

National Food Authority

Accomplishment Report

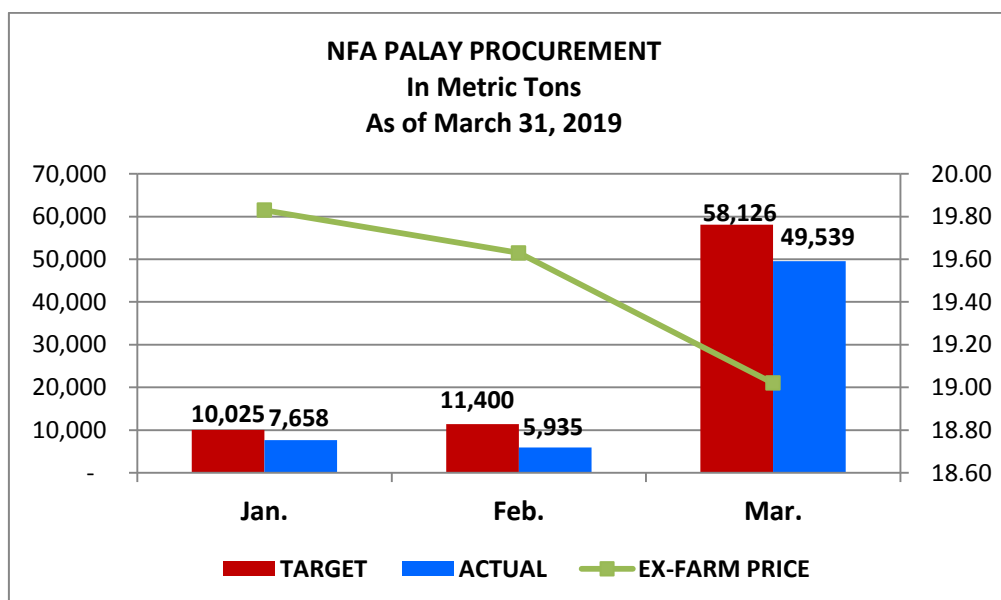
March 2019



MFO 1: STABLE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF STAPLE CEREALS

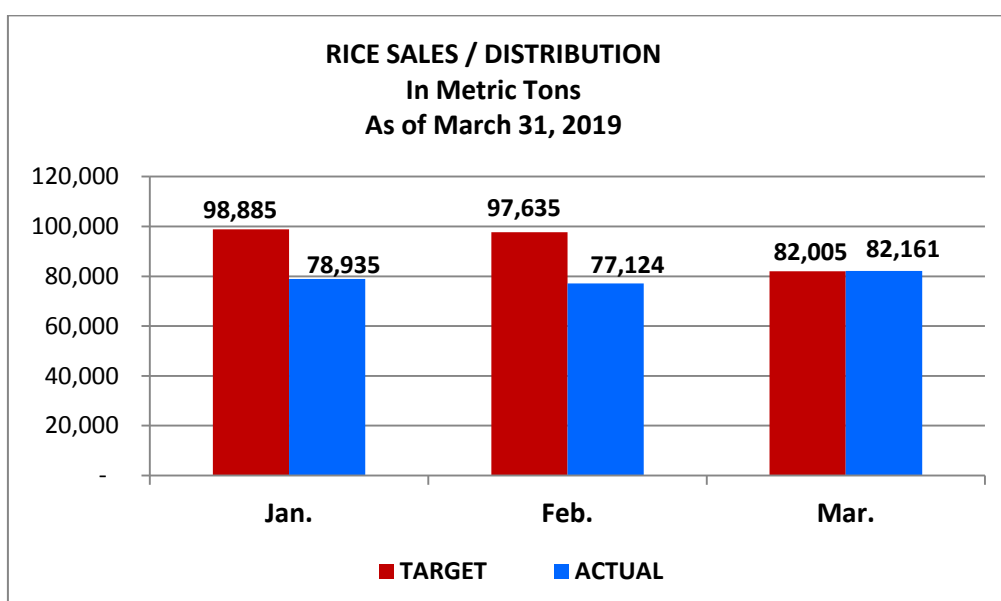
PROCUREMENT

For the month of March 2019, NFA procured 49,539 MT of palay, which is 85.23% accomplishment of the month's target of 58,126 MT. The increase in procurement can be attributed to the additional ₱3.00 incentive given by NFA as Buffer Stocking Incentive (BSI).



