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Paddy farmers in Philippines to get more fertilizer aid

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The Philippines Department of Agriculture will distribute additional fertilizer next month to support rice farmers nationwide.

According to the statement, this is in line with the recent meeting of President Marcos with the top officials of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) regarding the countryâ??s fertilizer importation requirements to boost local production.

The PITC was tapped to import the required volume of fertilizer at a lower cost through a government-to-government arrangement. With a P4.1 billion fund, the Department of Agriculture will be able to buy about 2.277 million bags of urea to be given in kind to farmers.

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