



Nedspice-Farmers Partnership Programme

NFPP Pepper Update August 2021

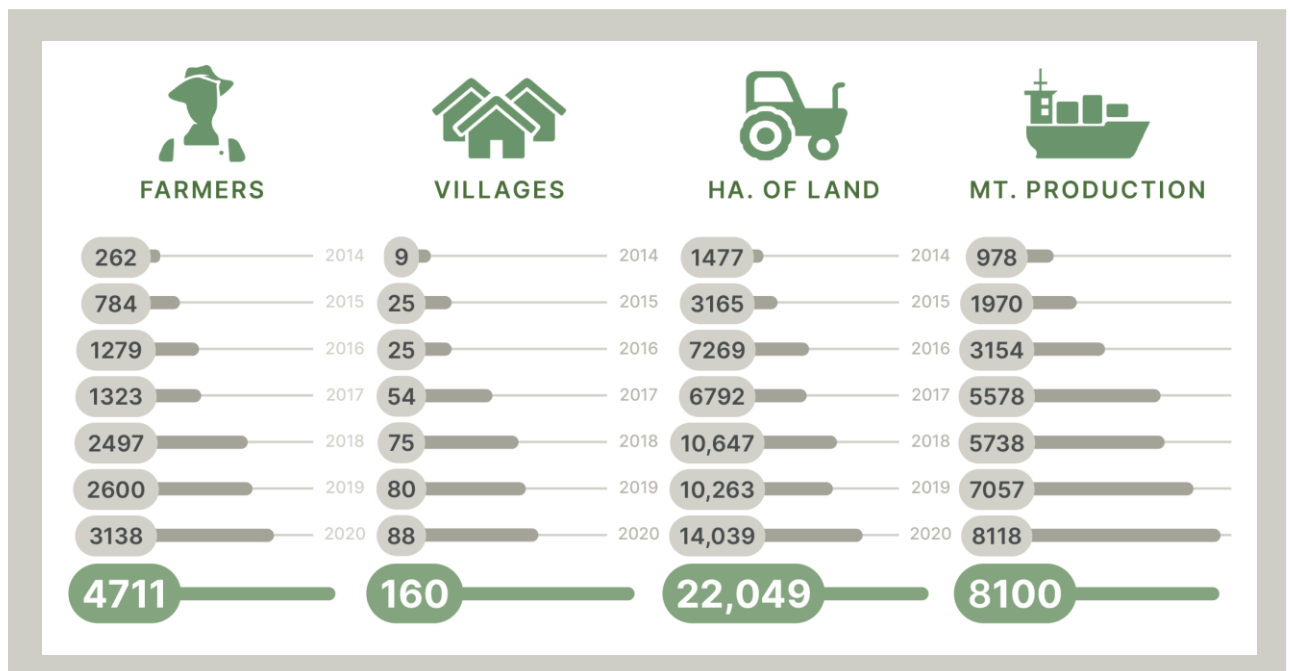


Pepper Spike formation stage Binh Phuoc, Vietnam

Nedspice Farmers Partnership Programme

Nedspice Farmers Partnership Programme (NFPP) is Nedspice sustainable sourcing programme. Through NFPP we help farmers to grow their crops environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. Farmers are invited into a financially attractive and long-term partnership. Through training and on-farm support we help to develop sustainable and profitable farms, that produce high-quality and safe spices. For more information, please visit www.nedspice.com/sustainability/nfpp/

NFPP Growth



Nedspice Farmers Partnership Programme started as a small-scale two-year project in 2013/14 and has now developed into a long-term programme with 4711 farmers. Of those 4711 farmers, about half are pepper farmers, 25% are cumin farmers, 20% are onion farmers and the remaining 5% are either turmeric, ginger, nutmeg, fennel or fenugreek farmers.



NFPP Pepper crop stage

- 10 certified organic farmers, 915 certified RA farmers, 311 FSA certified farmers and 2000 NFPP track and trace farmers measure up to a total harvest of 4500 tons for '20-'21. The YTD volume collected from NFPP farmers is **3200 tons** (72% of registered volume).
- After the harvest finished in April, the focus shifted to the **preparation for the new crop season**. In May-June activities were centered around soil and vine recovery and preparing the plants for spike formation and flowering stage.
- During the post-harvest period in May, the **weather was favourable** for the pepper plants to grow into the flowering stage. However, rainfall in June was 63% less compared to last year, but current water supply is still sufficient for irrigation.
- **Intercropping cultivation** becomes increasingly popular amongst NFPP black pepper farmers, the most common crop combination being black pepper and coffee and black pepper and fruit trees. A development Nedspice welcomes, as intercropping provides farmers with more financial security and enhances local biodiversity.

Stage	Period	°C	Mm	Days	
Vegetative	May – May	(6%)	58%	12%	✓
Spike formation	Jun – Aug	(4%)	(63%)	(7%)	✓



In April of this year, 311 black pepper farmers received the first Farm Sustainable Assessment (FSA) certification. The farmers that have received the FSA certificate are all part of Nedspice Farmers Partnership Programme (NFPP). In addition to our Rainforest Alliance and Organic certified products, with FSA we can now further satisfy the diversified sustainable demand of customers. For more info see [here](#).



NFPP black pepper sourcing areas are Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc and Dak Nong in the Central Highlands of Vietnam

What's up next?

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Aug

Trainings for 700 farmers on improved RA standard

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RA audit for Nedspice's new Binh Phuoc Factory

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Organic Farm Audit for 30 farms

