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Pepper Crop Report 2020

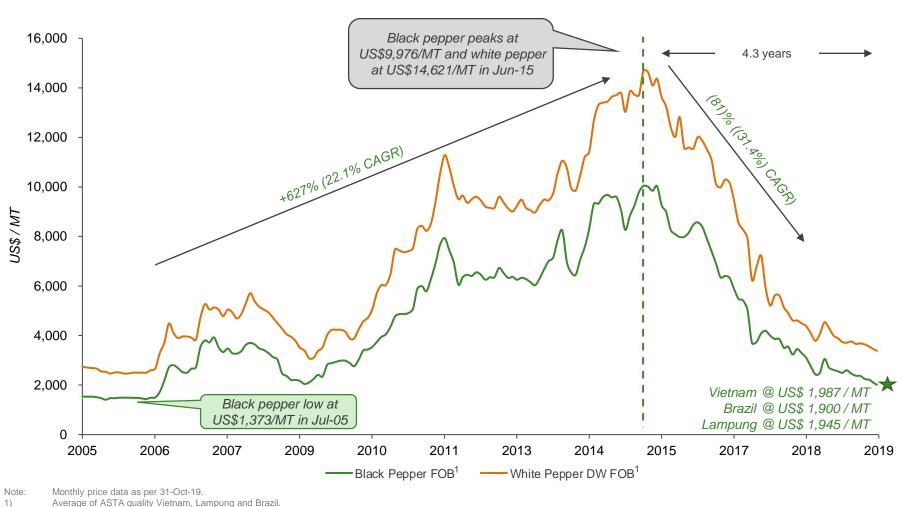
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Have we seen the bottom yet?



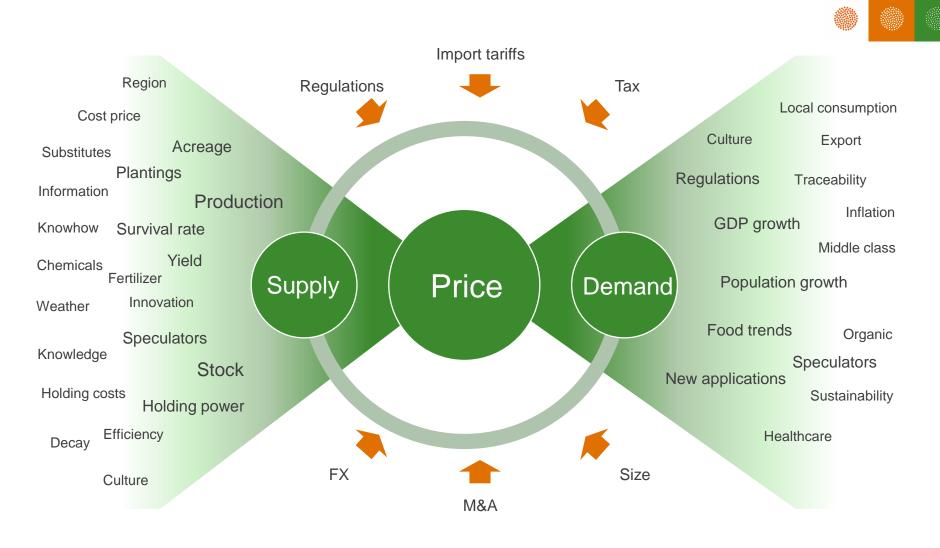
Average of ASTA quality Vietnam, Lampung and Brazil. Nedspice research.





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Fundamental market forces

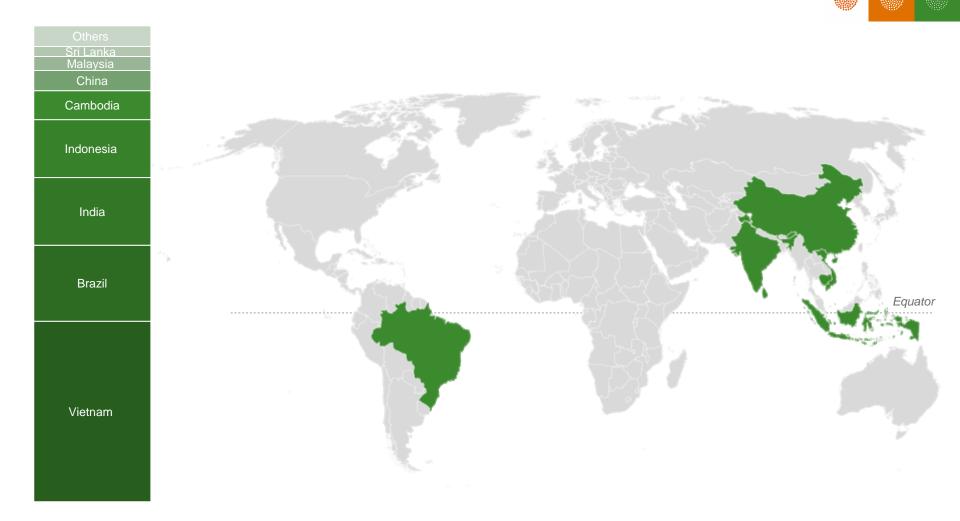


Source: Nedspice research.





