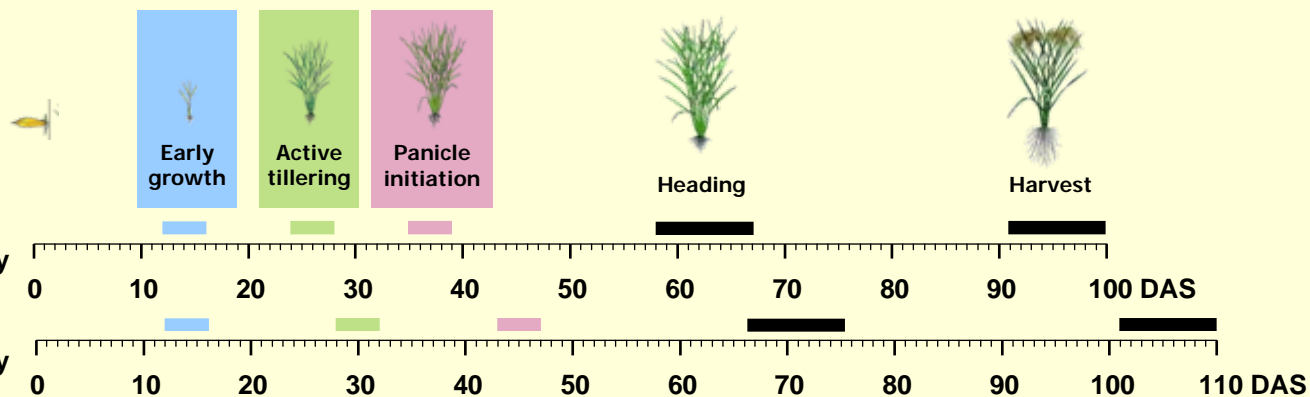




Quick guide for fertilizing **direct-seeded rice** during the dry season in Nueva Ecija



Fertilizer application scheme (bags/ha) 1 cavan = 56 kg

Step no.	Growth stage	Days after seeding (DAS)		Fertilizer source	Yield target (based on total fresh weight from the thresher)				
		Early maturing	Medium early maturing		110-130 cavans/ha	130-150 cavans/ha		150-170 cavans/ha	
						Option #1	Option #2	Option #1	Option #2
Step 1	Early growth	12 – 16	12 – 16	14-14-14 (with S)	4 bags	5 bags	5 bags	6 bags	6 bags
Step 2	Active tillering	24 – 28	28 – 32	Urea (46-0-0)	2 bags	2 bags	2 bags	2.5 bags	2.5 bags
Step 3	Panicle initiation	35 – 39	43 – 47	Urea (46-0-0)	2 bags	2.5 bags	1.5 bags	3 bags	1.5 bags
				MOP (0-0-60)		0.5 bag		1 bag	
				17-0-17 (with S)			2 bags		3.5 bags

This 'quick guide' is applicable for rice fields with:

- Sufficient supply of water to avoid drought
- An average level of soil fertility
- No input of nutrient through deposition of sediment from flooding
- No return of rice straw after threshing
- No use of organic materials other than rice stubble

For fields with other conditions, use 'Nutrient Manager for Rice' to develop a field-specific guideline. Consult the local DA office, PhilRice, ATI, Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO), and MAO in your municipality about use of the 'Nutrient Manager for Rice'.

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