

## Vietnam's fruit exports up by 39% in 5 months

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According to Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the export value of vegetables and fruits in May is estimated at \$600 million, bringing the total export value of fruits and vegetables in the first 5 months of 2023 to \$1.97 billion, up 39 per cent compared to the same period last year.

Dang Phuc Nguyen, Secretary-General of the Vietnam Fruit and Vegetable Association, attributes the strong growth of fruits and vegetables to China's increased purchases following the implementation of the Non-COVID policy. This is the first year after 3 years of the pandemic that China has ramped up its procurement of fruits such as dragon fruit, durian, mangoes, and jackfruit.

Phung Duc, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Tien assessed that Vietnam has expanded many consumption channels, especially e-commerce; expanding export markets, allowing Chinese entrepreneurs to come to Vietnam to consume agricultural products, especially lychee, longan...

Although the shelf life of lychee is short, Deputy Minister Phung Duc Tien believes that provinces such as Bac Giang and Hai Duong have a lot of experience, especially in exporting to China.

Dang Phuc Nguyen also predicts that with abundant supply, the fruit and vegetable export outlook for the second half of the year will be very promising if the requirements of the Chinese market are well understood and good agricultural practices (GAP) are implemented.

The total export turnover of fruits and vegetables this year is expected to exceed \$ 4 billion.

Currently, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Tran Thanh Nam is leading a delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to work with authorities and the provinces of Guangxi, Yunnan (China) to promote agricultural and fishery trade between the two sides.

To promptly address issues at the border gates, Tran Thanh Nam, Deputy Minister proposes that the Nanning Customs establish a focal point of information exchange so that the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the Nanning Customs can easily communicate with each other, minimising written exchanges.