

CY 2017 First Quarter Regional Economic Situationer (RES)

a quarterly update on the economic performance of the Cagayan Valley Region

A quick glance at Cagayan Valley's economy during the first quarter of CY 2017:

• Macroeconomy

- ⇒ Inflation Rate at 3.9%
- ⇒ Unemployment Rate up to 5.0%
- ⇒ Underemployment rate up to 16.0%

• Agriculture and Fishery

- ⇒ Palay production up by 2.53%
- ⇒ Corn production down by 3.45%
- ⇒ Fruit production down by 36.79%
- ⇒ Vegetable and root crop production down by 3.54%
- ⇒ Non-food and Industrial Commercial Crop down by 35.15%
- ⇒ Livestock production down by 0.04%
- ⇒ Poultry production down by 4.62%
- ⇒ Fisheries production down by 1.92%

• Others Sectors

- ⇒ Tourism arrivals down by 4.01%
- ⇒ Value of construction up by 13.70%
- ⇒ Revenue collections up by 26.41%
- ⇒ Crime volume up by 7.98%

Brief Summary

The region's economy was less productive during the first quarter of CY 2017 given the weak performance of the agriculture sector.

In spite of low agricultural production in almost all sub-sectors, Cagayan Valley Region maintained its top rank in corn and second spot in palay contributing 23.66 percent and 13.46 percent, respectively of the total output in the country. On other crops, aggregate production went down by 25.32 percent from last year. This was brought about by the decline in the output of all sub-sectors. The damages of the Typhoon Lawin from last year and the intermittent rainfall experienced this quarter manifested negatively on the productivity of plantations and the quality of the produce.

On the Services sector, the tourism industry reflected lower tourist arrivals attributed to the decrement posted in same-day visitors by 25.80 percent. On the other hand, for the Industry Sector, the number and value of construction projects for the quarter increased by 34.79 percent and 13.70 percent, respectively.

Prices of basic goods and services measured by the inflation rate grew by 3.9 percent attributed to the higher rate exhibited by food commodities.

Majority of the non-food commodity groups also posted higher inflation during the period.

The region's employment situation displayed an employment rate of 95.0 percent compared to the national average of 93.4 percent. Underemployment rate was recorded at 16 percent, almost the same with the national level of 16.3 percent.

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