



# PHILIPPINE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE



## Top Philippine Agricultural Products, Exports and Imports

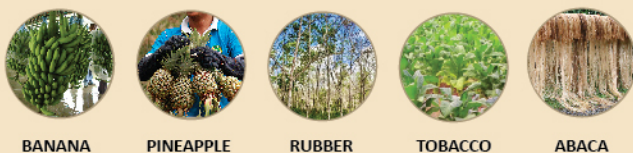
Investment opportunities in organic agriculture can be drawn from the existing top produce, exports and imports of a country. The top agricultural produce and exports of a country shows the country's competence in producing the agricultural commodities. Other agricultural exports of the country are coconut and coconut products, other tropical fruits and fisheries. Lowland vegetables, livestock and poultry are also exported albeit in a very minimal volume.

As regard imports, these indicate the shortage in local production and presence of unmet local demand. (PSA: 2021)

### PHILIPPINES TOP AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE



### PHILIPPINES TOP AGRICULTURAL EXPORT



### PHILIPPINES TOP AGRICULTURAL IMPORT



## World Top Traded Tropical Agricultural Commodity

The Philippines, given its geographical location, produces some of the world's top traded tropical agricultural commodities which ensues to huge investment opportunities.

*The top traded tropical agricultural commodities where investment can be channeled are coffee, sugarcane, cocoa, and cotton. (FOREX.COM)*



## Philippine "Rising Stars"

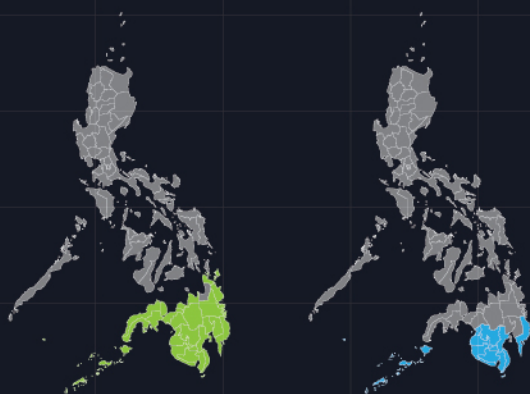
In addition to the regular agricultural exports, there is a crop of emerging food exports in the Philippines, aptly called the "rising stars."



These are products and commodities that are slowly but surely getting recognized all over the world, as proven by a growing demand in consumer markets. These include heirloom rice, turmeric, calamansi, malunggay, ube, rice cake, pili nut, muscovado sugar, kamias, and dalandan. (ifexconnect)

# The State and Prospects of Organic Agriculture (OA) in the Philippines

Organic agricultural areas in the Philippines are classified as organic by default or certified organic. Most areas that are organic by default are ancestral domains or those private lands owned communally by indigenous peoples. These compose about 26% of Philippine land area or over 7.7 million hectares. Much of the ancestral domains in the Philippines are under utilized if not totally idle making these as potential investment areas. While produce of organic areas by default cannot be labeled and sold as organic, they can be labeled and sold as naturally grown. These areas are candidates for organic certification.



6,600 Ha of organic certified land

1400 Ha with updated certification

As regards areas certified as organic, these number around 6,600 hectares although those with updated certification is only about 1,400 hectares as of the end of 2022.

These various OA programs being implemented in the country is seen to increase the organic agriculture areas and further strengthen organic agriculture industry in the country.



OA LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS



OA MULTIPLIER FARMS



LOCAL SEED CENTERS



SUPPORT TO PGS GROUPS



ADVOCACY AND PROMOTIONS



MARKETING ASSISTANCE



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



IRRIGATION NETWORK SYSTEM



COMPOSTING FACILITIES



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP



PROVISION OF SOCIAL CREDIT

Increasing public support to organic agriculture can be seen with the proliferation of organizations with missions related to organic agriculture.

Apart from the many farmers' cooperatives and associations (FCAs) who are into organic agriculture, non-government organizations, such as the League of Organic Agriculture Municipalities, Cities, and Provinces in the Philippines (LOAMCP-Ph), an association of LGUs advocating for OA, and the Organic Agriculture Society of the Philippines (OASP), an association of academicians and researchers promoting OA, are among the strong movers of OA in the Philippines.



## Investment Opportunities in Organic Agriculture

In summary, investment opportunities in organic agriculture, in the Philippines, exist in the whole value chain for all commodities aforementioned. These include investments in agricultural inputs production, agricultural production, processing, marketing and logistics. Other services including laboratory services and integrated area planning are also needed.

