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Quality of Vietnamese coffee poor

VietNamNet Bridge – Vietnam is currently the world's second-largest producer of coffee, but its export revenue from this product is fifth in the world due to poor quality, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The volume of poor-quality coffee beans produced by Vietnam that must be thrown away is very high. In 2004, the country accounted for 78% of the total volume of this kind of coffee bean in the world.

Last year, Vietnam also made up 89% of the world's total amount of low-quality Robusta. From October 2005 to March 2006, the ratio of Vietnam's poor-quality coffee beans was 88%, up by 19% year on year.

The reason is the massive use of inorganic fertilizer, water, insecticide and poor processing technology. Especially, Vietnamese farmers still harvest coffee beans by plucking off both ripe and green and over-ripe and dry beans, which seriously affects product quality.

