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## CAMARINES SUR PALAY AND CORN SITUATIONER SECOND QUARTER 2018

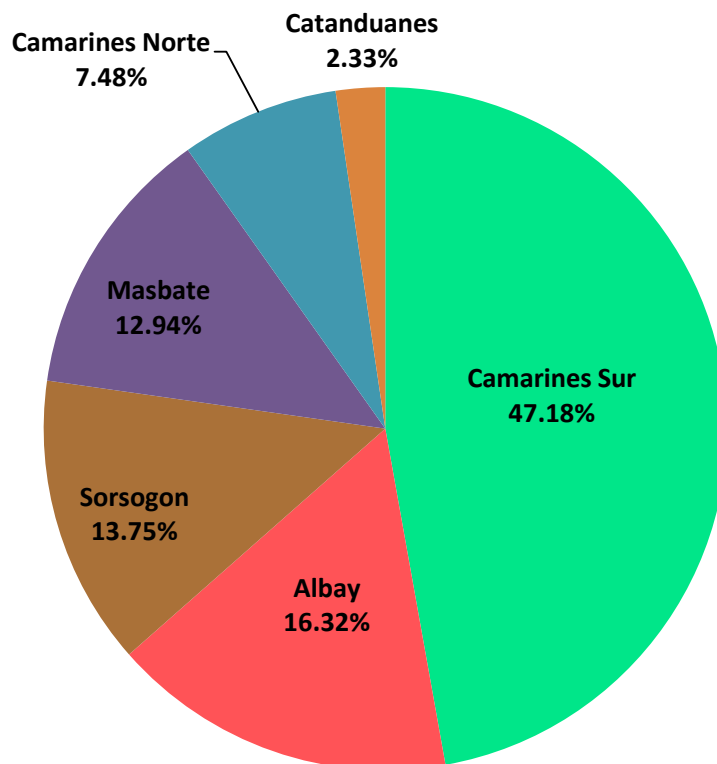
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**CAMARINES SUR IS THE TOP PALAY PRODUCER IN BICOL REGION DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018**



In Bicol Region, Camarines Sur remains as the top palay producing province in the second quarter of 2018 with 178,049 metric tons of palay produced or 47.18 percent of the total regional output of 377,398 metric tons. Albay was the second with 16.32 percent share followed by Sorsogon with 13.75 percent share. Masbate, Camarines Norte, and Catanduanes share was 12.94 percent, 7.48 percent, and 2.33 percent, respectively.