Global production

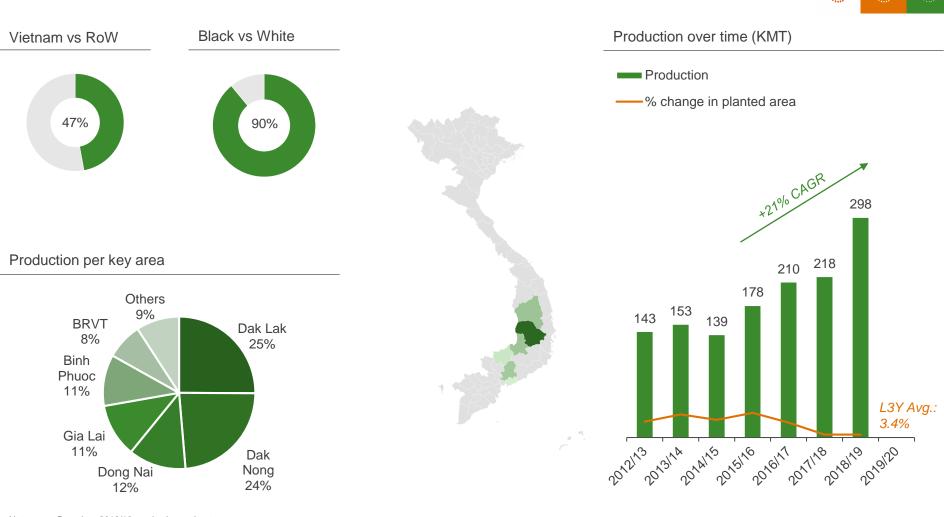


Note: Based on 2018 production estimates. Source: Nedspice research.





Vietnam



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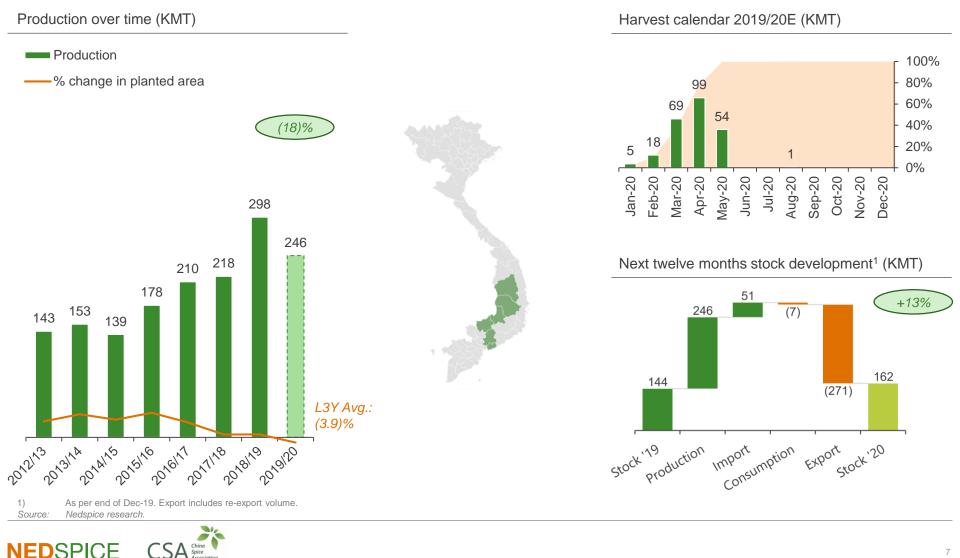


Vietnam – Crop video

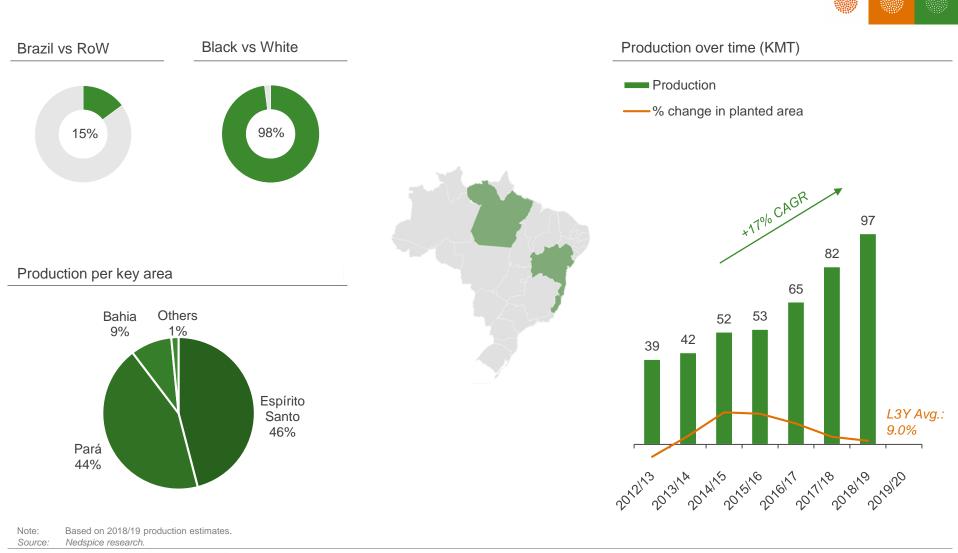


Vietnam production is estimated to drop by 18%, largely due to unfavorable weather this season





