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## SONEDCO MDDC REPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The SONEDCO Mill District has 9997.6 hectares planted with 19 sugarcane varieties in CY 1999-2000 (Table 1). Of these, 14 are Phil varieties occupying 88.53% of the total area. The five VMC and mixed varieties cover 7.67% and 3.8% of the rest of the area.

**Table 1. Variety picture of the SONEDCO Mill District**

Varieties	Plant Cane (ha)	% Dist.	Ratoon (ha)	% Dist.	Total Area (ha)	% Dist.
Phil 56226	385	7.62	593	11.99	978	9.78
Phil 58260	445	8.81	745	15.07	1190	11.9
Phil 6553	95	1.88	115	2.33	210	2.10
Phil 6607	270	5.34	411	8.31	681	6.81
Phil 6723	325	6.43	438	8.86	763	7.63
Phil 7779	60	1.19	110	2.22	170	1.70
Phil 8013	1705	33.74	1719	34.77	3424	34.25
Phil 8361	83	1.64	39	.78	122	1.22
Phil 8477	325	6.43	138	2.79	463	4.63
Phil 8583	255	5.05	93	6.88	348	3.48
Phil 7464	160	3.17	64	1.29	224	2.24
Phil 5001	75	1.48	120	2.43	195	1.95
Phil 8839	62.4	1.23	12	.24	74.4	0.74
Phil 8727	6.2	.12	2	.04	8.2	0.08
VMC86550	182	3.60	57	1.15	239	2.39
VMC87599	50	.99	20	.40	70	0.70
VMC8795	5	.10	3	.06	8	0.08
VMC76529	350	6.92	40	.81	390	3.90
VMC 7616	45	.89	15	.30	60	0.60
Mixed	170	3.36	210	4.25	380	3.80
Total	5053.6	100	4944	100	9997.6	100

The data reflects the growing awareness of the planters in using the recommended varieties although older Phil varieties like 56226, 58260 and 5001 still occupy 23% of the total area. Among the varieties, Phil 8013 ranked first in percentage distribution with 34.25% followed by Phil 56226 and Phil 58260 with 11.90% and 9.78%, respectively. The plant and ratoon crops of all varieties share an almost 50-50% occupancy of the total area.

The SONEDCO MDDC boasts of its commitment to the planter-members in providing technical assistance in terms of new HYVs, pest and disease control and other culture and management practices needed to improve productivity. According to Regino P. Fernandez Jr., SONEDCO-PHILSURIN Coordinator, the MDDC accomplished the following:

1. It has conducted 2 seminars on February 15 and March 15, 2000 on “Soil sampling and analysis, fertilization, variety programming, pest and disease control including rodents and weed control.”
2. To minimize rodent infestation in the area, it has distributed 432,000 “ago-go” packs of Racumin baits. This consisted of a 1:9:9 ratio of Racumin to hog mash and fine corn.
3. This Crop Year 1999-2000, the MDDC was able to distribute 2,444,460 planting materials of Phil 56226, 90-0345, 91-1091, 8943, 8727, 8839 and 7464, VMC 86-550, 87-599; 87-95, 84-947, 84-549 and 84-524. Of these varieties, 44,460,000 were micropropagated plantlets from LGAREC, 2,211,000 canepoints and 189,000 pre-germinated single-eye cuttings.

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