**Figure 1. Palay Production in Bicol Region by Province, Second Quarter 2018**

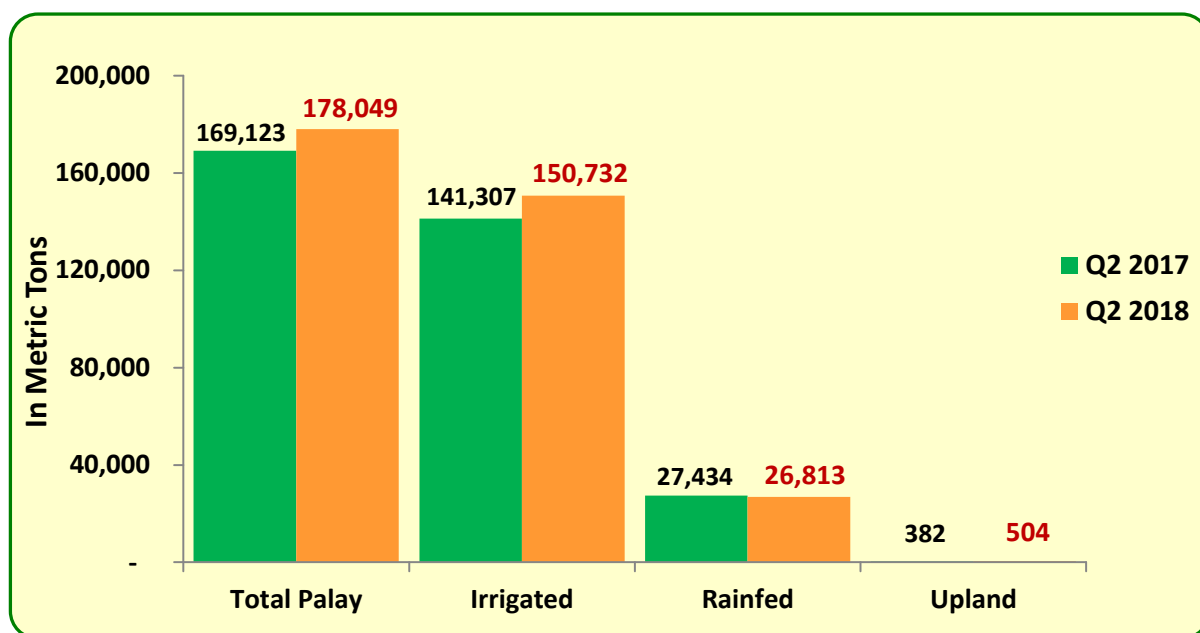


**PALAY PRODUCTION INCREASES BY 5.3 PERCENT**

Palay production in the province of Camarines Sur increased by 5.3 percent in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the same quarter in 2017. This increment was due to the effect of interventions (seeds, fertilizers and other farm inputs) provided by DA RFO V to farmer beneficiaries of the province in April to June 2018 cropping. From the posted production of 169,123 metric tons in the second quarter of 2017, the second quarter of 2018 production went up to 178,049 metric tons.

By ecosystem, production among irrigated farms was posted at 150,732 metric tons in the second quarter of 2018. This output was 6.7 percent higher compared with the 141,307 metric tons produced in the same period last year. Likewise, production in upland ecosystem in this province went up by 31.9 percent from 382 metric tons in the second quarter of 2017 to 504 metric tons in the second quarter of this year. Production in rainfed ecosystem decreased by 2.3 percent from the 27,434 metric tons posted in April to June 2017 to 26,813 metric tons produced in the same quarter of this year.

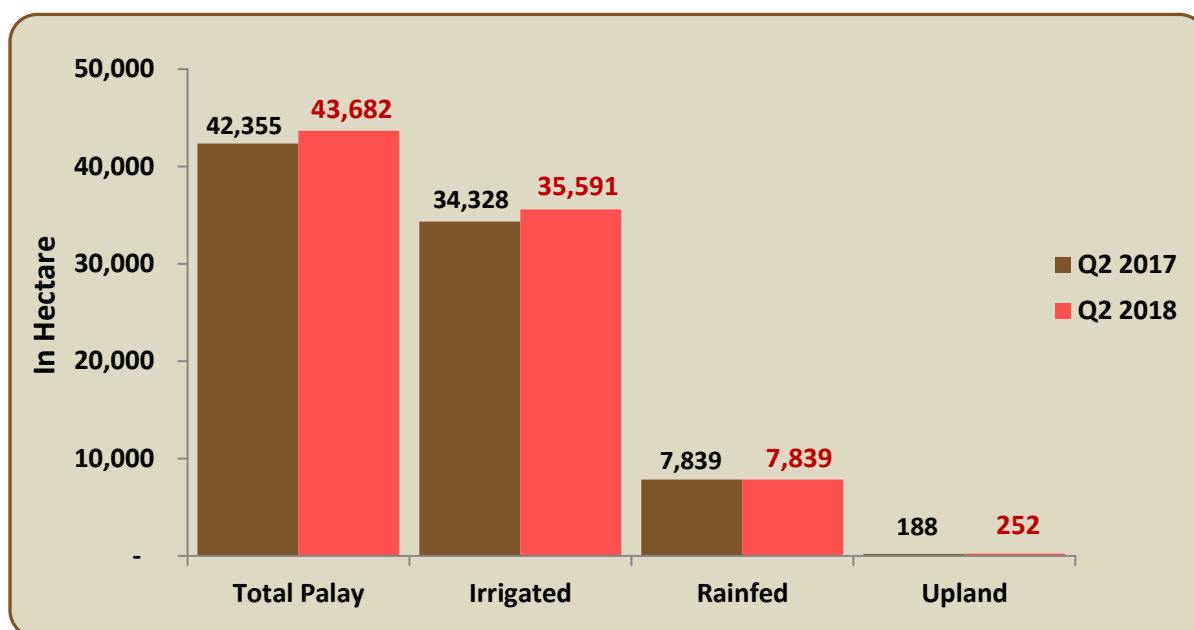
**Figure 2. Volume of Palay Production Camarines Sur, Second Quarter, 2017 and 2018**