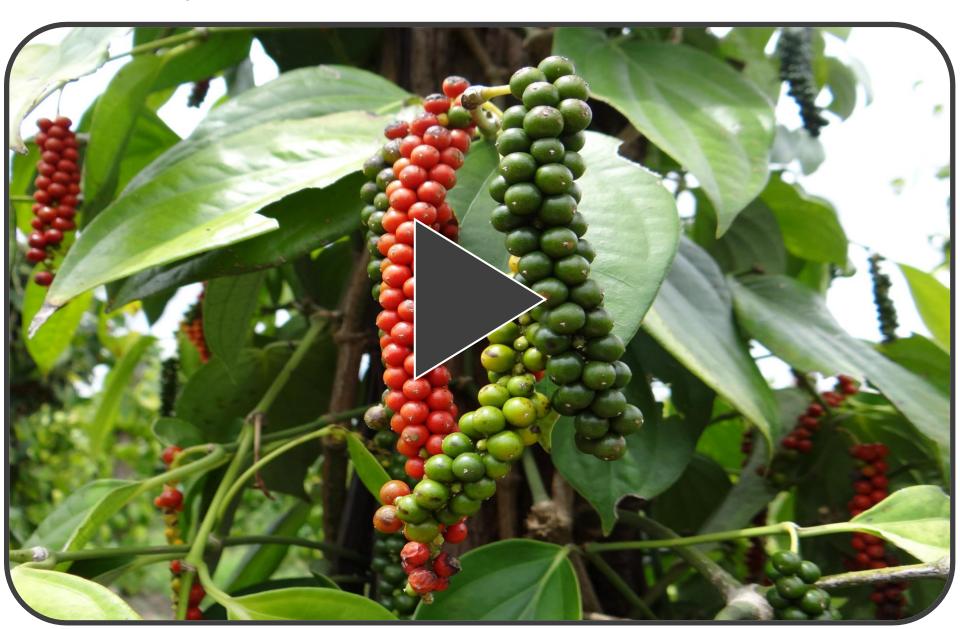
Brazil



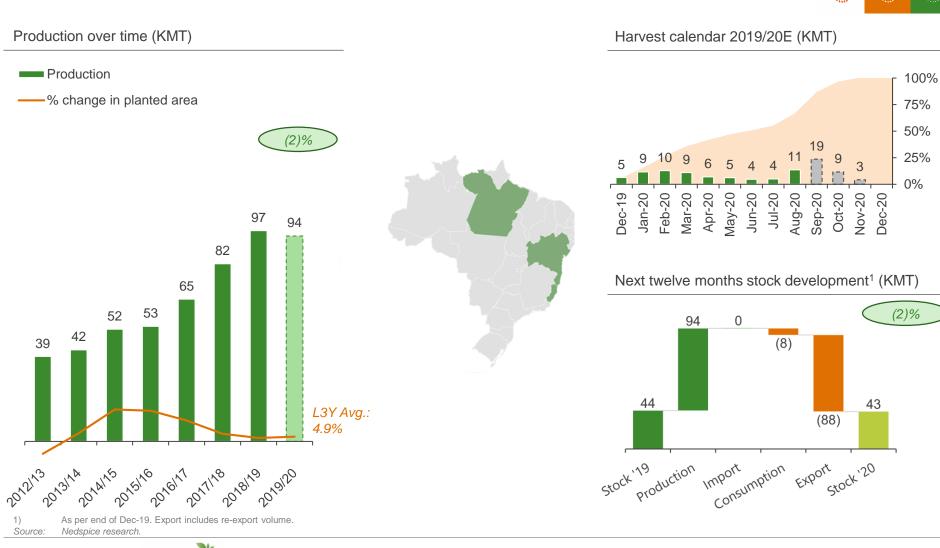


Brazil – Crop video



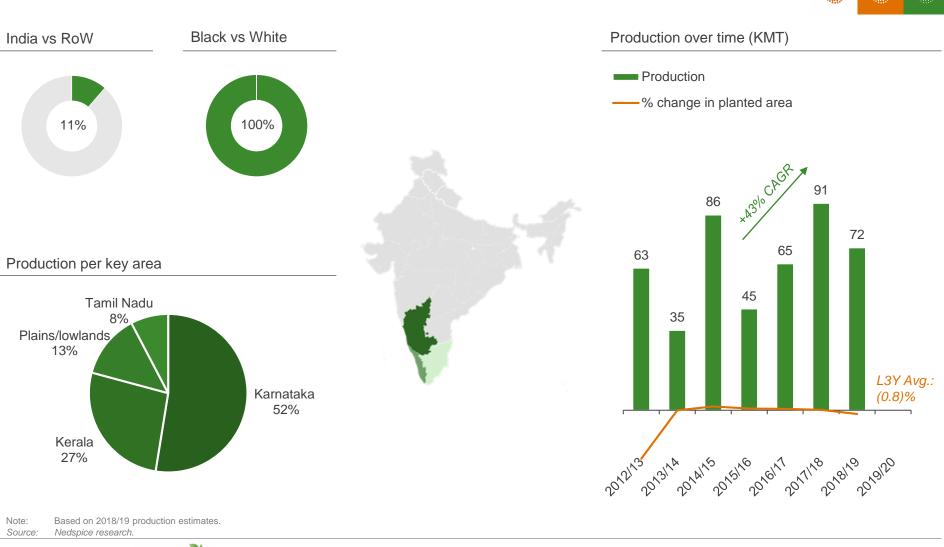


Brazil's crop remains above 90 KMT this season





India

