

Vietnam



Region	South and Southeast Asia
UPOV membership status	UPOV member
Participation in OECD Seed Schemes	No
ISTA accredited member laboratories	No
GM crop approval for cultivation	Maize
Law on Plant Variety Protection	Yes

Seed sector in Vietnam

Government agencies and universities carry out seed research activities in Vietnam. Most of the research institutes fall under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Around 70-80% of the formal seed used, which includes hybrid rice seed, vegetable seed and maize seed, is imported. Hybrid rice seed is imported mostly from China, while hybrid maize is imported mainly from Thailand and India. Vegetable seed is imported from Thailand, China, Japan, South Korea and France.

Of the 13 index countries, Vietnam is the only UPOV member. After joining UPOV, Vietnam experienced a number of benefits, including an increase in breeding activities, increased availability of improved varieties and the introduction of new foreign varieties, all of which have contributed to greater agricultural productivity.

GM maize was commercialized in Vietnam in 2015, and the area under cultivation rose from 35,000 hectares in 2016 to 45,000 hectares in 2017.

Observations

Twenty one index companies report having a presence in Vietnam. Thirteen companies have testing locations, while seed production and breeding is carried out by nine and six countries respectively.

Smallholder farmers produce 100% of the seed for East-West Seed and Known-You Seed in the country.

Six companies report to provide extension services.

Company activities identified in Vietnam

Company	Crops in portfolio		Company activities in country					Extension services
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Seed production	Processing location	Sales	
Acsen HyVeg		●		●			●	
Advanta	●						●	●
Bayer	●	●					●	●
Bejo		●	●	●	●		●	●
Bioseed	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Charoen Pokphand	●	●		●	●		●	
Corteva Agriscience	●						●	
East-West Seed		●		●	●*	●	●	
Enza Zaden		●					●	
Known-You Seed		●		●	●*	●	●	●
Lal Teer Seed		●					●	
Limagrain	●	●	●	●	●*	●	●	
Mahyco	●	●					●	
Monsanto	●	●					●	●
Namdhari Seeds							●	
Nongwoo Bio		●		●			●	
Rijk Zwaan		●	●	●			●	
Syngenta	●	●	●		●		●	
Vinaseed**	●	●	●	●	●*	●	●	

Other index companies are also active in the country. However, country-specific information for these companies is not available or was provided under non-disclosure.

* Company involves smallholder farmers in seed production activities

** Company headquartered in Vietnam

Other local companies identified in the regional landscaping study and their activities

Company	Crops in portfolio		Company activities in country		
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Seed production	Sales
ThaiBinh Seed	●	●		●	●
Trang Nong Seeds		●			●