**AREA HARVESTED FOR PALAY INCREASES BY 3.1 PERCENT**

For the second quarter of 2018, the estimated area harvested for palay went up by 3.1 percent from 42,355 hectares harvested in the second quarter of 2017 to 43,682 hectares harvested in the same quarter of 2018. This increase was due to replantings on the early part of the first quarter due to frequent occurrence of rains resulting to the movement of harvest to the second quarter. By ecosystem, area harvested on irrigated palay farms increased by 3.7 percent from 34,328 hectares harvested in the second quarter of 2017 to 35,591 hectares of irrigated palay area harvested in April to June 2018. Also, harvest area on upland palay ecosystem posted a 34 percent increase from 188 hectares in the second quarter of 2017 to 252 hectares in April to June of 2018. Meanwhile, area harvested for rainfed palay ecosystem remained the same for the second quarter of 2017 and 2018.

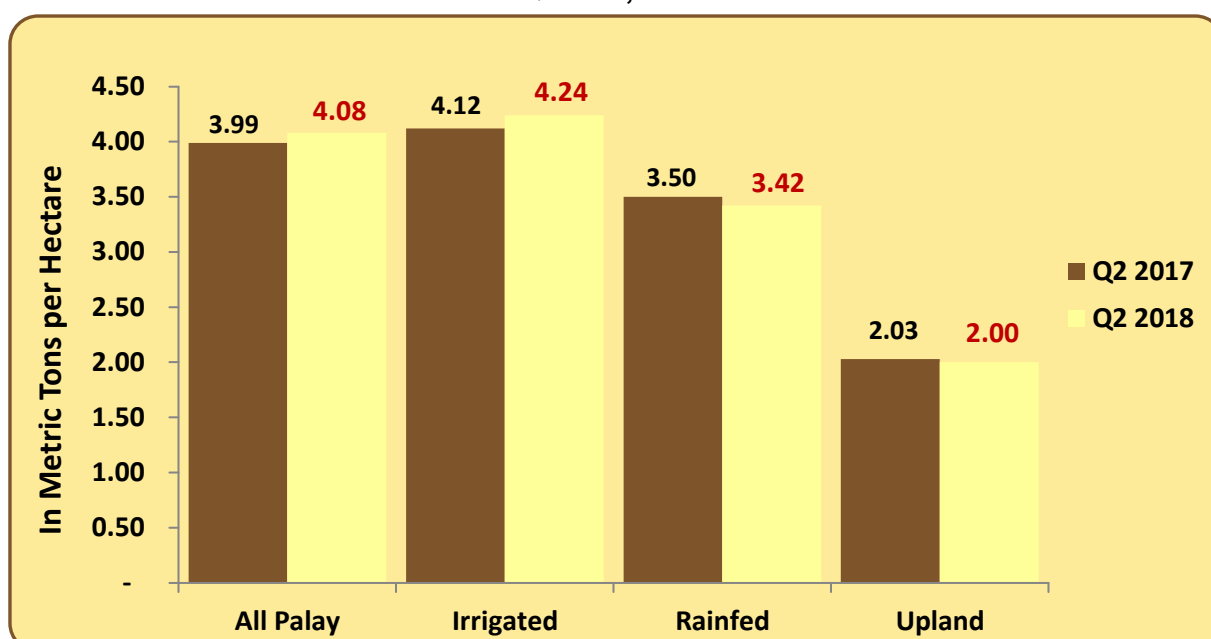
**Figure 3. Area Harvested for Palay, Camarines Sur  
Second Quarter, 2017 and 2018**



**YIELD PER HECTARE INCREASES BY 2.08 PERCENT**

The average yield in metric tons per hectare of palay in Camarines Sur increased by 2.08 percent in the second quarter of 2018. From 3.99 metric tons per hectare in the second quarter of 2017, the provincial average went up to 4.08 metric tons per hectare in the same quarter of this year. This increase was the effect of interventions (seeds, fertilizer and other inputs) subsidies by DA RFO V to farmer beneficiaries of the province. This increase was manifested in the irrigated farm areas posting a 2.88 percent increase this quarter (4.24 metric tons per hectare) compared with the same quarter of the previous year's level of 4.12 metric tons per hectare. However, the yield per hectare on rainfed and upland ecosystems decreased by 2.26 and 1.57 percent respectively in its yield in metric tons per hectare.

