

PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY
Annual Accomplishment Report
CY 2012

In CY 2012, the coconut industry continued to acquire progressive gains in its marching orders of improving the lives of millions of Filipinos dependent on coconut. The betterment in the standard of lives of the most disadvantaged sector of the industry, the coconut producers remains a vital priority. Towards this end, the upliftment of the coconut industry was made through key intervention packages in the form of production support, market development, extension, regulatory services, institution building and R&D. Chief objective of these programs is to ensure supply for the domestic and international markets for traditional and emerging coconut by-products and satisfy demanding international quality standards.

Copra farmgate prices decreased to Php20.70 per kg in 2012 down by 48% from the Php39.48 per kg in 2011, while copra millgate price in 2012 decreased by 39% to an average of Php27.89 per kg from Php46.00 in the preceding year. Price of CNO in 2012 decreased by 39% to an average of US\$1,058.02 per MT from the US\$1,721.00 per MT in 2011.

Initial coconut production forecast by the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) for 2012 is estimated to reach around 16.055 Billion nuts compared to 15.245 Billion nuts in 2011, an increase of 5%.

Major highlights of accomplishment during the year as follows:

1. Accelerated Coconut Planting and Replanting Program (ACPRP)

a. Participatory Coconut Planting Project (PCPP)

The PCPP is a program designed for coconut planting and replanting using the PCA recommended coconut cultivars, including those of farmer's best varieties. During the year, 11,176,437 seednut sown, 7,687,453 seedlings planted over an area of 76,875 hectares and benefiting 76,875 coconut farmers.

b. Coconut Seedling Dispersal Project (CSDP)/Indigenous People Outreach Program (IPOP)

For 2012, accomplishment figures include 7,993,774 seednut sown, 6,745,097 seedlings planted over an area of 54,330 hectares and benefiting 54,330 coconut farmers.

2. Salt Fertilization Project (SFP)

The SFP is a program aimed at fertilizing fruit-bearing coconut trees using common salt to increase coconut productivity and improve its resistance to pest and diseases. In CY 2012, 791,664 bags were applied on 19,791,600 coconut trees over an area of 197,916 hectares with beneficiaries reaching 141,936 farmers.

3. KANIB Project

KANIB or Kasaganaaan Sa Niyugan ay Kaunlaran ng Bayan is the coconut industry's farm development program which: (1) requires an integrated resource and service convergence approach to showcase coconut small farm productivity and (2) promote coco-based enterprises in organized farm clusters operated by and for small coconut farmers. In CY 2012, 90 sites identified with 10,884 farmers/farmworkers beneficiaries.

4. Coconut Farmer's Welfare Program

a. Local Coconut Industry Development Council (LCIDC)

The LCIDC aims to empower coconut farmer's participation in government planning and decision making process. During 2012, 6 Regional Consultations with 327 participants and 36 Provincial Consultations with 2,058 participants were held.

5. RA 8048

During the year, 9,676 permits were issued, 521,809 trees cut and 386,903 seedlings replacement.

6. Market Development Services

- Registration of 5,143 traders, 129 processors/exporters/oil millers and 4,605 coco lumber dealers/processors.
- Trade promotion activities reached 13 during the year.

7. Research and Development

- Ongoing are 4 studies on varietal improvement, 7 on biotechnology/tissue culture, 5 on crop agronomy, nutrition and farming system (CANFARMS), 8 on integrated crop protection, 8 on product development and 10 on special projects.

- Laboratory services included the analysis of 2,056 plant tissue samples and 1,063 samples for export and referential purposes.