DISTRIBUTION

For the month of March, NFA distributed 82,161 MT of rice, equivalent to 100% accomplishment of the month's target of 82,005 MT.



PRICES

Based on the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) summary of commercial palay/rice prices, the average ex-farm price posted a decrease of ₱0.61 from last month's price of ₱19.63 to ₱19.02 for this month. NFA's buying price for palay is comparatively lower by ₱2.02/kg., compared to the prevailing farmgate price level. NFA's buying prices for yellow, and white corn were lower by ₱1.61/kg., ₱2.29/kg., respectively.

Average Ex-Farm Prices vs NFA Buying Price

(Price per kg.)

March 31, 2019

Commodity	NFA Buying Price	Ex-Farm Price	Price Diff. (In peso/kg)
Palay	17.00	19.02	(2.02)
YGN	12.30	13.91	(1.61)
WGN	13.00	15.29	(2.29)

NFA started to buy palay at ₱20.70/kg. with the approval of Buffer Stocking Incentive (BSI) on October 12, 2018, consists of basic buying price of palay at ₱17.00/kg with additional incentives of ₱0.30 for CDIF, ₱0.20 for delivery fee, ₱0.20 for drying fee and ₱3.00 for Buffer Stocking.

Both wholesale and retail prices of WMR and RMR posted decreases of ₱0.55/kg. and ₱0.76/kg. in the wholesale level, and ₱0.39/kg. and ₱0.63/kg. in retail level, respectively. For yellow corn, wholesale and retail prices, showed decreases of ₱0.99/kg. and ₱0.80/kg. respectively, but manifested increases in white corn of ₱1.96/kg. in wholesale and ₱1.16/kg. in retail level.

Average Prevailing Wholesale/Retail Price of Rice and Corn

(Peso per Kg.)

March 31, 2019

Commodity	March	February	Price Diff in (Peso/Kg)
Whole Sale			
WMR	40.74	41.29	0.55
RMR	37.14	37.90	0.76
YGN	18.48	19.47	0.99
WGN	22.99	21.03	(1.96)
Retail			
WMR	44.30	44.69	0.39
RMR	40.25	40.88	0.63
YGN	23.92	24.72	0.80
WGN	29.38	28.22	(1.16)

MFO 3: BUFFER STOCK OF STAPLE CEREALS EFFECTIVELY MANAGED

RICE STOCK INVENTORY

As of March 31, 2019, NFA stock inventory of 11,523,694 bags (total rice equivalent –TRE) or 576,184.70 MT, is good to last for 17.68 days, based on the 2018 national daily rice consumption requirement of 32,013 MT, while based on the Average Daily Sales (ADS) of 3,613.35 MT, at a market participation of 11.09%, NFA stocks is expected to last for 159.46 days.

NATIONAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT (QSAR) OF NFA STOCKS

The total volume of assessed NFA stored grains as of the end of March 2019 was 12,026,954.00 bags, composed of palay, milled rice and corngrains, an increase of 19.97% from the February 2019 volume of 10,024,963 bags. Stocks fit as food (rice) and feed (corn) represent 99.997% of the total assessed grains. Stocks for disposition were 284.60 bags (0.003%) composed of 93.00 bags (0.001%) partially damaged stocks, and 191.60 bags (0.002%) of totally damaged milled rice.

CLASSIFICATION/ CONDITION OF STOCKS	Quantity (in 50-kg bags)	PERCENTAGE (%)
Good Quality (GQ)	11,934,111.80	99.228
Treated	92,557.60	0.770
For treatment	0.00	0.000
Total for Disposition	284.60	
-Sweepings	0.00	0.000
-Partially Damaged	93.00	0.001
Totally Damaged	191.60	0.002
TOTAL	12,026,954.00	100%

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

REGISTERED/LICENSED GRAINS BUSINESSMEN

Pursuant to the effectivity on March 5, 2019 of Republic Act 11203 (An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import restriction on Rice and for other Purposes) and in anticipation of the related Implementing Rules and regulations (IRR), All NFA Offices are hereby Directed not to issue any licenses, collect fees or any related thereto, including Import Permits etc. pursuant to the removal of NFA's regulatory powers under Article III of RA 11203.

INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

In March 2019, the following Audit Services were conducted:

I. AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS

- A. Special Audit on Distribution in Region XIII (Cavite) – Audit Report completed
- B. e-IFOMIS TOLA Module Implementation in Batangas & Laguna – Rolling-out On-going
- C. Fact finding Investigation Team to conduct investigation on Alleged NFA issues/regularities raised during the 2/27/2018 Senate Hearing – ON-going
- D. Milling Committee Report for the Validation on the Alleged Misclassified Palay in NFA Maguindanao – Report submitted to AO.
- E. Review of computation of Perpetual Leave Cards – 10 completed and 6 on-going

II. Tolerable Allowance (TOLA)

- A. Issued 22 Certifications of Stock (Grains and MTS) Accountabilities of NFA officials and rank and file employees.
- B. Entertained queries from different NFA Regional Offices regarding TOLA matters.

FOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Testing

For the month of March, FDC performed 14 physical and sensory evaluation, 275 chemical analysis, one micro analytical, and 239 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 four progress reports on Arsenic in Rice, Mycotoxin in Rice, Heavy Metals in Rice, LRME
 - Prepared annual report on Arsenic in rice project

Quality Assurance

- Implemented one Pilot Plant project
- Conducted five inspections of food manufacturing plants and issue compliance certificate

Training Programs

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

Industry Liaison

- Evaluated 61 clients' technical needs and requirements of industry clients.
- Maintained FDC website and FDC wifi network
- Monitored and delivered 155 FDC technical reports to stakeholders

ISO Compliance

- Implemented 12 QA activities for testing laboratories.
- Prepared one audit report for ISO 9001:2015

LEGAL AFFAIRS

For the month, 245 activities pertaining to adjudication, documentation and litigation were undertaken, details of which are as follows:

LEGAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

As of March 31, 2019

Adjudication	36
Recording/Docketing of Cases	9
Position papers	2
Assignment of cases to HO's/PRO's	4
Drafting of FIR's, Decisions and Resolutions ⁴	4
Resolution of Motion for Reconsideration (MR) to the Decision/s & other litigious motions or remedies	2
Submission of Position Papers, Memoranda, and other pleadings	4
Support Functions	7
Report Compliance	3
Actions on requests for certification from CO and Fos	1
Documentation & Legal Research	25
Contracts reviewed/evaluated	8
Opinions rendered	15
Opening of sealed canvass	1
Pre-Bid Conference (TWG)/Post Qualification	1
Litigation	222
Hearing/s attended by Lawyers	19
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	161
TOTAL	283

CORPORATE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Information Technology/Systems Development/SOPs

- As of March 31, 2019, Implementation and training for HURIS, of RAOs and PAOs still on-going, all in awareness of the Data Privacy Act of 2012. Firewall appliance, as required in the HURIS access, were also installed and configured.
- To date, the development of the Electronic Integrated Financial Operation and Management Information System (e-IFOMIS) is at 96.99%. This covers the evaluation and validation of the results of pilot listings.

Corporate Planning

- Prepared a request letter to GCG re. Consideration on certain matters regarding NFA reorganization
- Prepared a request letter to the Department of Agriculture DA re. Assistance in the preparation of the Current State Assessment
- Attended the Internal Budget Hearing for the FY 2020 DA Plan and Budget
- Attended the Philippine Rice Industry Roadmap – Technical Working Group (TWG) workshop
- Prepared/Consolidate inputs to the State of the Nation Address
- Prepared guidelines on the transfer of the Food Development Center (FDC) to the Department of Agriculture (DA)
- Prepared/consolidate comments on guidelines on the reorganization participatory process
- Prepared final report on the Presidential Administrative Order no.13 series of 2015
- Prepared Complete Staff Work (CSW) on the proposed installation of 80ton capacity truckscale at NFA-Albay
- Preparation and Submission of the NFA Annual Accomplishment Report
- Submitted supporting documents for the 2018 Performance Scorecard as required by GCG during the onsite validation conducted March 28, 2019