**Figure 4. Palay Yield per Hectare by Ecosystem, Camarines Sur  
Second Quarter, 2017 and 2018**

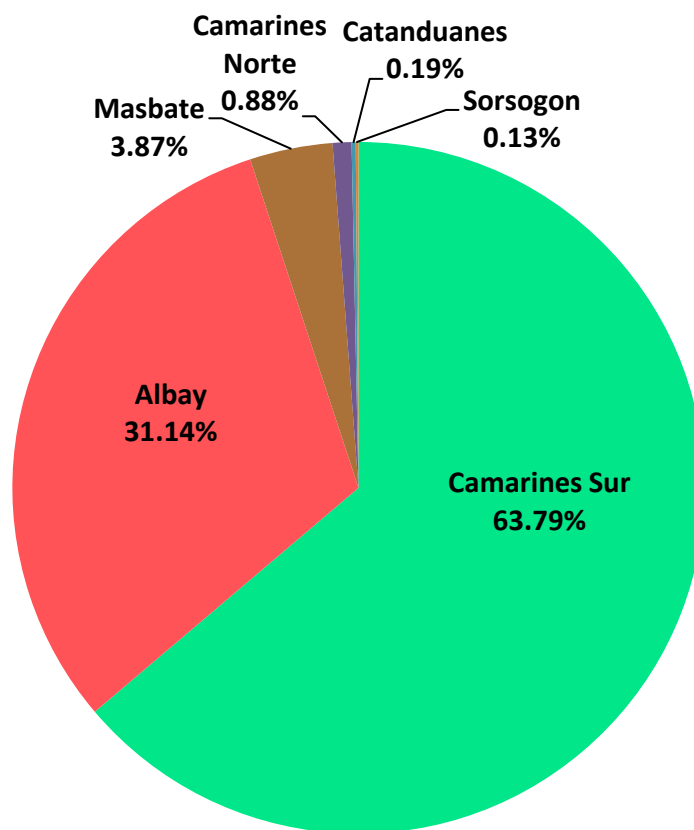


**CAMARINES SUR IS THE TOP CORN PRODUCER IN BICOL REGION DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2018**



In the second quarter of 2018, Camarines Sur remains as the top producer of corn in the Bicol region. Of the 89,897 metric tons of corn produced in the Bicol Region, 57,810 metric tons or 63.79 percent came from Camarines Sur. This was followed by Albay with 27,943 metric tons (31.14%), Masbate with 3,185 metric tons (3.87%), Camarines Norte with 709 metric tons (0.88%), Catanduanes with 172 metric tons (0.19%) and Sorsogon with the least contribution of 72 metric tons (0.13%).

