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PSA Kalinga Strengthens Staff Capacities Through Communication and Public Speaking Training in Partnership with KSU



PSA-Kalinga staff participate in a one-day training session on workplace communication, grammar, and public speaking held on May 16, 2025, at the PSA Kalinga Conference Room, in partnership with Kalinga State University.

As part of its continuing commitment to the professional development of its personnel, the Philippine Statistics Authority - Kalinga Provincial Statistical Office (PSA-Kalinga), in partnership with Kalinga State University (KSU), conducted a series of training sessions aimed at enhancing workplace communication, grammar proficiency, and public speaking skills. The activity was held on May 16, 2025, at the PSA Kalinga Conference Room in Tabuk City.

The learning sessions covered three key areas: Workplace Communication - Pitfalls and Repairs, Basic Grammar Recall, and The Art of Emceeing - Public Speaking. These topics were carefully selected to address common communication challenges in professional settings, reinforce the correct usage of grammar in written and verbal interactions, and build the confidence and effectiveness of staff in hosting or speaking during official functions.

The training was facilitated by three educators from Kalinga State University: Ms. Ruth Ladwington, Ms. Lailanie Banggawan and Ms. Geraldine S. Baluyan. Their dynamic and insightful presentations provided participants with both theoretical understanding and practical techniques, enabling them to apply these competencies in their day-to-day responsibilities. Through engaging discussions, interactive activities, and real-life scenarios, the participants

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were encouraged to reflect on their communication practices and refine their skills accordingly.

This initiative is part of PSA-Kalinga’s broader learning and development strategy to promote excellence and professionalism within the organization. By investing in continuous training and fostering academic partnerships, the office affirms its commitment to delivering high-quality statistical services and public engagements that are clear, impactful, and responsive to the needs of its stakeholders.



101-Year-Old Centenarian from Tanudan Registered in the National ID System



Ms. Juana Lutit Baguiyon, a 101-year-old centenarian from Anggacan, Tanudan, Kalinga, successfully registered in the National Identification System on May 26, 2025, through the efforts of PSA-Kalinga.

In a continuing effort to promote inclusivity and ensure that all Filipinos are granted access to essential government services, the Philippine Statistics Authority – Kalinga Provincial Statistical Office (PSA-Kalinga) successfully registered Ms. Juana Lutit Baguiyon, a 101-year-old centenarian from Anggacan, Tanudan, Kalinga, into the National Identification (ID) System on May 26, 2025.

The successful registration of Ms. Baguiyon serves as a meaningful testament to the PSA’s commitment to reaching even the most remote and underserved populations, especially senior citizens and members of vulnerable sectors. With her registration, Ms. Baguiyon now holds a valid proof of identity through the National ID, enabling her to access various government services and entitlements. Among these are the benefits specifically allocated for Filipino centenarians under Republic Act No. 10868, or the "Centenarians Act of 2016," which grants cash gifts, commendation letters, and other forms of recognition to citizens who reach the age of 100 and beyond.

This event underscores the crucial role of the National ID System in streamlining the delivery of government programs and promoting social protection across all demographics.

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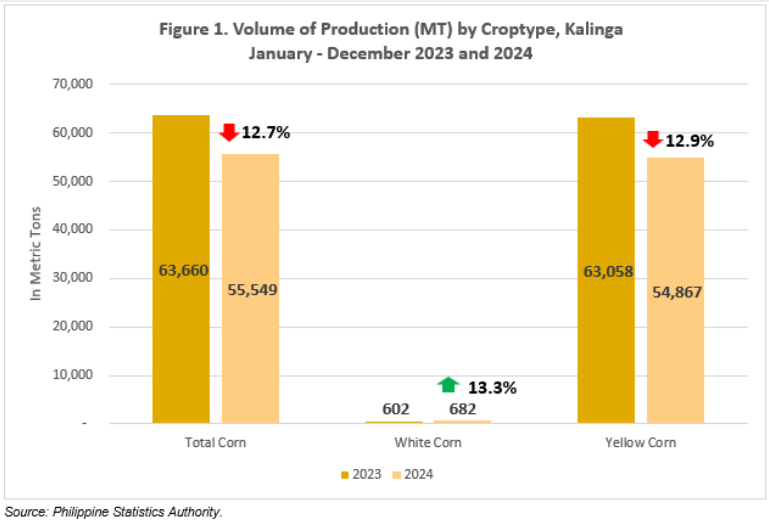
For the elderly, particularly those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, the National ID System ensures they are not excluded from the benefits and recognition they rightfully deserve. The National ID eliminates the need for multiple documents to verify one’s identity and allows for more efficient and inclusive public service delivery.