Corporate Development and/or Evaluation:

1. Divestment of Assets

Monitoring and Reporting

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

LEAP

- Attended Congressional Hearing on

TRAININGS:

In March 2019, NFA facilitated the participation of 4 NFA officials and employees in four external trainings.

TITLE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	DURATION
I. Internal Training	0	
1		
II. External Training	4	
1 Mandatory Continuing Legal Education	1	Mar. 27 - 31
2 Mandatory Continuing Legal Education	1	Mar. 11 - 14
3 Lecture/Workshop on Development of National Food Safety Indicators	1	Mar. 18 - 20
4 17th National Convention of Lawyers	1	Mar. 28 - 29
TOTAL	4	

NFA PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT as of March 31, 2019

No. of Positions

Regular Plantilla	3,883
Central Office	<u>519</u>
Executive	50
Rank & File	469
Field Office	<u>3,314</u>
Executive	105
Rank & File	3,209
CTI Personnel (Rank & File)	277
Central Office	49
Field Office	<u>228</u>
Total	<u><u>4,110</u></u>

ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATION

The nationwide enforcement accomplishment for the month March 2019, 14,663 applicants/establishments/warehouses inspected, 380 grains businessmen were apprehended, 290 apprehensions/violations were resolved and a total of ₱257,850 administrative fees/penalties were collected.

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of applicants/establishments/warehouse inspected	14,663
2. No. of grains businessmen apprehended	380
3. No. of apprehensions/violations resolved	290
4. Total fees collected	₱ 257,850

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

For the “Task Force NFA Kontra Abuso” report for the period March 1 up to its cessation on April 8, 2019, of the 38 complaints received, 36 complaints referred/forwarded to the concerned field offices, and two are not related to NFA.

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of text messages received	31
2. No. of calls received	7
3. No. of e-mail received	0
TOTAL	38

Actions taken:

PARTICULARS	
1. No. of complaints resolved	36
2. No. of complaints still pending with the concerned field offices	-
3. No. of complaints subject for SSID investigation	-
4. No. of complaints not NFA related	2

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1. News Releases

- NFA to cease regulatory functions over Philippine Grains Industry
- NFA buys 232,447 bags of palay in Jan. – Feb. 2019
- NFA employees, rice consumers slams NEDA official for insensitive remarks on NFA rice
- NFA debts are commitment and policy “losses” of government
- NFA buying stations ready for palay procurement
- NFA helps 274,000 families through Tagpuan rice sale
- Consumers in QC grapple for NFA rice in the market
- Training on Accelerated Shelf Life Testing of Food Products
- Basic Principles of Food Traceability and Food Defense
- NFA Laguna ready to procure palay summer crop

These releases merited publication in the following newspapers:

Phil. Star (3X), Manila Standard (3X), Manila Bulletin (2X), Business Mirror (2X), People’s Journal and Pilipino Star Ngayon

2. Freedom of Information (FOI): Processed two request

- Trade and market data of non-alcoholic, non-carbonated industry (this was denied because the requested data/info are not within the agency’s coverage)
- Milk consumption in the Philippines (this was denied because the requested data/info are not within the agency’s coverage)

3. Replied to 280 queries on NFA Facebook Account

4. Maintained NFA Facebook Account. Posted/reposted press releases and news articles related to NFA particularly on the NFA rice distribution, palay procurement, employees protest on NFA abolition, market inspection, Rice tariffication and lobbying against SB 1998.

5. Shared/posted 67 news articles/press releases

- Added 30 new friends (total 2740)

6. Monitored NFA Twitter account @bigas_NFA

7. Monitored and clipped 219 news items on NFA corporate and agri-related issues and concerns and provided copies to concerned NFA officials.