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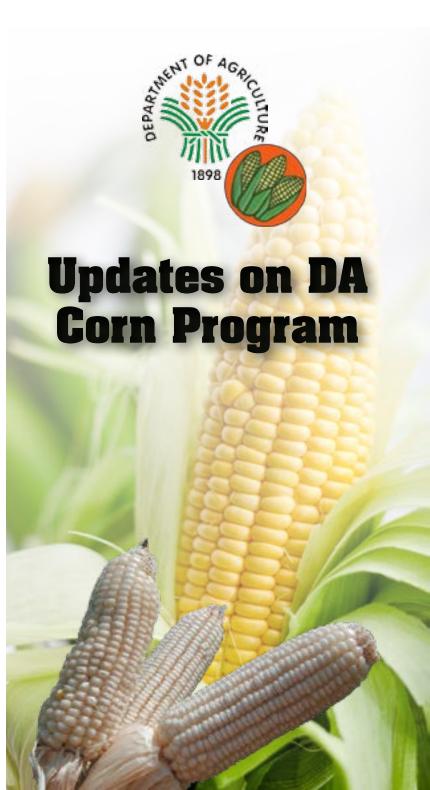
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# **AGRI-PINOY CORN PROGRAM**



orn is the second most important crop in the Philippines. About 14 million Filipinos prefer white corn as their main staple and yellow corn accounts for about 50% of livestock mixed feeds. Some 600,000 farm households depend on corn as a major source of livelihood, in addition to transport services, traders, processors and agricultural input suppliers who directly benefit from corn production, processing, marketing and distribution.

Corn is also processed into high value products, such as cornstarch, corn syrups, corn oil, gluten and snack foods.

The Department of Agriculture's Agri-Pinoy Corn Program aims to increase production of quality corn and also cassava for human consumption, feeds and industrial uses, as well as empower the farmers and increase their income, thereby improving their quality of life.

Overall strategy is to fast track the expansion of hybrid corn, cassava and other feed crops production to achieve food and feed self-sufficiency, enhance the competitiveness of the domestic livestock and poultry sectors through cheaper feed inputs as well as generate jobs in rural communities.

# CORN PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TARGETS Objectives

- Attain self-sufficiency and/or surplus in corn by 2013
- Increase corn production from 6.97 million metric tons (MMT) in 2011 to 10.82 MMT in 2017
- Increase income of farmers by at least PhP8,000 to PhP10,000 per hectare
- Increase consumption of white corn and cassava of at least 1 kg per capita per year.

# Program Thrusts (2013)

• Development of idle and new lands and coconut areas suitable for corn production thru farm mechanization

- Use of quality planting materials and cost-reducing technologies to improve yield
- Genetic conservation and utilization
- Establishment of postharvest facilities and equipment in major producing areas to reduce losses and improve quality of produce
- Deployment of small and bulk storage system with the active participation of the private sector
- Extension activities for farmers and extension workers
- Massive information campaign of white corn and cassava as food staple in support to the government's Food Staples Sufficiency Program.
- •Strengthen coordination with industry players and other stakeholders
- Clustering approach in major producing areas

# Program Targets (2013)

- Corn production for 2013 is targeted at 8.450 MMT with 5.683 MMT yellow corn and 2.767 MMT white corn.
- Sufficiency in corn will be achieved by 2013 with surplus of 234.000 MT.
- FY 2013 budget of Corn Program is PhP1.524 billion with an increase of 60.33% from FY 2012 budget.
- Conduct of Corn Quality Awards for 2013 to recognize the achievement of top performing LGUs with outstanding contribution to the corn industry.

# **Production Performance (2012)**

- Corn production 2012 has reached 7.408 MMT in 2012, which is a 6.25% higher than that of 2011 (6.971 MMT). This is also the highest record in the history of corn production. By the end of 2013, the Corn Program is targeting a volume of 8.2 MMT that is 10.69% higher than the production in 2012.
- Area harvested to corn increased by 1.9% or 49,000 hectare (ha) from 2.545 million ha in 2011 to 2.594 million ha in 2012. Average yield for white is 1.66 MT/ha and for yellow is 4.09 MT/ha.
- Quezon has corn production of 36,033 MT: 15,445 MT for white and 20,588 MT for yellow. The total corn area of the province is 21,882 ha. and average yield of 1.65 MT/ha.

# **Program Accomplishments (2012)**

- Provided 178,566 bags of quality registered/certified Open-Pollinated Variety (OPV) corn and high-yielding cassava seed pieces for propagation of 40,346 ha in the different regions.
- Distributed 77 units of farm tractors through counterpart-funding arrangements with Local Government Units (LGUs), cooperatives



- or farmer associations to expand area for corn production.
- Provided 408 shallow tube wells in Ilocos, Central Luzon, CALABARZON and MIMAROPA regions to enable the planting of corn after palay.
- Established and completed ready for operation 42
  village-type dryers as well as distributed 61 corn mills,
  35 hammer mills, 16 mechanical corn shellers, 56 hermetic
  cocoons, 6 cassava chippers, 3 cassava graters with presser and
  80 cassava granulators cum shredder.
- Conducted a total of 1,255 Farmer Education Program such as techno showcase, Training of Trainers, Farmers' Field School, technical briefings, meetings and other trainings in corn and cassava to empower farmers and agricultural technicians to become more efficient and productive.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Philippine National Corn Congress was held last September 25-28, 2012 in Davao City which was attended by more or less 1,000 corn farmers nationwide.
- The Corn Program budget for 2012 is PhP950.739 M which increased by 96.58% or to equivalent PhP467.097 M from FY 2011 budget of PhP483.642 M.