,743 MT. NFA injected more rice in the market despite very low inventory to cushion the effect of increasing commercial prices of rice and make available low-priced rice for the poor.



FARMERS WHO SOLD PALAY TO NFA FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Particulars	MARCH 2018			MARCH 2017		
	Palay		Amount Paid by NFA	Palay		Amount Paid by NFA
	Number of Farmers	Qty. in bags of 50 kg.	Php	Number of Farmers	Qty. in bags of 50 kg.	Php
Individual Farmers	10	271.70	235,481.13	95	53,233.57	6,422,098.26
Walk-In Farmers	3	27.24	23,335.63	38	1,679.78	1,407,728.81
Farmer's Organization	28			90		
No. of members	51	2,818.47	2,474,940.27	384	35,459.93	30,932,405.21
TOTAL	84	3,117.41	2,733,757.03	517	90,373.28	38,762,232.28

For March 2018, only 64 farmers sold their palay to NFA, 87% lower compared to last year's figure of 517 farmers. Total palay deliveries of 3,117.41 bags, amounting to ₱2.73M is 96% lower than last year's same period deliveries of 90,373.28 bags, amounting ₱38.76M.

PRICES

Based on the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) summary of commercial palay/rice prices, the average ex-farm price posted an increase of ₱0.67 from last month's price of ₱19.74 to ₱20.41 for this month. NFA's buying price for palay is comparatively lower by ₱3.41/kg., compared to the prevailing farmgate price level. NFA's buying prices for yellow, and white corn were likewise, lower by ₱1.85/kg. and ₱4.37/kg., than the prevailing commercial prices, respectively.

Average Ex-Farm Prices vs NFA Buying Price

(Price per kg.)

March 31, 2018

Commodity	NFA Buying Price	Ex-Farm Price	Price Diff. (In peso/kg)
Palay	17.00	20.41	(3.41)
YGN	12.30	14.15	(1.85)
WGN	13.00	17.37	(4.37)

Prices of WMR and RMR posted slight increases of ₱0.57/kg. and ₱0.39/kg. in the wholesale level, and ₱0.47/kg. and ₱0.51/kg. in the retail level, respectively. For yellow corn wholesale and retail prices, manifested increases of ₱0.52/kg., and ₱0.29/kg. respectively. However, wholesale price of white corn showed a slight decrease of ₱0.07/kg., and remained the same in the retail level.

Average Prevailing Wholesale/Retail Price of Rice and Corn

(Peso per Kg.)

March 31, 2018

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>Price Diff in (Peso/Kg)</i>
Whole Sale			
WMR	40.70	40.13	0.57
RMR	37.10	36.71	0.39
YGN	19.90	19.38	0.52
WGN	20.43	20.50	(0.07)
Retail			
WMR	43.44	42.97	0.47
RMR	39.68	39.17	0.51
YGN	23.62	23.33	0.29
WGN	29.96	29.96	0.00

MFO 3: BUFFER STOCK OF STAPLE CEREALS

RICE STOCK INVENTORY

As of March 31, 2018, NFA stock inventory of 223,550 bags (total rice equivalent –TRE) or 11,177.50 MT, is good to last for 0.35 days, based on the 2018 national daily rice consumption requirement of 32,013 MT.

NATIONAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT (QSAR) OF NFA STOCKS

The total volume of assessed NFA stored grains as of the end of March 2018 was 242,540.4 bags, composed of palay, milled rice and corngrains, presenting a decrease of 71.65% from the February 2018 volume of 855,386.5 bags. Stocks fit as food (rice) and feed (corn) represent 99.75% of the total assessed grains. Stocks for disposition were 594 bags (0.017%) composed of sweepings, (0.015%) of partially damaged stocks, and 516.5 bags (0.213%) of totally damaged milled rice.

CLASSIFICATION/ CONDITION OF STOCKS	Quantity (in 50-kg bags)	PERCENTAGE (%)
Good Quality (GQ)	178,520.40	73.605
Treated	63,425.30	26.150
For treatment	0.00	0.000
Total for Disposition	594.70	
-Sweepings	41.60	0.017
-Partially Damaged	36.60	0.015
Totally Damaged	516.50	0.213
TOTAL	242,540.40	100%

**MFO 4: DEVELOPMENTAL REGULATION OF THE GRAINS INDUSTRY
IMPLEMENTED AND ENFORCED**

REGISTERED/LICENSED GRAINS BUSINESSMEN

For the month of March, NFA registered and licensed 1,498 applicants, 49 of whom availed of the two-year (2019-2020) advance-license scheme. Total R/L collections including advance payments, on grains business activities amounted to ₱3,158,571.27 while ₱52,400 were collected for 262 metal plates issued. The cumulative R/L fees collected amounting to ₱65,273,055.08 represents 43.52% of the annual target collection of ₱150M. Note that majority of those who applied for licenses are engaged in selling of commercial rice.