PSA-Kalinga continues to strengthen its initiatives under the National ID System program by extending its services to far-flung communities, conducting house-to-house registration when necessary, and coordinating with local government units to locate unregistered individuals. The office remains steadfast in its advocacy that every Filipino, regardless of age or location, should be empowered with a reliable form of identification that upholds their dignity, facilitates access to services, and affirms their place in society.

Corn Situationer in Kalinga: January to December 2024

Corn Production declines by 12.7percent in 2024.

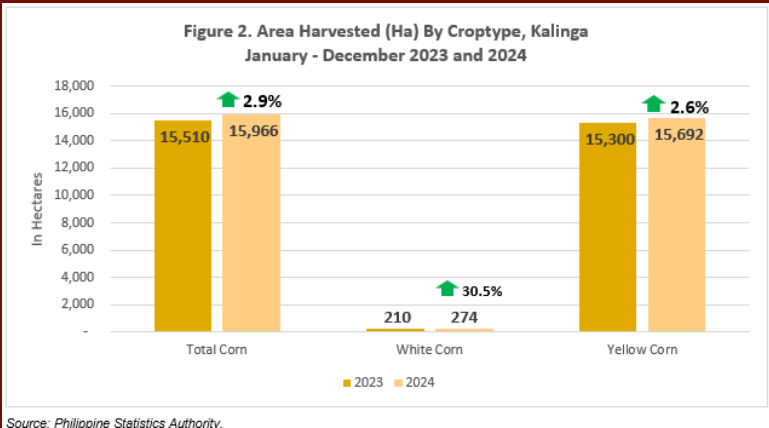
The total volume of corn production in 2024 is 55,549 metric tons which is 12.7% lower than the 63,660 metric tons production in 2023.



In 2024, white corn volume of production is 682 metric tons. It indicates an increase of 13.3 percent compared to 2023 production of 602 metric tons.

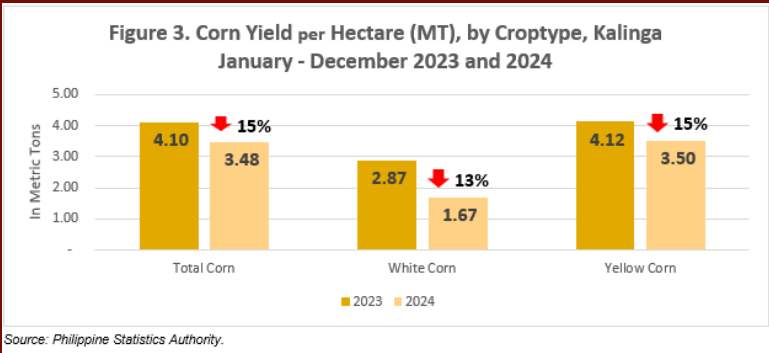
On the other hand, yellow corn production in 2024 is 54,867 metric tons which is lower by 12.9 percent over the production in 2023 of 63,058 metric tons. (See Figure1).

The total corn area harvested in 2024 increased by 2.9 percent compared to 2023 area harvested with 15,510 hectares to 15,966 hectares.



Around 274 hectares of white corn were harvested in 2024 raised by 30.5 percent compared to 2023 with an area of 210 hectares. On the other hand, area harvested for yellow corn increased by 2.6 percent from 15,300 hectares in 2023 to 15,692 hectares in 2024. (See Figure 2).

