

**Padi Subsidy To Be Reviewed - Noh
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JASIN, Feb 12 (Bernama) - Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar says the government will review the padi subsidy of RM248.10 per tonne to farmers to ensure that it is enjoyed by all farmers.

"Presently, farmers in padi growing areas receive subsidy of RM248.10 per tonne based on area size while farmers outside padi growing areas are paid only up to 2.4 hectares.

"We need to review the subsidy to give justice to all farmers, whether they are within the padi growing areas or not.

"This will ensure transparency in distributing the subsidy," he told reporters after visiting agricultural projects in Sungai Rambai state constituency here Sunday.

Noh said the ministry is also enhancing cultivation of fragrant rice in 40 hectares outside the padi growing areas this year.

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