

Philippines: No rice shortage yet

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ABS-CBN News: Manila - Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap claimed on Wednesday that the damage wrought by two storms that hit the country in the last two weeks has not affected the National Food Authority's (NFA) rice stock for this year.

"We can see that the NFA has a sufficient stock of rice," Yap told ABS-CBN's Umagang Kay Ganda as he personally checked the prices of rice in a local market in Manila on Wednesday morning.

He said the prices of varieties of commercial rice in the local markets in the country still range from P30 to P40 per kilogram.

Yap said if the NFA had no sufficient stock of rice, the market prices will increase to more than P50 per kilogram, just like what happened during the rice shortage in 2008.

The secretary, meanwhile, confirmed that the government may still import rice from other rice-producing countries, probably in the coming days or months.

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