The yield per hectare of corn is 3.48 metric tons in 2024 declined by 15 percent from the 4.10 metric tons per hectare in 2023.

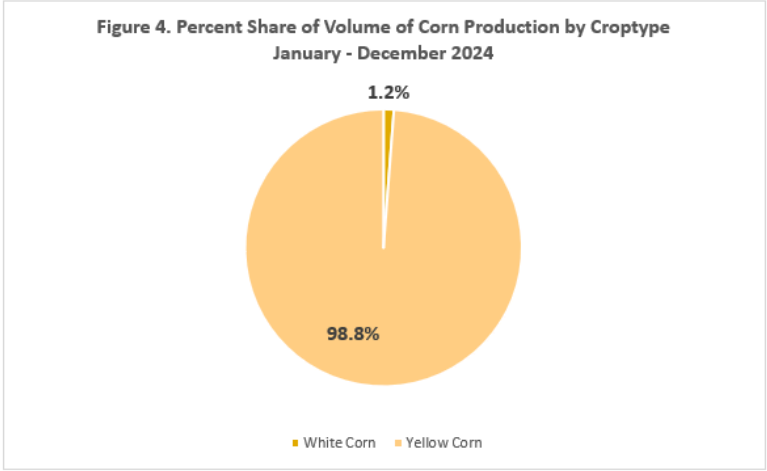


Yield per hectare of white corn in 2024 went down by 13 percent with 1.67 metric tons compared to 2.87 metric tons per hectare in 2023. Furthermore, the yield per hectare of yellow corn is 3.50 metric tons in 2024 decreased by 15 percent compared from 4.12 metric tons per hectare in 2023. (See Figure3).

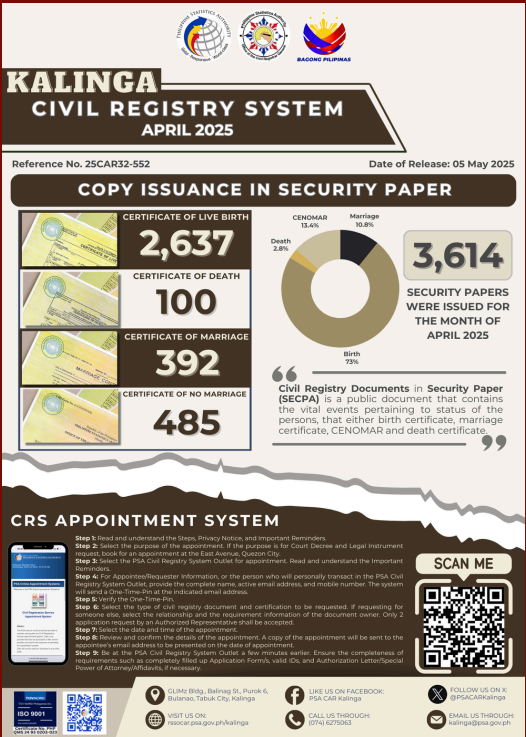
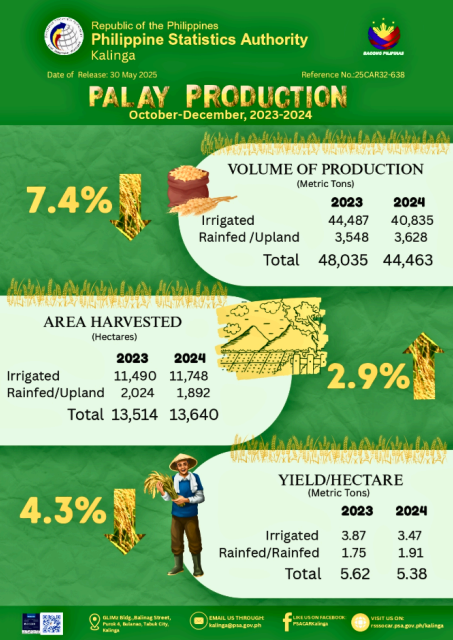
The yellow corn contributed 98.8% percent share of the total volume of production in 2024. Whereas, white corn contributed 1.2% percent share to the total volume of production. (See Figure 4)

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