



Vietnam new policies supporting organic agriculture

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Vietnam at a glance



Natural area
331,698 km²

46% Forest land

29% Agriculture land



8.61 millions
farm
households

Organic agriculture:
77,000 ha; 33 provinces



Population
95.5 millions
(2018)



Urban
population
34.6%



Rural
population
65.4%

Vietnam strategies for supporting Organic Agriculture

- 2013: Policy Restructuring of Agriculture oriented high value, sustainability and farmer income
- 2015: National organic standard (TCVN 11041:2015) but not yet detailed
- 2017: International Forum *Organic Agriculture – Development and Integration* presided by Primer Minister

New National organic standard

- 2017: New National organic standard TCVN 11041:2017, harmonizing with CODEX, IFOAM, EU and ASEAN standards
- Guiding production, processing, labeling, marketing of organic products,
- Recognition of diverse Organic certification schemes by group (PGS) and by third party

New policy supporting organic agriculture

- Decree 109/2018/ND-CP supporting organic agriculture of small farm and PGS certification
- This Decree regulates the production, certification, labeling, logos, traceability, and inspection of organic agricultural products in the fields of cultivation, husbandry, forestry and aquaculture fisheries
- To prioritize scientific research on organic and agricultural extension funds, especially for insect resistant varieties, organic fertilizers, bio-pesticides and veterinary drugs.

New policy supporting organic agriculture (2)

- The Government will bear the entire cost of identifying areas suitable for organic agriculture, including conducting a basic investigation, a topographic survey and analyses of soil, water and air.
- The Government is expected to help small enterprises build and expand a model of organic production in accordance with national standards and to pay for seeds, bio-insecticides and organic fertilizer by national extension regulation.

New policy supporting organic agriculture (3)

- The Government will also pay for certificates for suitable products, granted by a certification organization, as well as for training and practicing organic production.
- Farms/enterprises/cooperatives producing and trading organic products or inputs for organic production are given preferential policies for encouraging investment in agriculture and rural areas.

Future plans and challenges

- The gap of capacity of Certification system
PGS and third party: lack of trust
- The national project on Organic Agriculture to be developed focusing on capacity building
- International cooperation (Japan, Denmark...)
- Appropriated certification combining both?
- Organic value chain development

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