



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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**“AGATON” CONTINUES TO MOVE SLOWLY WESTWARD OVER THE COASTAL WATERS OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR
PAGASA SITUATIONER**

The center of Tropical Storm (TS) "AGATON" was estimated based on all available data over the coastal waters of Balangiga, Eastern Samar moving slowly Westward.

It has maximum sustained winds of 75 km/h near the center and gustiness of up to 105 km/h. Today through early Tuesday, TS “AGATON” is forecast to move erratically or remain almost stationary over the souther portion of Samar Island and its coastal waters due to weak steering environment. Due to the expected erratic movement, a westward shift of the forecast track is possible. Thus, “AGATON” may move over the coastal waters or may make another landfall over Leyte.

In the next 24 hours, moderate to heavy with at times intense rains over Eastern Visayas, Cebu, Bohol, Dinagat Island, Surigao del Norte, and Agusan del Norte. Meanwhile, light to moderate with at times heavy rains over Masbate, Sorsogon, Albay, Catanduanes, Romblon, Northern Mindanao, and the rest of Visayas.

ADVISORY TO FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK

The Department is advising farmers to harvest matured crops and utilize post-harvest facilities; secure seed reserves, planting materials and other farm inputs, as well as feed and water for livestock; relocate animals, farm machineries, and equipment to higher ground; and clear drainage in irrigation and rice paddies from obstructions to prevent flooding.

Moreover, fisherfolk are advised to perform early harvest and mobilize post-harvest equipment and facilities; secure fishing vessels in higher ground; and dismiss sea travel as potentially rough conditions prevail over affected seaboard.

The DA-DRRM Operations Center will continuously provide updates regarding TS "AGATON". For inquiries, you may contact (02) 8929-0140 / 09616965099.