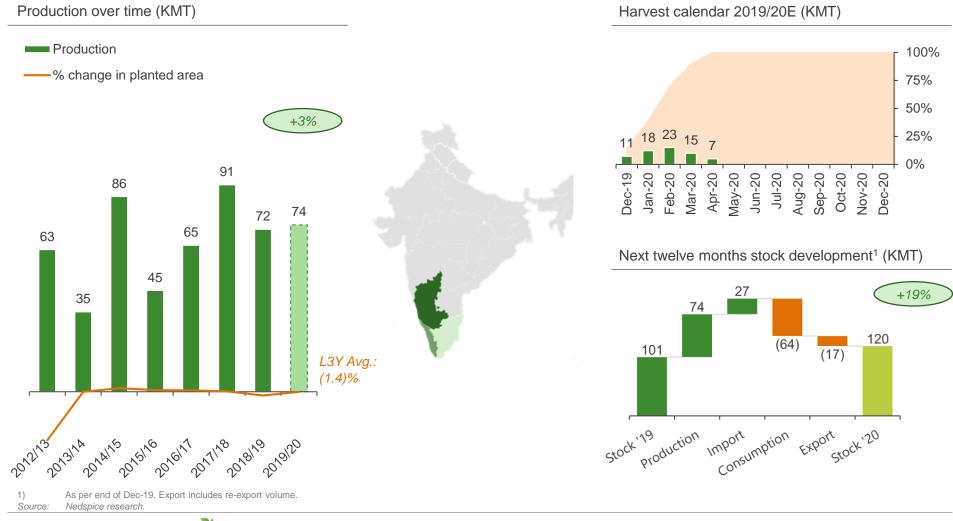






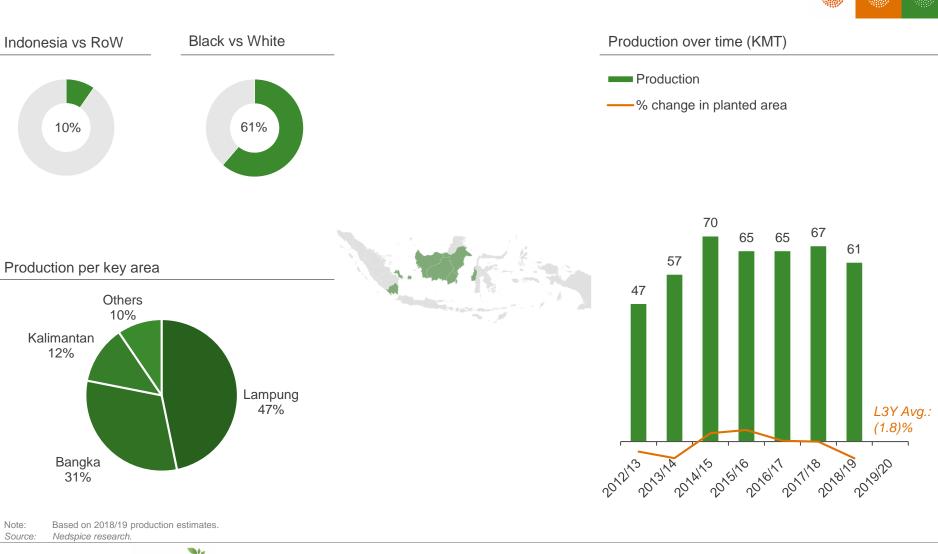
India is expected to have a good crop of c. 74KMT this season





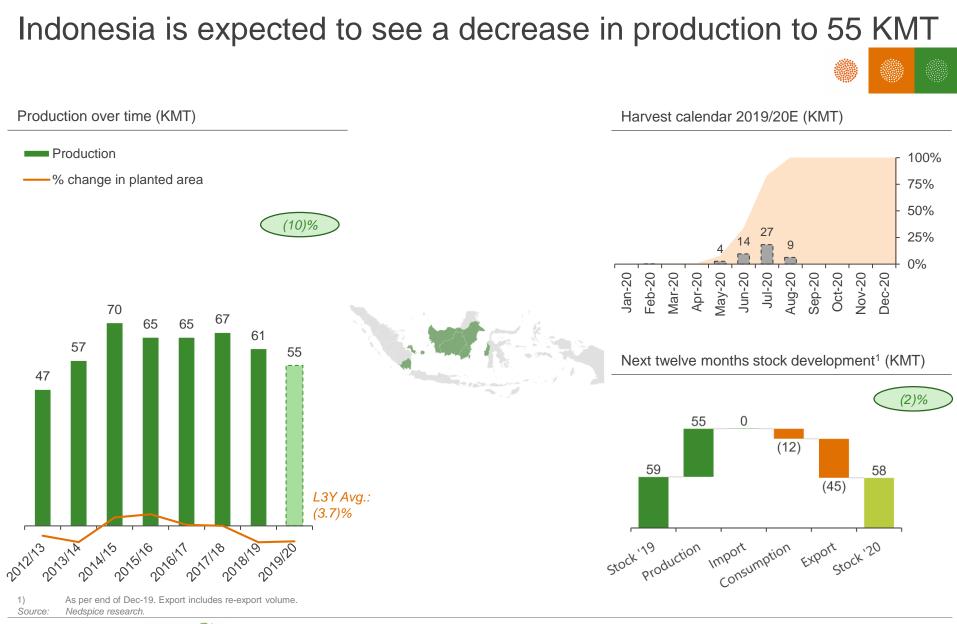
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Indonesia



