






## Nedspice- Farmers Partnership Programme

Vietnam - Pepper Update / August 2017

Nedspice believes that backward integration and sustainability are the main challenges for the food industry in the years ahead. To ensure that spice farming remains financially attractive and offers a sustainable livelihood for farmers Nedspice has initiated the development of backward integration programmes for farmers in the countries we work in. This ambition is laid down in the Nedspice-Farmers Partnership Programme which defines the approach, key principles as well as the expected results. Below is an update on the latest activities for the NFPP projects for pepper in Vietnam.

### Crop stage

The current crop season is in berry setting process. Recent observations of our agronomists in the field indicate that the yield of the 2017-18 crop may be lower in certain regions than 2016 due to higher rainfall than normal. However, we cannot confirm earlier rumours in the market of an up to 40-50% drop in overall crop. More insights will be available in our next spices market update at the end of September and after we finish the 1<sup>st</sup> crop forecast in October.

Crop stage	Duration	Weather
Vegetative	May-Jun	 ~
Spike setting	Jun-Aug	 --
Berry setting	Aug-Nov	 -
Berry ripening	Nov-Feb	
Harvesting	Feb-May	



### Development

Until August 2017, more than 1,000 new farmers in 5 new districts joined our training program. By adding these new farmers and districts, our NFPP program is now covering the whole Binh Phuoc province with the total number of NFPP farmers reaching 1,500. This expansion will be the basis to grow our NFPP 2017-18 crop volume to 3,000MT.

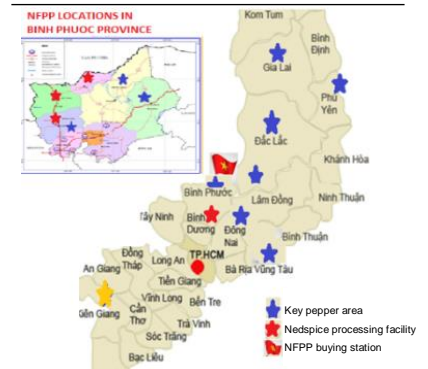
### Training & support

Our extended training and supporting programs have been deployed to support our expansion during all crop stages. This year, Nedspice and its local partners such as AEC (Agricultural Extension Centre of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) and experts from institutes and universities, will continue to support our focus on IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and selected new topics based on the learnings and experiences from the farm level testing results of last crop.

### Other activities

- ✓ Nedspice, IDH, National Extension Central/MARD and other partners have agreed to jointly develop the "National Sustainability Curriculum for Pepper".

### Nedspice NFPP locations



### NFPP roll-out in Mekong delta



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