

## Vietnam to export sweet potatoes and bird's nests to China

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Vietnam's fruit and vegetable industry now officially can import sweet potatoes and bird's nests to China. The General Department of Customs of China signed a Protocol to allow the official import of sweet potatoes and bird's nests into the country. Thus, 13 agricultural products have been officially exported to China.

Since 2018, bird's nest has been one of the products that the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development negotiated and submitted to the General Administration of Customs of China for official export to this country.

The Vietnamese Embassy in China received a protocol (signed by the Chinese side) on phytosanitary requirements for Vietnam's exported bird's nests and sweet potato products. To China between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the General Administration of Customs of China.

Deputy Minister Phung Duc Tien said that China's demand for importing bird's nests is very large, and while Vietnam's export potential for this product is abundant, the quality of Vietnam's bird's nests has also been confirmed. Vietnam's bird's nest industry is having many development opportunities and the potential to bring high economic value. Currently, the whole country has 22,087 houses raising swiftlets. The annual output of Vietnam's oats is currently around 120 tons, equivalent to 450 million \$.

According to the Plant Protection Department, sweet potatoes and bird's nests are the 12th and 13th agricultural products officially exported to the Chinese market after 11 fruits, including dragon fruit, longan, rambutan, mango, jackfruit, watermelon, banana, mangosteen, lychee, passion fruit and durian.

For passion fruit, the Chinese side has agreed to test exports and only go through China's Guangxi border gate. After sweet potatoes and bird's nests, the Plant Protection Department will continue the procedures to export fresh pomelos and coconuts to the Chinese market.