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MAJOR CROPS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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ABSTRACT

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Agricultural production has increased more than three times in the last 50 years. However, rapid population growth led to higher demand for food and later became a driving force for agricultural intensification. Due to this intensified agricultural production, significant growth of agricultural waste residues was observed. These wastes, when utilized, can be converted into more useful products that can promote sustainability of energy supply. Thus, this study was conducted to assess the volume of agricultural residues from major agricultural crops in the Philippines namely rice, corn, sugarcane and coconut. The study used secondary data which include 2012-2021 production volume of major agricultural crops extracted from Philippine Statistics Authority and estimation values of different agricultural residues retrieved from selected literatures. Results of the study revealed that the major agricultural residues from rice, corn, sugarcane and coconut were rice straw, corn stalk, bagasse and coconut shell respectively. Using GIS, the data collected were presented through choropleth maps to show the spatial distribution of major agricultural residues on a regional basis.

Keywords: agricultural residues, rice, corn, sugarcane, coconut

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