

# Rural Development in Vietnam



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Vietnam's agriculture plays a vital role in its economy. The agricultural sector is diversified into crops, livestock, fishery, and forestry, with each sub-sector evolving toward higher quality and sustainability. The crop cultivation sector is the largest, contributing over 40% of agricultural output, while livestock and fishery are also expanding rapidly. With six eco-regions offering various climates, Vietnam can produce a wide range of agricultural products, especially tropical fruits. Each region specializes in specific commodities like rice, coffee, pepper, and cashews, supported by dedicated farming zones. The Vietnamese agricultural industry is well-organized, with hardworking and skilled farmers.

Vietnam is a major global agricultural exporter, with a robust growth in export values, reaching around 53 billion USD annually. The country's trade relationships are expanding with more diversified import and export markets. In addition, Vietnam has signed 19 Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), further enhancing its global agricultural trade potential.

The country is also focusing on sustainability through its National Action Plan for Transforming the Food System. This initiative aims to promote transparency, responsibility, and sustainability, targeting higher food safety standards, reducing food waste, and fostering green practices.

Furthermore, the establishment of the Food Innovation Hub (FIH-V) seeks to drive innovation, improve food quality, and enhance the competitiveness of Vietnamese agricultural products in global markets. The country is set to see a significant increase in the income of farmers, thanks to the development of integrated value chains and access to new technologies.

Vietnam is actively seeking international collaboration



in agriculture to further enhance its capabilities and create mutual growth opportunities. With its diverse agricultural sectors, Vietnam welcomes partnerships with foreign organizations and businesses in various areas, including sustainable farming, food processing, research, technology transfer, and value chain development. The country's participation in numerous Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and its commitment to transparent, responsible, and sustainable food systems offer a solid foundation for fruitful agricultural partnerships.

Vietnam aims to strengthen its position in the global market by enhancing productivity, improving food quality, and adopting modern technologies. By working together, we can contribute to the sustainable development of the agricultural sector and ensure food security for future generations.