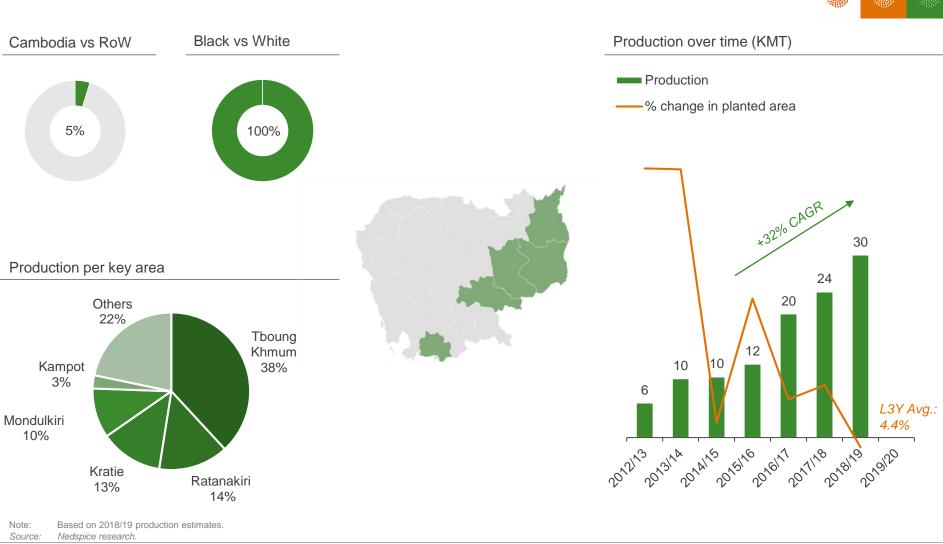








Cambodia

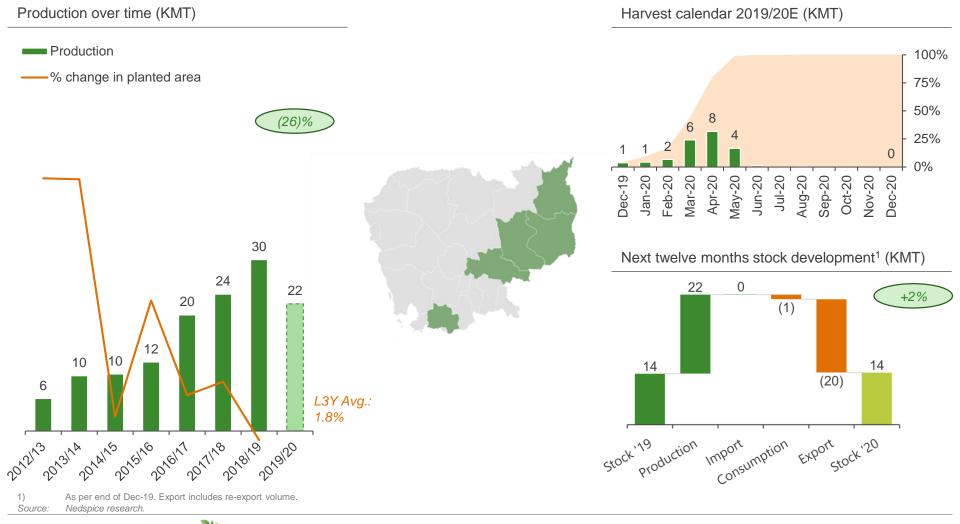






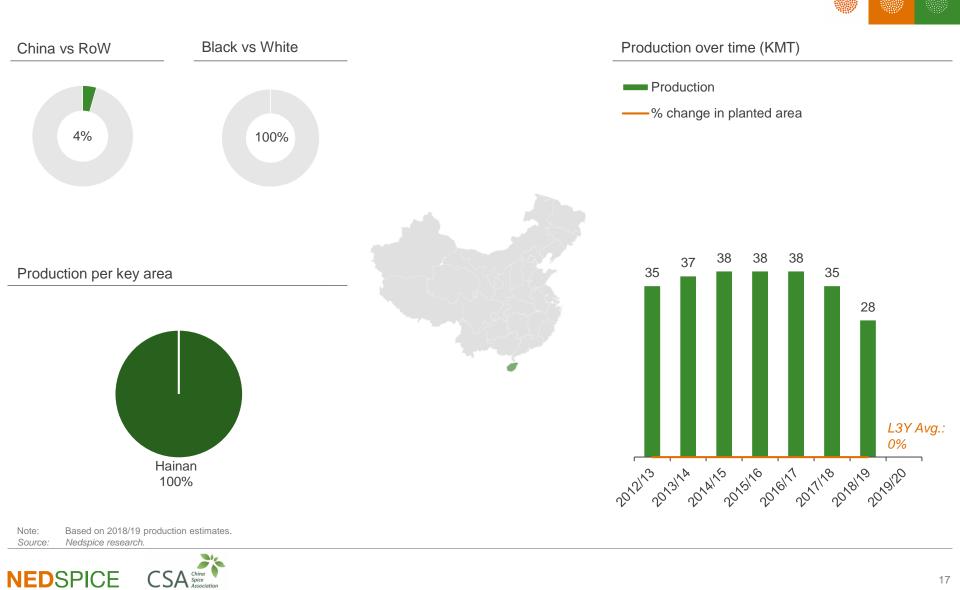
Cambodian production is expected to drop significantly