PARTICULARS	
R/L Fees Collection	3,158,571.27
Mobile Licensing	1,020,225.10
Advance Collections (2019-2020)	32,450.00
2019 Applicants: 31	20,295.00
2020 Applicants: 18	12,155.00
No. of R/L Applicants	1,498
METAL PLATES (@ P200/pc)	
- No. of Issuances of Metal Plates	262
- Amount	52,400.00

UGNAYANs (Farmers' Assembly)

For the month of March, 29 UGNAYANs were conducted, participated in by 766 NFA stakeholders.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	ACCOMPLISHMENT
UGNAYANs conducted	29
Participants	766

PHIL. GRAINS STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM (PGSP)

To check whether the PGSP Rules and Regulations are strictly observed, 6,420 Grains Business Establishments were inspected. Some 2,979 trainings and seminars to advocate PGSP rules and regulations were conducted, participated in by 5,302 NFA Stakeholders and 56 press releases were made.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	ACCOMPLISHMENT
Grains Business Establishment Inspected	6,420
Meetings/Seminars/Trainings;	
Number conducted	2,979
Number of Participants	5,302
Press Releases made	56
PGSP Violation cases filed	-

NFA PRIVATE SECTOR RICE IMPORTATION

NFA issued/renewed 41 licenses to importers for this month. Import licenses are different from import permits issued for MAV.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	ACCOMPLISHMENT
Number of NFA Licensed Importers	41
- Farmer Organizations	24
- Other Sectors (Non-Farmers)	17

Import License – issued by Industry Services Department under PD4 to Grains Businessmen involved in different lines of activities involving grains in a specified quantity, during a specified period (usually one year).

Import Permit – Issued by NFA to Grains Importers on a per shipment basis, required by BOC for the release of the cargo (grains).

INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

In March 2018, the following Audit Services were conducted:

I. AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS

- A. Special Audit on Stock Accountabilities of Stock Accountable Officers in CDO, NDO, SDO, EDO and Cavite – Completed.
- B. Special Audit on Importation and Dispersal Operations in Regions I, III, IV, V, VII, and XI – Completed.
- C. Special Audit on Property, Plant and Equipment, and Stock Inventory Variance in NFA-NCR, Regions V, VIII, IX and ARMM – On-going field audit.
- D. Special Audit on Property, Plant and Equipment in Regions I, II, VI, X – On-going field audit.

II. Tolerable Allowance (TOLA)

- A. Issued 36 Certifications of Stock (Grains and MTS) Accountabilities of NFA officials and rank and file employees.
- B. Consolidated the 4th Quarterly Status Reports on All Provincial Offices from Regions I to XV – On-going.
- C. Entertained queries from different NFA Regional Offices regarding TOLA matters.

FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Testing

For the month of March, FDC performed five physical and sensory evaluation, 156 chemical analysis, seven microanalytical, and 51 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 final progress report on Arsenic in Rice project

Quality Assurance

- Conducted inspection of seven food manufacturing plants and issued compliance certificates

Training Programs

- Implemented three training courses to the food industry and Government agencies.
- Developed/Improved four training course materials.
- Prepared two evaluation reports on the implementation of training courses.

Industry Liaison

- Evaluated 78 clients' technical needs and requirements of industry clients.
- Maintained FDC website and FDC wifi network
- Monitored and delivered 176 FDC technical reports to stakeholders

ISO Compliance

- Implemented eight QA activities for testing laboratories.
- Monitored, reviewed and verified effectiveness of two ISO documents

Operational accomplishment of FDC representing served services to clients for the 1st Quarter of 2018 amounted to ₱2,459,184.27. Income from collections received from clients' request for FDC services (RFDCS) is ₱1,775,450.25.

LEGAL AFFAIRS

For the month, 330 activities pertaining to adjudication, documentation and litigation were undertaken:

Adjudication	38
Drafted Special Orders (SO) for HO and Pros and submitted to the Administrator's Office for signature	2
Drafted pre-Hearing Briefs	2
Notices of pre-Hearing Conference issued	3
Pre-Hearing conference conducted	1
Pre-Hearing Orders prepared/issued	1
Motions/Pleading filed	1
Transcribed Minutes/TSN (CODI Hearing)	1
Service/Mailing of Motions/Pleading and Orders	1
Pre-Hearing Order served	1
Notices of Pre-Hearing served	3
Formal offer of exhibits served	1
Motion to Resolve reproduced and served	1
Draft Position Paper	1
FIR's reviewed/submitted	2
Draft Decision for Review	2
Opinions Prepared	7
Opinions served	7
Accomplishment report prepared	1
Documentation & Legal Research	14
Contracts reviewed/evaluated	4
Opinions rendered	3
Pre-Bid Conference (TWG)/Post Qualification	1
Notice of Disallowance	6
Litigation	278
Hearing/s attended by Lawyers	26
Pleadings, memoranda & related documents prepared by Lawyers	10
Opinions, reports, requests, queries & communications prepared and sent by Lawyers	32
Certifications/COC of no pending case	210
TOTAL	330

CORPORATE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Information Technology/Systems Development/SOPs

- As of March 31, 2018, the Registration and Licensing Information System (RLIS) were installed and implemented in six provinces of the Bicol Region, in particular, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate and Catanduanes.
- On-going implementation of the following e-IFOMIS modules at Central Office:
 - Financial Information System
 - Receivable Management
 - General Services Information System.

