

## Vietnam anticipates a 4% growth rate in the agriculture sector in 2025

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Vietnam's agriculture is firmly ensuring national food security as well as deeply integrating into the international community. Many key agricultural products continue to find new markets.

In recent years, Vietnam has achieved many new records in terms of agricultural exports.

The Vietnamese agriculture affirms its role as a driving force and pillar of the nation's economy.

A total growth rate (GO) of 3.3% was achieved by the whole industry, a 42.02% forest coverage rate, 78.7% of rural communes meeting new rural standards, and 58% of rural households using clean water that meets standards. As a result, exports of agriculture, forestry and fishery products reached a record high of \$62.5 billion, an increase of 18.7% compared to 2023; trade surplus increased 46.8% to \$17.9 billion.

Exports of agricultural products were \$32.8 billion, an increase of 22.4%; livestock exports were \$533.6 million, an increase of 6.5%; forestry exports were \$17.28 billion, an increase of 19.4%; aquatic exports were \$10.07 billion, an increase of 12.2%. In 2024, there were 7 products with exports of over \$3 billion (an increase of one product over 2023).

In 2025, the goal of the 5-year Industry Development Plan 2021-2025 and the Resolution of the 13th National Party Congress will be accelerated and breakthrough. In the agriculture and rural development sector, difficulties and obstacles are removed, negative impacts of epidemics and market fluctuations, natural disasters are minimized.

The objective is to increase exports, to take advantage of the EVFTA and CPTPP Agreements for agricultural products, to achieve a total export turnover of \$64-65 billion for agriculture, forestry, and fishery products; the GDP growth rate for the

entire sector was 3.3 - 3.4%; more than 80% of communes met the new rural standards; forest coverage remained stable at 42.02 %; and 60% of rural households used clean water.

The agriculture and rural development sector in 2024 faced intertwined advantages and difficulties, challenges, particularly storm No.3 (Yagi), which severely damaged agricultural production in the northern provinces. To properly assess the sector's response to natural disasters, the Prime Minister emphasized looking back and analyzing carefully.

In 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development will have specific solutions to implement the key tasks. A key objective of the Ministry in 2025 is to continue to receive attention from Party and State leaders, close coordination between Ministry, Department and Branch, and the sharing of enterprise, associations, cooperatives, as well as a consensus from all people for agriculture development.