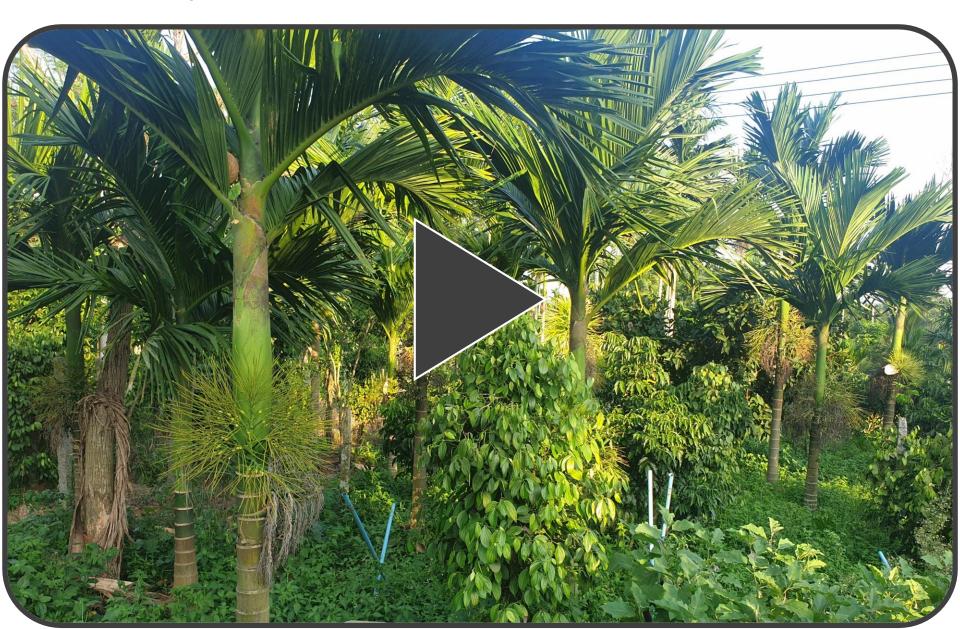


China



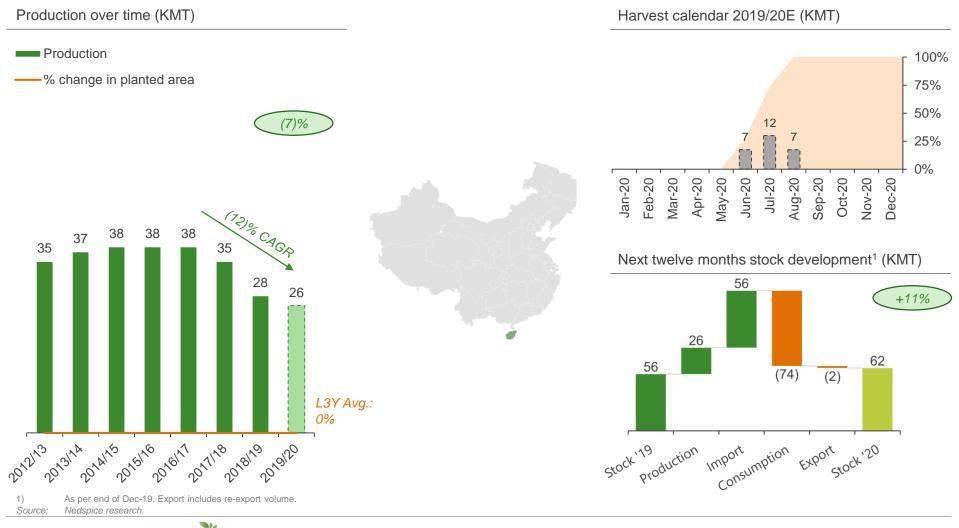


China – Crop video

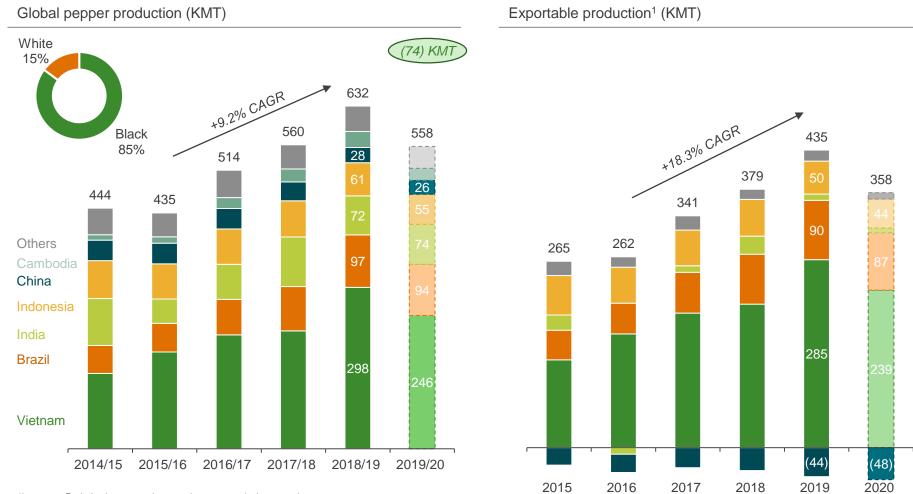


China's crop size is estimated to decrease to 26 KMT





Total production is expected to decrease with 74KMT to a total of 558KMT this season

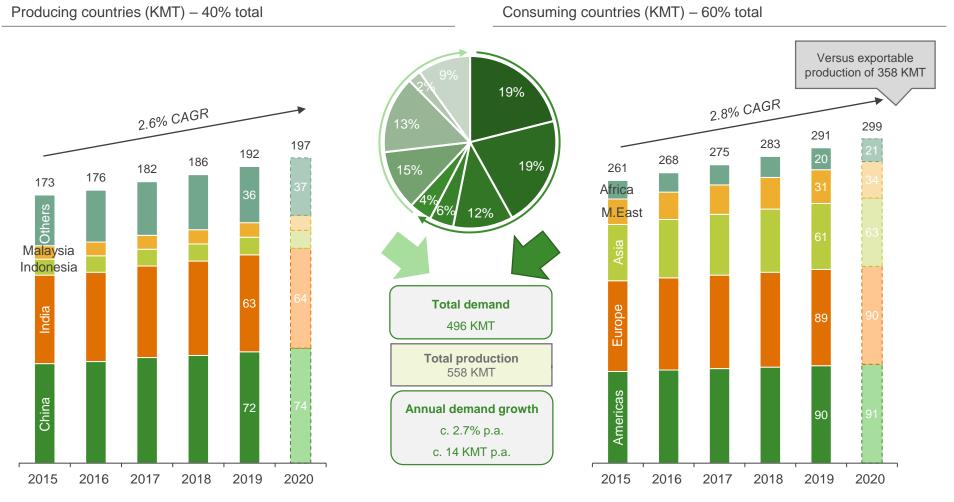


1) Excludes imports and exports between producing countries. Source: Nedspice research.



Demand remains resilient at some 496KMT, but is still below production levels





