

MALAYSIA DURIAN:

Production, Export, and Market Opportunities

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Malaysia's Durian Industry Growth

- Malaysia is a leading producer of premium durian varieties, known for its quality and rich taste profile
- The country contributes significantly to the global durian supply, especially with Musang King and Black Thorn
- Malaysia's tropical climate and rich soil make it ideal for durian cultivation, with 72,000+ hectares under production

China as a Key Market

- China is Malaysia's largest durian export destination
- Transition from frozen to fresh durian exports (approved in 2024)
- High consumer demand in big cities
- Malaysia positioned as a premium durian supplier compared to regional competitors





Expected **11%** Production Growth

455,458 metric tons in 2022 **505,853 metric tons by 2025**

Popular Varieties:



Cultivation Expansion:

Urged by the Malaysia government, farmers are increasing cultivation to meet export demand



Malaysia DURIAN





Chinese Market

OPPORTUNITIES



High Demand in Major Cities:

Musang King is highly sought after in Tier 1 and 2 cities

Growth in Durian-Based Products:

Snacks, paste, and desserts are gaining popularity driven by innovation and demand for convenience

Premium Pricing for Musang King:

Musang King commands premium prices in China due to its rich flavor, smooth texture, and consistent quality

Digital Channels:

E-commerce and livestreaming boost direct-toconsumer sales and enhance product visibility



CHALLENGES

Thailand

Dominates the largest durian export market with, backed by high production volume, mature supply chains, and efficient logistics that reduce costs and ensure consistent delivery to China

Vietnam

Rapidly scaled its durian industry, benefitting from competitive pricing, faster border access to China, and growing technical capabilities

Quality Control

Ensure consistent fruit quality across various farms and growing seasons remains difficult, especially without standardized practices

Certification & Traceability

Complying with China's strict import protocols, including full traceability and food safety standards, poses a logistical and administrative challenge for many producers

Infrastructure Gaps

Limited access to cold chain logistics, modern packing facilities, and rural road infrastructure impacts freshness, shelf life, and increases export costs

CHALLENGES





Malaysia Government



SUPPORT & INITIATIVES



Expansion of Durian Cultivation

Increase in planted areas to boost production volume and meet export demand



Government support for farms to obtain MyGAP, HACCP, and GMP certifications to meet international standards





Agrotourism

Promoting agrotourism to boost the durian industry

Tax Exclusions

Policies like tax exclusions on durian exports enhance competitiveness





Collaboration

Government-private sector collaboration Enhance export readiness, R&D, infrastructure, and compliance

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TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT



We started with traditional farming method, to all the way developing our own modern farming approach for durian and now is utilizing modern IoT solutions on our commercial farms for better farming application.









SMART FARMING

Adoption of intelligent fertigation systems and data-driven methods to optimize output.

The features of IOT system in place:

- Improve result monitoring and communications.
- help to analyze the characteristics, moistures and pH of soil.
- Installed irrigation system increase fruits yielded by 30%.



AI APPLICATIONS IN DURIAN PLANTATION

REVOLUTIONIZING DURIAN CULTIVATION WITH SMART TECHNOLOGIES

		Determination & Recommendation future (Record of the second of the secon		SMART FARM		
Pest and Disease	Flower and Fruits	Tree Health Monitoring	Microclimate and Weather	Smart Harvest and Logistics	Farm Security Monitoring	
Detection	Counting	- Interpret leaf	Prediction	- Integration	- CCTV and	
- Real-time	- Forecast	health and	- Forecast	with harvest	thermal	
identification	yield	detect	weather	planning for	cameras	
- Early alerts		deficiencies	- Analyze weather data	fruit maturity tracking	- Smart alerts	

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT



FROZEN DURIAN

Utilizing nitrogen blast freezing technology to freeze whole durians, effectively preserving their freshness and natural qualities.



FROZEN DURIAN PASTE

Leveraging our durian expertise, we produce premium durian paste frozen at -35°C for 1 hour, heat-treated to reduce microbial load, and stored at -18°C for global distribution.



FROZEN DURIAN SEEDPULP

The product is packed in RTE trays, blast-frozen at -35°C, UVtreated for decontamination, and stored at -18°C to maintain quality.





DISCOVER TOP FRUITS SDN. BHD.

