

3. Establish a joint venture promoting expertise in freezing technology and introduce innovations in packaging and related machinery such as the use of aluminium and plastic laminates as packing materials in response to the preference for long life and fresher foods.

4. Technology transfer of aseptic packed fruit juices and gas flush-packed chilled foods.

Opportunities in the Fruit and Vegetable Industry

1. Modernization of food processing for export.
2. Production of fruit juices, concentrates, purees, dehydrated products, sauces and jams.
3. Technology Transfer
 - * post-harvest technology
 - * handling equipment
 - * refrigerated storage
 - * decay control treatment in packing methods
4. Tomato processing.
5. Development of commercial vegetable production utilizing improved varieties of germplasm (chromosomes/genes) which are resistant to diseases and insect pests.
6. Seed - many seeds used in vegetable production are unavailable in Thailand.
7. Harvesting Aids
 - * self-supporting fruit ladders (to be introduced and manufactured in Thailand)
 - * mini-lifts
 - * canvas bottomed packing bags to reduce handling damage

SEED INDUSTRY

Overview

Thailand's seed industry is divided into the public and private sector. The public sector has been established for many years; however opportunities for expansion and investment exist in the private sector.

Public Seed Sector - Seed Division

Rice is the most important item in the seed industry. In 1988, a total of 8.4 thousand tons were produced, accounting for 60% of total seed production.

Corn seed is second in importance. Its highest production occurred in 1984 at 2,700 tons. Since that time, production has been declining due to lower demand for corn seed induced by declining corn prices.