Source: Nedspice research.



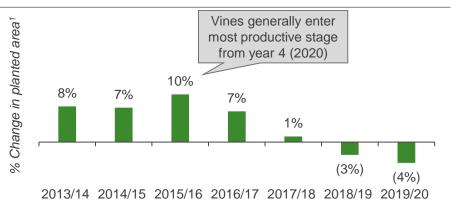
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Global stocks continue to increase, also in foreseeable future

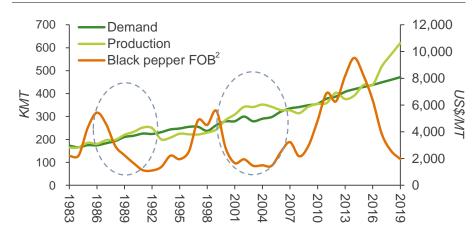




Planting estimates suggest that supply will continue to outgrow demand



Historically there is a c. 3-6 years reversal period



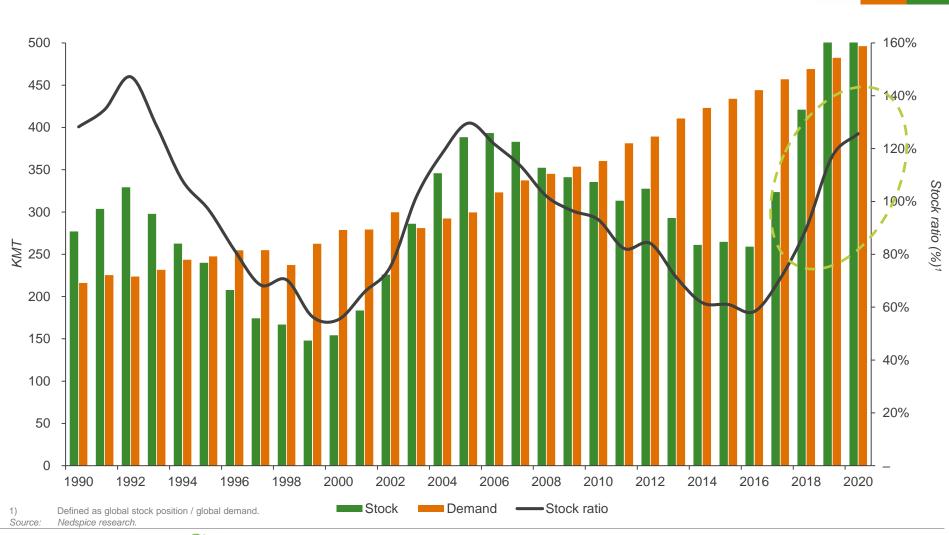
Note: Market data as per 31-Oct-19.