Your Premium Durian Provider

Top Fruits Sdn Bhd, established in 1986 in Batu Pahat, Johor, is one of Malaysia's largest durian plantations and exporters. Our MyGAP-certified farm uses organic practices and features over 20-year-old trees of premium varieties such as Musang King (D197), Black Thorn (D200), Golden Phoenix (D198), and Sultan King (D24).

With a **HACCP and GMP-certified factory** located near the farm, we ensure fast, high-quality processing to meet international export standards.

Top Fruits' Development

MILESTONES

2009, Top Fruits first 'CPPC' built in Batu Pahat, Johor.

Mar 2010, started as Fresh Lime Fruits Drink processor and distributor.

2009

2010

Jan 2012, begin exporting fresh Musang King Durians to Hong Kong.

Mar 2012, granted export permit by AQSIQ China to export frozen durian seed pulp.

Jun 2012, acquired MyGAP certification in stringent farm produces.

2012

Jun 2018, launched the first "Durian Farm Rehabilitation" programs in Sarawak.

Sep 2018, expanded BP Factory, including Nitrogen Freezing facility.

Dec 2018, Setup heat Treatment Line to help improve product safety and quality.

2018

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Jan 2020, soft launch of Top Fruits Sarawak Kuching. East Malaysia.

Jun 2020, first online collaboration with local Youtuber artiste "Musang King Channel".

Aug 2020, implementation of FSSC system ensure stringent quality control to meet global standards.

2020

Jan 2011, participated in Singapore food and fresh fruits expo.

Jul 2011, 1st participation in Inter Food expo in Hong Kong.

2011

Dec 2011, Granted Malaysia GMP in good manufacturing process.

Jan 2014, relocate headquarters to Seri Kembangan, Selangor.

2014

2015

Jun 2014, applied Halal certification to meet Malaysia Syariah Law requirements in safe food produce.

Year 2015, Practice of HACCP guideline in food safety manufacturing.

Jun 2019, granted permits by GACC China to export frozen whole durian to China market.

2019

Jun 2019, penetrated middle east market.

Dec 2019, first frozen durian seed pulp exportation to middle east country.

Jan 2021, applied Halal certification for our Downstream products to meet Malaysia Syariah Law requirements in safe food produce.

Dec 2021, 1st in Malaysia to penetrated Africa market.

2021

Top Fruits' Development

MILESTONES

2022, Promoting Smart farming concept in Durian with 3 major components. *April 2022,* Top Fruits Research and Development Centre set up.

April 2022, Established of Regional office at Hong Kong.

Nov 2022, Silver Award Winner in agriculture, food and beverage industry & Special Award Winner in Halal products of *Export Excellence Awards 2022*.



Jan 2024, Recognized with the **Business Achiever Award** in the Export Excellence Awards.

Aug 2024, the first batch received approval from General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) to **export fresh durian to China**.

Oct 2024, received **Global Agritech Award** in the Gitex Dubai 2024.



2023, Expansion into Hong Kong Supermarkets: Gold Thon products available in all supermarkets across Hong Kong.

-Granted for the Sedex Social Audit (SMETA) and SQMS accreditation.

Dec 2023, Export Fresh Jackfruit to China.

Dec 2023, Honored with the ASEAN Master Class Award as the **Leading Brand** in **Tropical Fruits Export Distribution Excellence**.

Top Fruits' Development



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CERTIFICATION BY MALAYSIA'S TOP QUALITY

GOVERNING BODIES & INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITATIVE BODIES **Diversity Beyond**



DURIAN-BASED PRODUCTS

- Malaysia is actively pushing frozen and ready-to-eat durian formats
- Top Fruits leads the way with exports of: Whole frozen durian, pulp, paste.
- Value-added innovations like Durian-based products as below:

√ 100% handmade √ 100% fresh √ Zero Preservatives √ Zero Colouring √ Zero Flavourings





WHAT'S NEXT THE WAY FORWARD

Pioneering the Future of Durian in Malaysia

Growth Potential:

- Malaysia durian production and export are on an upward trajectory
- Durian export must expand strategically and sustainably

Market Opportunities:

- Significant potential in the Chinese market, despite competition
- Focus: quality consistency, sustainable practices, and market expansion



Top Fruits' Role:

- A key player in driving the durian industry forward
- Leading through innovation, smart farming, and global partnerships



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