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# Agriculture

## At a Glance

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### Agri grows 5.1%

The agriculture sector grew by 5.1 percent (constant prices) in 2004, much higher than its 3.7 percent growth in 2003 and the fastest growth since 2000. At current prices, agricultural output grossed P783.9 billion, 18.4 percent higher than the previous year.

All subsectors except livestock posted positive growths. Fishery posted the highest growth among the subsectors, at 9.4 percent in 2004, from 2003's 7.5 percent. Agricultural crops increased from 2.8 percent to 4.9 percent, while poultry recovered from the sluggish 1.9 percent in 2003 to 4.2 percent in 2004.

**Table 1. Agriculture Growth, 2000-2004 (%)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Agricultural Crops	-12.2	3.2	1.5	2.8	4.9
Livestock	2.9	2.9	4.4	3.0	-0.4
Poultry	6.5	7.9	6.1	1.9	4.2
Fishery	4.6	6.2	6.8	7.5	9.4
Total	-4.4	4.5	3.7	3.7	5.1

Source: Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS)

**Table 2. Agricultural Crop Performance**

	Volume (in Million MT)		Weighted Ave. Farmgate Price (P/Kg)		Value of Production at Current Price (in billion pesos)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
AGRI CROPS	71.33	74.51	4.63	5.14	330.85	383.21
Palay	13.50	14.50	8.74	9.45	117.99	136.99
Corn	4.62	5.41	7.05	8.72	32.56	47.20
Coconut	14.29	14.34	2.73	3.60	39.04	51.70
Sugarcane	23.98	24.96	0.98	0.87	23.41	21.65
Other Crops	14.94	15.29	7.88	8.21	117.85	125.66
SHARE TO TOTAL AGRI OUTPUT	90.6%	90.6%			50.0%	48.9%

Source: BAS

Agricultural crops. Comprising 48.9 percent of agriculture's total value, all agricultural crops grew in 2004. The overall value of production increased by 15.7 percent, from P330.9 billion in 2003 to P393.2 billion in 2004 at current prices. Value of production grew by 15.8 percent, mainly due to the 11.0 percent increase in farm gate prices. Total volume of production, meanwhile, increased by 4.5 percent.

**Table 3. Philippines vs. Asian countries**

Country	Maize Production		Rice Production	
	2004		2004	
	Mt	Increase from 2003 (%)	Mt	Increase from 2003 (%)
Bangladesh	10,000	0.00	37,910,000	-3.02
India	14,000,000	-4.89	124,400,000	-4.60
Indonesia	11,359,049	4.11	53,100,104	1.96
Nepal	1,600,000	0.62	4,300,000	-3.49
Philippines	5,410,000	17.10	14,500,000	7.41
Sri Lanka	26,000	-12.99	2,509,800	-18.28
Thailand	4,270,000	2.64	25,200,000	-7.49
Viet Nam	2,400,000	-18.19	35,500,000	2.84

Source: Food Agriculture Organization

The increase in the volume of corn and rice production of 17.1 percent and 7.4 percent respectively, contributed largely to the overall volume growth in the crops sector. This is fairly high considering that during the same period, corn and rice production in neighboring countries posted low to negative growth rates.

**Table 3. Livestock Performance**

*Livestock. The livestock subsector was sluggish in 2004 as output contracted by 0.4 percent. Its overall share to agricultural output slightly increased, from 17.3 percent to 18.6 percent. Farm gate prices increased sharply by 27.5 percent.*

	Volume (in million MT)		Weighted Ave. Farmgate Price (P/Kg)		Value of Production at Current Price (in billion pesos)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS	2.21	2.20	51.89	66.20	114.68	145.65
Hog	1.73	1.72	52.14	68.92	90.36	118.70
Cattle	0.26	0.26	53.77	59.06	13.90	15.12
Carabao	0.13	0.14	43.10	47.62	5.71	6.57
Other Livestock Products	0.85	0.86	5.54	6.11	4.71	5.26
SHARE TO TOTAL AGRI OUTPUT	2.8%	2.7%			17.3%	18.6%

Source: BAS

**Table 4. Poultry Performance**

	Volume (in million MT)		Weighted Ave. Farmgate Price (P/Kg)		Value of Production at Current Price (in billion pesos)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
POULTRY PRODUCTS	1.57	1.64	61.58	70.72	96.69	115.99
Chicken	1.19	1.23	61.84	72.34	73.51	89.11
Chicken eggs	0.27	.30	63.94	71.20	17.57	21.12
Duck	0.54	0.53	58.26	52.94	3.14	2.82
Duck eggs	0.54	0.57	45.63	52.13	2.47	2.95
SHARE TO TOTAL AGRI OUTPUT	2.0%	2.0%			14.6%	14.8%

*Poultry. In 2004, the poultry production rose by 4.2 percent as the production of all poultry commodities improved except duck. Likewise, farm gate prices increased, bringing the total value of production (at current price) to P115.9 billion compared to P96.69 billion in 2003.*

Source: BAS

**Table 5. Fisheries Performance**

*Fisheries. Among all sectors, fisheries grew fastest at 9.5 percent led by aquaculture. Total fisheries production rose from 3.62 million MT to 3.93 million MT. Likewise, the value of production increased, from P119.87 to P139.08. But in terms of share to total agricultural output, volume remained static at 4.8 percent.*

	Volume (in million MT)		Weighted Ave. Farmgate Price (P/Kg)		Value of Production at Current Price (in billion pesos)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
FISHERY PRODUCTS	3.62	3.93	33.11	35.38	119.87	139.08
Aquaculture	1.45	1.71	25.58	26.23	37.20	44.97
Commercial	1.11	1.13	37.85	42.85	42.00	48.43
Municipal	1.06	1.08	38.54	42.26	40.66	45.67
SHARE TO TOTAL AGRI OUTPUT	4.8%	4.8%			18.1%	17.7%

Source: BAS