**Figure 6. Corn Production by Province, Bicol Region  
Second Quarter 2018**



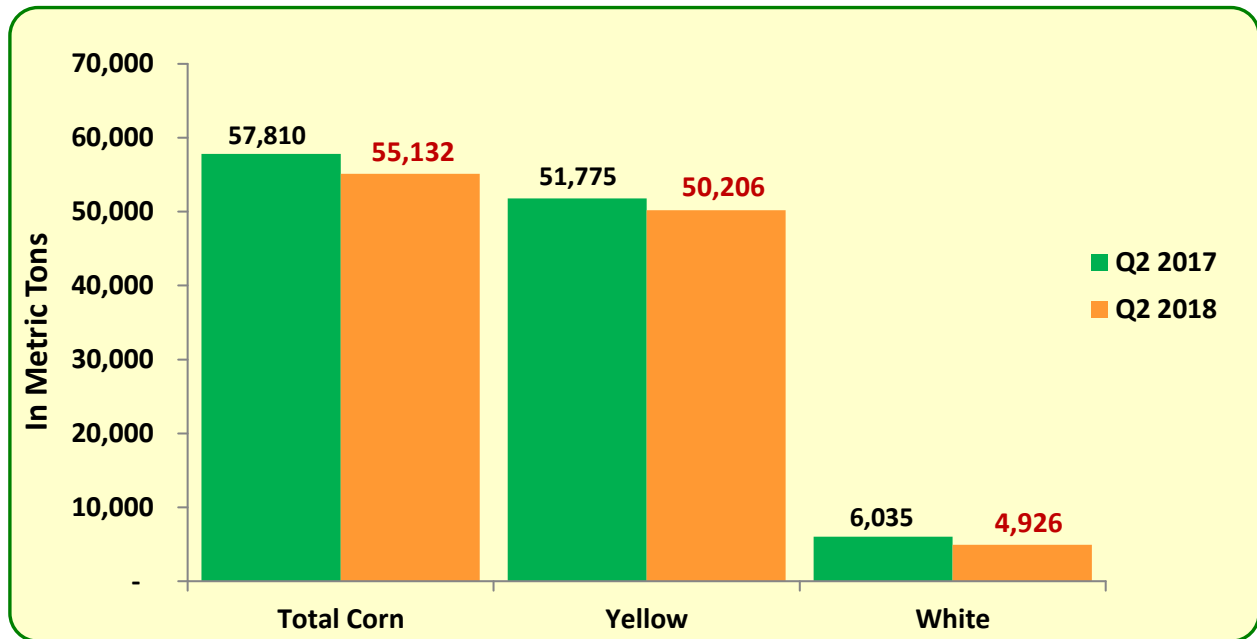
**CORN PRODUCTION DECREASES BY 4.6 PERCENT**

Corn production in Camarines Sur went down by 4.6 percent to 57,810 metric tons in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the 57,810 metric tons produced in same period last year. This decrease in corn production can be attributed to less corn farmers availed of the loans offered by private companies for corn production compared with the number of farmers who availed in the same quarter last year.

By crop type white corn production was pegged at 4,926 metric tons in the second quarter of 2018. This is 18.4 percent lower than the same quarter of the previous year's production of 6,035 metric tons.

Likewise, yellow corn production was down by 3.0 percent with 50,206 metric tons produced in the second quarter of 2018 compared with the 2017 second quarter's production of 51,775 metric tons.

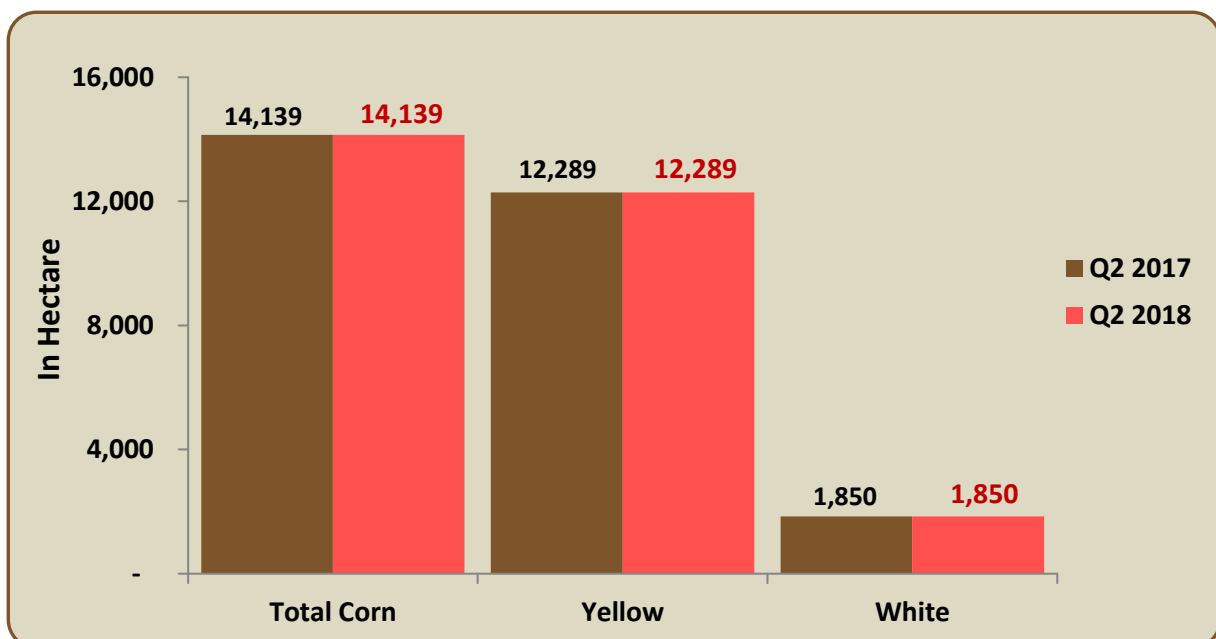
**Figure 5. Volume of Corn Production Camarines Sur  
Second Quarter, 2017 and 2018**