Problems encountered during implementation which were referred to the Comfac Corporation, the developer of the e-IFOMIS Project, are still being resolved.

The Joint Deed of Undertaking between NFA and Comfac Corporation has already been signed by the Administrator, i.e. on the extended time to complete the e-IFOMIS.

Corporate Planning

- Accomplished BP Form 202-A regarding Convergence Programs and Projects that will contribute to the Agricultural Development Program (ADP) of the Government, as specified in the National Budget Memorandum (NBM) No. 129 or the FY 2019 Budget Call. Indicative Planning Calendar for 2018, as submitted to the Department of Agriculture.
- Accomplished and submitted the detailed presentation of NFA's 2018 Commitments for the Biyaya ng Pagbabago, for the coordination meeting of the Supervised Agencies, as submitted to Assistant Cabinet Secretary Jann Ann Roby R. Otero, Office of Supervised Agencies, Office of the Cabinet Secretary.
- Facilitated the execution of NFA's Budget Partnership Agreement (BPA) with the Federation of Free Farmers (FFF) and Integrated Rural Development Foundation (IRDF); submitted same to DBM.
- Facilitated the dialogue/meeting with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)/Farmer Groups, etc., and acted as secretariat thereto.
- LEAP
 - Acted as secretariat to the Senate public hearing/inquiry on the NFA and the supply and price of rice

Corporate Development and/or Evaluation:

1. Divestment of Assets: On-going Complete Staff Work (CSW)
 - Divestment of NFA – Sto. Tomas property in Davao del Norte
 - Partial Divestment of NFA-NDO property
 - Poblacion, Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro
2. Evaluation
 - Proposed Corn Center in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro – on-going

Monitoring and Reporting

- Visibility Reports from Field Offices – Liaison with LGUs and Congressmen
- Finalized the 2017 Accomplishment Report
- Validation of 2017 Scorecard

TRAININGS:

In March 2018, NFA facilitated the participation of 121 NFA officials and employees in three internal and seven external trainings.

TITLE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	DURATION
I. Internal Training	108	
1 Succession Planning and Management Batch 1	53	March 6-7
2 Women Empowered Forum	28	20-Mar
3 Stock Accountable Officers Seminar	27	March 8-9
II. External Training	13	
1 Gender Diversity and Inclusiveness	1	March 13-15
2 S/W on Information Systems Strategic Planning	2	March 7-9
3 Fundamentals of Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking	1	March 16-17
4 CPA Fumigators License Training	2	March 5-6
5 1st CARAGA CPA's Conference	6	March 1-3
6 PHILGEPS Training for Phase 1	1	March 22-24
7 RA 9184 and IRR	1	March 22-23
TOTAL	121	

NFA PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT as of March 31, 2018

	No. of Positions
Regular Plantilla	3,871
Central Office	<u>539</u>
Executive	55
Rank & File	484
Field Office	<u>3,332</u>
Executive	102
Rank & File	3,230
CTI Personnel (Rank & File)	312
Central Office	57
Field Office	<u>255</u>
Total	<u><u>4,183</u></u>

ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION

Nationwide enforcement accomplishment for the month of March 2018: Inspected 2,367 business establishments, apprehended 246 grains businessmen with 312 violations reported, and collected a total of ₱ 17,000 from fines and penalties.

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of grains business establishments inspected	2,367
2. No. of violations	312
3. No. of grains businessmen apprehended	246
4. Total fees collected	₱ 17,000

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY:

As a “subsequent (to 2017) event” reported, NFA contributed ₱2.383 Billion to the country’s economy in 2017, in terms of the following increase in economic activities.

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
1 Palay Procurement	443,593,260.20
2. Corn Procurement	76,702,343.84
3. Rent Expenses	120,886,401.56
4. Transportation & Deliveries Expenses	486,612,646.83
5. Storage	-
6. General Services	91,652,785.25
7. Janitorial Services	11,665,337.96
8. Security Services	296,818,594.37
9. Drying	1,321,629.13
10. Milling	53,998,246.45
11. Handling	239,434,415.50
12. Tax Witheld from Employees' Compensation	199,163,791.25
13. Tax Witheld from Suppliers of Goods & Services	361,333,646.26
TOTAL	2,383,183,098.60

Per trial balance as of December 31, 2017

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1. News Releases:
 - Training on Basic Sensory Evaluation for Food Testing and Product Development
 - NFA Ready for aggressive pal buying
 - Training on Accelerated Shelf Life Testing of Food Products
 - Training on Requirements for Good Manufacturing Practices in Food Handling and Processing
 - NFA prepares for 250,000 MT rice importation
2. Submitted the Agency's calendar of events for the 2nd quarter of 2018 to the Office of the Cabinet Secretary.
3. Maintained NFA Facebook Account. Posted/reposted PRs and news articles related to NFA
 - Replied to 46 queries on NFA facebook account
 - Monitored 8 twits in NFA twitter account and replied 4 twitter inquiries
4. Monitored and clipped 164 news items on NFA corporate and agri-related issues and concerns and provided copies to concerned NFA officials.