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Gambia – Rice

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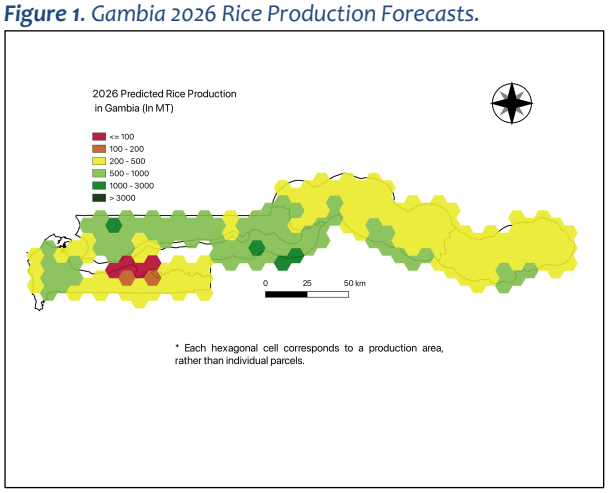
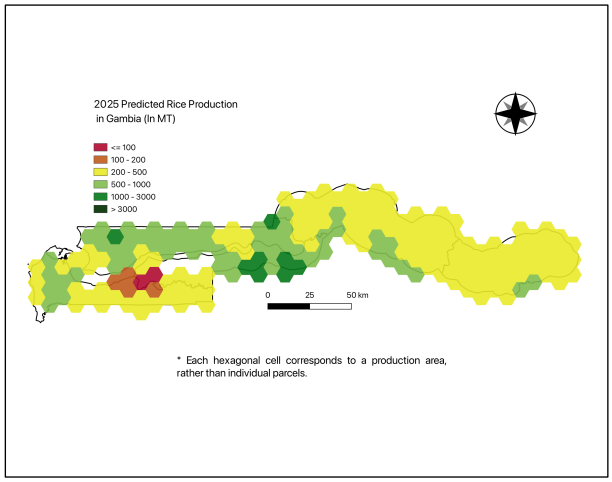
The crop production forecasts brief series by AKADEMIYA2063's Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) aims to provide more accurate and timely data on harvests and yields for 11 major crops across nearly 50 African countries. The timeliness, wide availability, and ease of access to this type of data will enable stakeholders across the value chain to plan and execute policy and business actions more efficiently. The data published in the briefs are generated through the Africa Crop Production (AfCP) model, an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based model applied to remotely sensed geo-biophysical data to produce estimates at pixel as well as administrative levels as early as the beginning of each growing season. In Brief 384, we provide forecasts on rice production in Gambia.

Figure 1. *Gambia 2026 Rice Production Forecasts.*



Data source: Africa Agriculture Watch (www.aagwa.org).

Figure 2. *Gambia 2025 Rice Production Forecasts.*



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In 2026, rice production in Gambia is projected to reach 49,530 metric tons (MT), a 5% increase over 2025 levels. The highest rice-producing areas are expected to be Fulladu West (Maccarthy Island), Upper Baddibu (North Bank), Fulladu East (Upper River), Jokadu (North Bank), and Wuli (Upper River), with production estimated at 5,071 MT, 3,667 MT, 3,568 MT, 2,787 MT, and 2,735 MT. In contrast, Lower Saloum (Maccarthy Island), Nianija (Maccarthy Island), Janjanbureh (Maccarthy Island), Foni Bondali (Western), and Foni Brefet (Western) are expected to have lower production, at 379 MT, 374 MT, 282 MT, 270 MT, and 259 MT, respectively.

Compared with 2025, the largest rice production increases in 2026 are expected in Fulladu West (Maccarthy Island), Fulladu East (Upper River), Wuli (Upper River), Upper Saloum (Maccarthy Island), and Sami (Maccarthy Island), with differences of 482 MT, 346 MT, 305 MT, 199 MT, and 170 MT, respectively. These correspond to changes of 11%, 11%, 13%, 14%, and 13%.

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Annex – 2026 Gambia Rice Production Forecast at District Level

Regions	Districts	2026 Production (MT)	2025 Production (MT)	Difference (MT)	Change (%)
Lower River	Jarra Central	2,017	2,139	-122	-6%
Lower River	Jarra East	1,153	1,171	-17	-1%
Lower River	Jarra West	1,007	1,037	-30	-3%
Lower River	Kiang Central	791	774	17	2%
Lower River	Kiang East	980	1,026	-45	-4%
Lower River	Kiang West	1,299	1,325	-26	-2%
Maccarthy Island	Fulladu West	5,071	4,589	482	11%
Maccarthy Island	Janjanbureh	282	261	22	8%
Maccarthy Island	Lower Saloum	379	334	45	13%
Maccarthy Island	Niamina Dankunku	608	576	32	6%
Maccarthy Island	Niamina East	1,799	1,643	156	9%
Maccarthy Island	Niamina West	711	631	79	13%
Maccarthy Island	Niani	1,236	1,084	152	14%
Maccarthy Island	Nianija	374	330	44	13%
Maccarthy Island	Sami	1,468	1,299	170	13%
Maccarthy Island	Upper Saloum	1,631	1,433	199	14%
North Bank	Central Baddibu	1,626	1,636	-9	-1%
North Bank	Jokadu	2,787	2,790	-3	0%
North Bank	Lower Baddibu	814	820	-6	-1%
North Bank	Lower Nuimi	1,999	2,010	-11	-1%
North Bank	Upper Baddibu	3,667	3,517	149	4%
North Bank	Upper Nuimi	1,335	1,296	39	3%
Upper River	Fulladu East	3,568	3,223	346	11%
Upper River	Kantora	1,353	1,231	123	10%
Upper River	Sandu	1,634	1,541	93	6%
Upper River	Wuli	2,735	2,429	305	13%
Western	Foni Bintang Karanai	610	625	-14	-2%
Western	Foni Bondali	270	248	22	9%
Western	Foni Brefet	259	271	-12	-4%
Western	Foni Jarrol	409	374	35	9%
Western	Foni Kansala	574	572	2	0%
Western	Kombo Central	1,191	1,148	43	4%
Western	Kombo East	665	652	13	2%
Western	Kombo Saint Mary	1,409	1,390	19	1%
Western	Kombo South	1,819	1,809	10	1%
Total		**49,530**	**47,234**	**2,302**	**5%**

MT (Metric tons): *1 MT is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms.*
Change: *refers to the relative difference and is calculated as (2026 prod – 2025 prod) divided by 2025 prod.*

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