

Mabini, Bohol farmer gets highest yield from hybrid rice

A rice farmer of Paraiso, Mabini, Bohol was very elated to harvest an average of 8 metric tons per hectare during the actual harvest on October 16, 2020.

Estarlita L. Vallecera was among the recipient of the hybrid seeds given for free by the Department of Agriculture (DA7) under Secretary William Dar's Rice Resiliency Project I (RRP I).

Exactly three months after it was transplanted on July 14, 2020, the SL 20 hybrid rice seeds yielded 163 bags at 50 kilograms per bag of palay from Vallecera's 0.8-hectare rice field.

Mabini Mayor Juanito L. Jayoma, called the Regional Executive Director of DA7 to personally witness the actual harvest, whom he considered as a great harvest since this is the first time a farmer from his municipality got this high yield.

DA-7 Regional Executive Director Atty. Salvador Diputado said that the harvest is not from the crop cup, but from the actual harvest already, which means that generally the farmers who received the SL 20 and other hybrid seeds that the DA was distributing in the province of Bohol for the wet season will have an average of 8 metric tons per hectare.

Diputado explained that DA7 only targeted 6-7 metric tons per hectare of hybrid rice yield for Central Visayas considering many factors such as weather and irrigation, and did not expect that they will get 8 metric tons per hectare.

"Mayor Jayoma was very proud of the said yield, which is a realization of the challenge of Secretary Dar to increase every municipality's farm production to at least 10 percent from its current status," Diputado shared.

Cecile Opada, DA7 rice focal person said that for the first time Estarlita Vallecera planted hybrid seeds that the DA was distributing, because Vallecera used to plant inbred or certified seeds other than hybrid.

"Nang Estar Vallecera was very happy of the result and will continue to plant hybrid seeds," Opada added.

Opada went on that other farmers in Bohol got 8-10 metric tons per hectare during the conduct of the crop-cup with the SL, Longping, TH82 and Bigante Plus varieties of hybrid seeds, but they are still awaiting for the actual harvest to get the exact data.

"DA7 is now starting to distribute another round of hybrid seeds under RRP II for the dry season planting for the REFOCUSED and FOR LATER RELEASE funds of the Rice Program," Opada added.
