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RELEASE OF TWO NEW RICE VARIETIES

To the: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator of State Colleges  
and Universities

1. The International Rice Research Institute has announced the release of two new rice varieties, known as IR-32 and IR-34, both of the semi-dwarf type. These new varieties have been developed and tested not only in the Philippines but also in other rice-growing areas of South and Southeast Asia. The descriptions and major characteristics of these two varieties are given below:

IR-32. - This is a late maturing variety (about 140 days in the Philippines) with good field resistance to six of the most serious diseases and insect pests of rice. It should do well where late maturing varieties are desired.

IR-34. - A medium maturing rice variety (125 days in the Philippines) with good yield potential. It too has good field resistance to six of the most serious diseases and insects. The grains are relatively long and slender and the cooking quality is comparable to most existing varieties. This variety is characterized by intermediate height (about 120 cm) which may make it more useful and desirable for rainfed areas.

2. It is desired that the Department Memorandum be disseminated to the field, particularly in agricultural schools and colleges.

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