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Report Highlights:

Philippine agriculture contracted 1.4 percent in 2016, attributed mostly to damage from typhoons Karen and Haima during the 4th quarter. The crops subsector declined 3.3 percent, while the fisheries subsector shrank 4.2 percent. However, the livestock and poultry subsectors expanded 4.6 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively. On average, overall farmgate prices increased 3.4 percent.

General Information:

According to the report “Performance of Philippine Agriculture, October-December 2016” from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Philippine agriculture declined 1.4 percent in 2016, compared to slight growth (0.2 percent) in 2015. See attachment.

The PSA noted that damage from typhoons Karen and Haima resulted in a 1.1 percent decrease in farm output during the 4th quarter, causing most of the losses for the year.

The crops subsector, which accounted for roughly half of total agricultural production, declined 3.3 percent.

The fisheries subsector declined 4.2 percent, the steepest drop among all farm subsectors.

The livestock and poultry subsectors continued to be bright spots in Philippine agriculture, expanding 4.6 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively.

Overall farmgate prices rose by an average of 3.4 percent.