

COUNTRY REPORT
STATUS OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN VIETNAM

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1. Status of Organic Agriculture in Vietnam

- Vietnam has natural land of more than **33 millions hectares** including **27 million hectares** of agriculture.
- Population of 90 millions, agricultural workers accounted 70% among the social labor.

Before the 1960 agricultural production Vietnam fully compliant natural production.

- Do not use chemical fertilizers and pesticides

But later when the farmers has using intensive methods try to maximize productivity on the limited land area. A large number of agricultural chemicals used to control crop pests and some farmers have started to become more aware of the dangers of chemicals in agriculture, especially the impact on food safety and health products.

- Vietnam is the same many countries around the world, the organic agriculture movement using considered farming methods to ensure sustainability of ecology developing as the basis for some International NGOs introduced the pilots toward organic farming in the years of 90. During late of the year 90s

- In Vietnam, some farmers groups established under CIDSE's project who are the pioneers applied organic on tea , vegetables ...Ecolink company for export Organic tea and Hanoi Organic (HO) – who provided organic vegetable for the local markets.

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- As a basis, funded by ADDA (Danish NGO), the 7 years project had been approved for "Developing a framework for production and marketing of Organic Agriculture in Vietnam" during 2005-2012.
- In the Northern of Vietnam focus on: Rice, Vegetables, Litchi, Orange, Grapefruit, Tea and Fish.

Organic agriculture Vietnam has achieved:
43 010 ha in 2014 increase 2.05 times
compared to 2010.

The categories such as organic vegetables,
organic rice, organic fruit , shrimp farming and
developing aquaculture and organic. ...

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Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

- Currently, Viet nam was signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), it will further impact agricultural exports, particularly high-quality - organic agricultural products.
- It's very good conditions for us to integrate into global value chains, gradually increasing the amount of high-quality agricultural products safety at competitive prices.
- Agricultural products as accredited organic certification and will be favorable for meeting the demanding requirements of the quality of this market

- Law on Food Safety No. 55/2010 / QH12 passed by the 12 National Assembly passed in Hanoi, May 17 June 2010.
- Demand for product safety and quality in the domestic market and exports are increasingly high
- Awareness of the social, consumers and political system before food dirty, unsafe, such as «**SAY NO TO DIRTY FOOD**»
- Population is higher, it is pressure demand for using of land will continue to be a problem

Challenges

- Agricultural areas are **mainly small-scale** production by the allocation of land to small farmers to manage and **improve productivity**.
- **Intensive investment in agriculture ...**
- **Habits of traditional farming and awareness of people**
- **People's standard of life not high,**
- **When changing farming practices from conventional production to organic not easily .**
- **Organic production, producers are allowed to use only biological products, organic fertilizers, pest control measures by manually or herbal medicines, biological or should take more effort and difficult to implement widespread.**

- Orientations

- Continuing to expand the development area of attention for the ethnic minority ...**
- Finalize the guidelines for organic production (standards and other regulations)**
- Policies encourage organic production**
- Propaganda to raise awareness to the people about organic production.**
- Focus on key commodities for domestic consumption and export.**

Introduction of Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association (VOAA)

- Vietnam of Organic Agriculture Association (VOAA) was established under Decision No. 1820 / QD-BNV, dated 31/10/2011 of the Ministry of Home Office.
- Since then, the VOAA has gradually strengthen the organization and activities have increasingly expanded.
- The VOAA is an official member of IFOAM from 2013, the International Relations Association expanding focus to enlist the help from all countries for the organic development of Vietnam.

- VOAA structure has been strengthened and developed at provincial levels
- Many provinces are about to form their own local Organic Agriculture Associations.
- System certified organic products PGS of VOAA was accredited by IFOAM from 2013 and has created trust for consumers. VOAA is expanding production in Vietnam.

Some Orientations of the VOAA in the future

- Continue to expand and develop the organizational system of the Association;
- Participate and coordinate with the Governmental offices in training to develop the model, strengthening propaganda to raise awareness to the public about organic agriculture.
- Responding to the Government's policy **"SAY NO TO DIRTY FOOD"** develop and expand organic agriculture on a national scale to serve domestic demand and exports;

- Some main crops: rice, vegetables, longan, litchi, tea, coffee
- Aquaculture (shrimp, catfish ...)
- Along the state agencies to build and perfect the production of organic standards and certification bodies establish
- Strengthening relations with international organizations (IFOAM, IFOAM ASIA ...)
- Other countries such as the US, Japan, South Korea, China... to learn and receive the support for capacity building of Association development of organic agriculture in the future.



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