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East-West Seed

Mrs. Waraporn Kanpeerayot and Mr. Boonchai Kanpeerayot are short cucumber farmers in the Ratchaburi province in central Thailand. Working with them is East-West Seed spot promoter Mr Khajornsak Pothakarn. The majority of the marketing activities of East-West Seed focus on village and township levels, where mobile teams such as spot promoters and extension staff work in the fields in order to train and educate farmers.

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IRRI

Ifugao women farmers in rice fields in the Philippines. Rice is the most important staple crop in South and Southeast Asia. It is therefore also a key crop for the seed industry: It is found in the portfolio of 18 of the 24 leading seed companies evaluated in this index and for half of them it is one of their most important business drivers. The majority of companies focus on hybrid rice. Seven of the companies report also selling open pollinated varieties that allow farmers to save seed and reuse it in the next season.

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Measurement area A

A van cart driver carries long beans to the Farmer Center, co-created by Syngenta and VSO, at Mithapukur in Rangpur, Bangladesh.

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Measurement area B

BRAC Agricultural Research & Development Centre (BARDC) in Bangladesh maintains a wide collection of local aromatic rice varieties.

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Measurement area C

Mahyco provided a royalty-free license for BT eggplant to the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute in Joydebpur. Since the introduction the number of farmers adopting BT eggplant is increasing.

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Measurement area D

With help from Plant Breeders Without Borders, Bayer trains smallholder farmers in improving the performance of 'underutilized crops' and increasing local agrobiodiversity.

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Measurement area E

East-West Seed conducts training on seed production in the field among a young group of farmers in Indonesia.

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Measurement area F

Aung Saw Oo of the East-West Seed's Knowledge Transfer team gives some pointers on cucumber production to a farmer in Myanmar.

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Measurement area G

Bayer runs a capacity building program in Vietnam where shrimp production rotates with the production of a saline resistant rice hybrid variety.

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