1) Weighted average of estimated increase in Vietnam, Brazil, India, Indonesia, China, Cambodia and Sri Lanka planted areas. The production quantities of the previous year are used as weight.

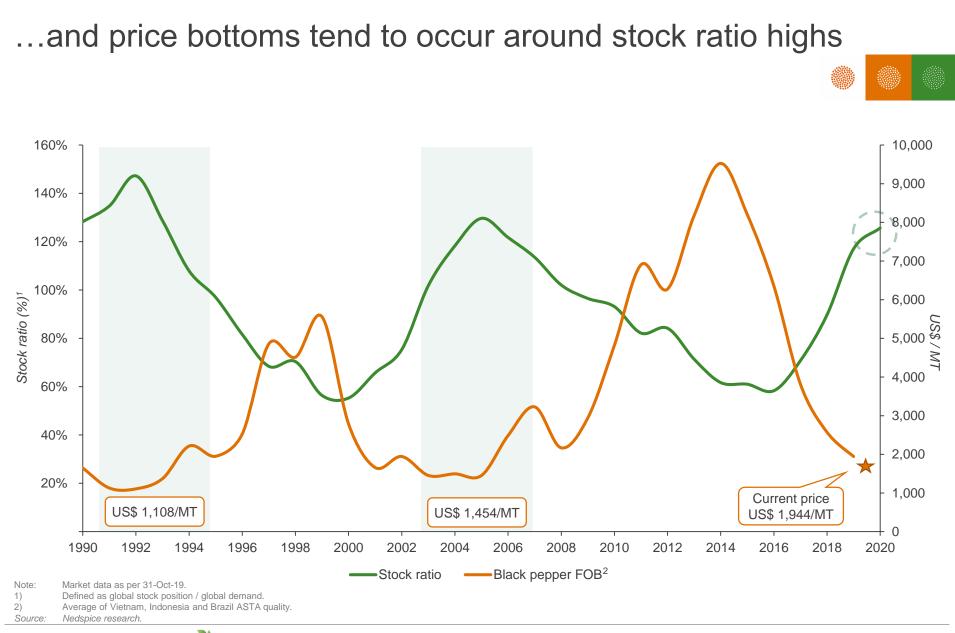
2) Average of Vietnam, Indonesia and Brazil ASTA quality.

Source: Nedspice research.

Excess production is pushing the ratio of global stocks relative to demand close to the previous high...

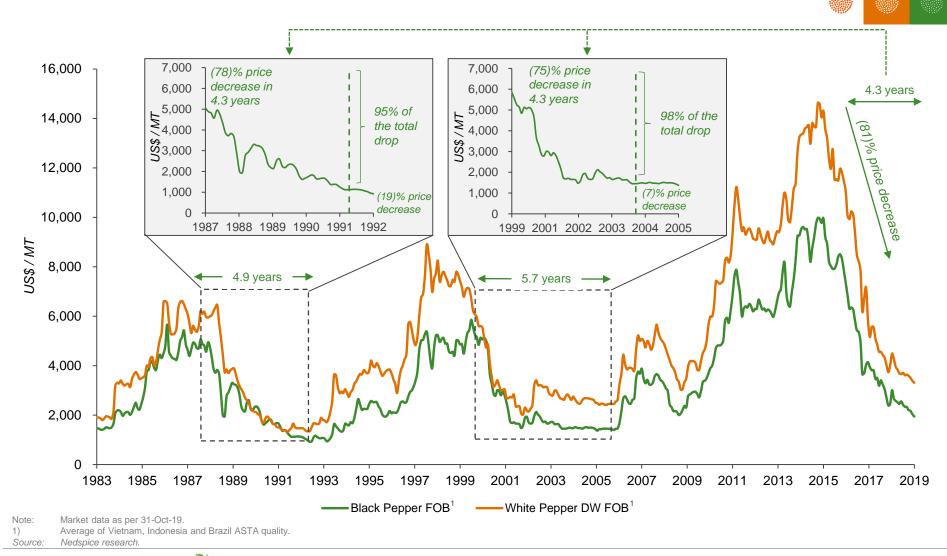








Historical data suggests we have seen the largest part of the price drop, although it may take more time before reversal sets in



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Concluding summary

- Production is expected to decrease by some 74 KMT this season, mainly driven by unfavorable weather in Vietnam
- Total production of c. 558KMT remains significantly higher than total demand at 496 KMT
- The excess production will cause global stocks to increase further
- As it will likely take some time before supply lines up with demand, price pressure is expected to continue
- Also historical data suggests that we may see a further decrease in prices over the next year, though we should be near the bottom
- Prices are close to or below production costs in many countries, so the struggle for farmers is likely to continue

