

Bác Tôm Stores Chain





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Introduction of Bac Tom (1)

- Brand name is sourced from "The cabin of Uncle Tom"
 - Always loyal to the host/clean products
 - Brown as the major color to remind the soil
- Founded in 2010 by an agri-chain consultant
- To promote fresh foods
- 16 stores in Ha Noi
 - Selling at the spot
 - Home delivery



Introduction of Bac Tom (2)

- Staff and customers
 - ~ 90% are women
 - ~ 85% under 35
- Producers
 - ~ 90% are women
 - ~ 80% above 35
- Address: <u>www.bactom.com</u>; f: raubactom; hotline (CEO): +84(0)912341144



Why friendly (1)?

- Natural foods. No procurement from industrial farms
- Procure directly from farms
- 60% of veggie organic, 40% "clean"





Chayote from Tan Lac Uplands (result of SADU project)





Why friendly (2)?

- Working with NGOs and government
 - to empower producers and build "healthy" farms as suppliers
 - to promote friendly environment standards and practices
- Disseminating the message of sustainable agriculture
 - by trainings and workshops
 - farm tours for families and pupils



Veco Team visited Bac Tom

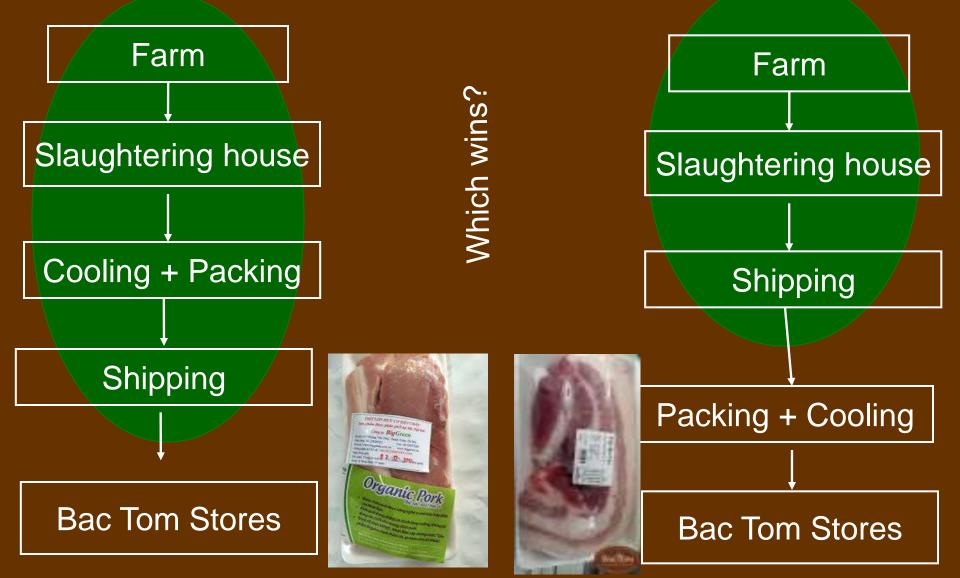




Shipping veggie from farm to packaging house



Supply chains of pork - the case of Bao Chau to Bac Tom





Bao Chau pigs





Scaling up - opportunities

- Increasing concerns of clean foods thanks to an improved media and income
- NGOs and government agencies more active in market oriented agriculture
 - farmers earn more from healthy foods
 - consumers are more aware of good suppliers
- The institutional context are being improved for small enterpreneurs



Scaling up - challenges

- Small scale farming as majority
- No certification system for organic farming yet in Viet Nam
- Quality control and certification by government are not trusted by consumers
 - 80% consumers do not trust national certificates
- The majority in the market can not be traced
- Consumers get used to open and convenient markets



Recommendations (1)

- Realocation for larger concentrated areas per household
- Organic standards and certification systems should be issued
- Standards are recognized in other countries in Mekong region
- Certification bodies should be empowered to be trusted by consumers
 - Capacity building
 - Marketing



Recommendations (2)

- Standards and certification systems for small farmers groups should be available
- More investment in promoting and marketing
- Farmers are empowered
- Disseminating the advantages of cold chains and good stores



Veggie farm in Luong Son





Intercropped with flowers





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