**AREA HARVESTED FOR CORN IS THE SAME FOR THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 2017 AND 2018**

The area harvested for corn in Camarines Sur during the second quarter of 2018 was estimated at 14,139 hectares. This was the same as the recorded harvested area in the second quarter of last year.

**Figure 7. Area Harvested for Camarines Sur  
Second Quarter, 2017 and 2018**

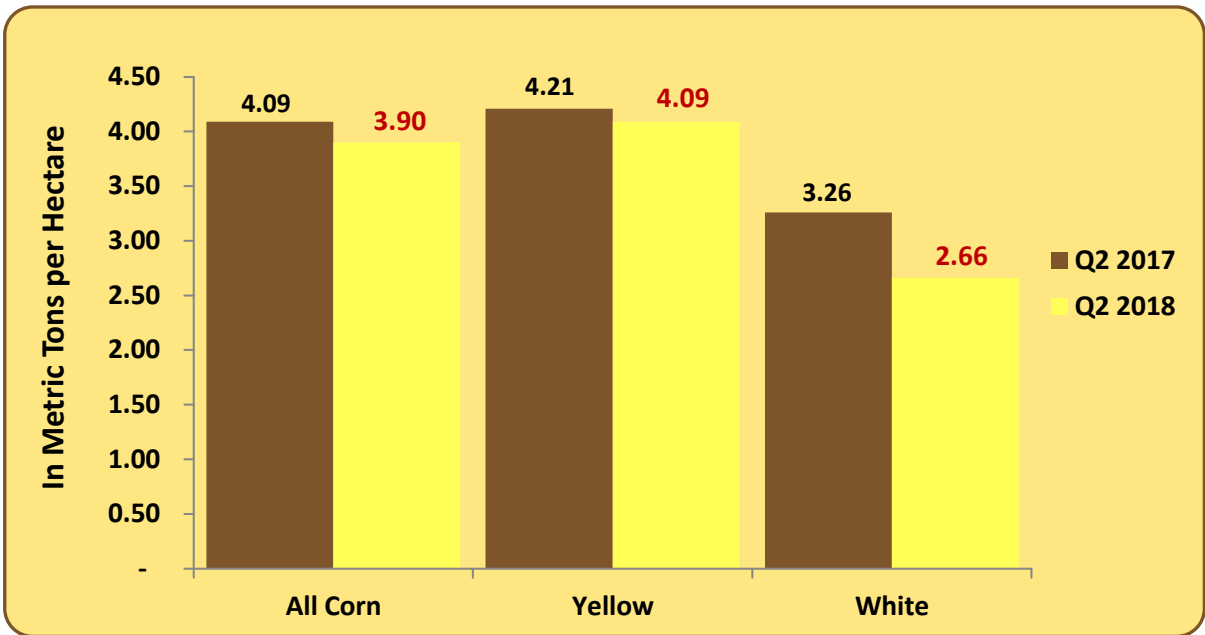


**YIELD PER HECTARE FOR CORN DECREASES BY 4.6 PERCENT**

The average yield per hectare of harvested corn in Camarines Sur in the second quarter of 2018 was 3.9 metric tons per hectare. This is 4.6 percent lower than the posted 4.09 metric tons per hectare average yield last April to June 2017.

By croptype, the yield per hectare of white corn dropped by 18.4 percent from 3.26 metric tons per hectare in the second quarter of 2017 to 2.66 metric tons per hectare in the same period of 2018. Likewise, the average yield per hectare of yellow corn decreased by 3.0 percent. From the recorded 4.21 metric tons per hectare in the second quarter of 2017, the posted yield per hectare in the same period this 2018 was 4.09 metric tons per hectare .

**Figure 8. Corn Yield per Hectare by Croptype, Camarines Sur  
Second Quarter, 2017 and 2018**



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