

SHALLOTS PRODUCTIVITY IN NGANJUK INCREASES BECAUSE OF THE PETROKIMIA GRESIK AGRO SOLUTION PROGRAM

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[Petrokimia Gresik](#), an agroindustry solution company and a member [Pupuk Indonesia](#) holding harvested shallots on an area of 87 hectares of the Agro Solution Program with a productivity increase of up to 20 percent, in Mojorembun Village, Rejoso District, Nganjuk Regency, East Java, Thursday (19/8).

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik Dwi Satriyo Annurogo stated that during the Covid-19 pandemic, the role of the agricultural sector became increasingly important and strategic, so that agricultural production activities must be increased, especially in areas that are agricultural centers.

"One of them is in Nganjuk Regency, as the main producer of shallots in East Java province," said Dwi Satriyo.

The recommendations for balanced fertilization in this program all use non-subsidized fertilizers, namely 650 kilograms/ha of NPK Phonska Plus fertilizer, 200 kg/ha of ZA fertilizer, 200 kg/ha of NPK Petro Nitrate fertilizer, 400 kg/ha of NPK Petro Ningrat fertilizer, and organic fertilizers Petroganik as much as 2 tons/ha.

This formula is proven to be able to increase the yield of shallots by 20 percent, from an average of 14 tons/ha to an average of 16.8 tons/ha.

"In addition to helping the government secure the national stock of shallots, the increase in productivity is also expected to boost the welfare of local farmers," added Dwi Satriyo.

Meanwhile, the Officer Regent of Nganjuk, Marhaen Djumadi, hopes that the presence of Petrokimia Gresik in the midst of shallot farmers will really be an agricultural solution. So that the shallot farmers of Nganjuk Regency prosper, which in the end will also increase the economy of the Nganjuk community, because agriculture's contribution to the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) of Nganjuk Regency reaches 34 percent to 36 percent annually.

"The obstacle that often arises when the shallot harvest is the price plummeting. For this reason, synergy between stakeholders is needed to find solutions, one of which is with Petrokimia Gresik through the Agro Solution program," he said.

About Agro Solution

Agro Solution is an initiation program of Pupuk Indonesia that carries the concept of an integrated agricultural business partnership from upstream to downstream. This program aims to increase farm productivity and welfare while maintaining national food security in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In its implementation in Nganjuk Regency, Petrokimia Gresik cooperates with PT Petrosida through the PETROMART agricultural facility kiosk network as a lender of capital for the purchase of non-subsidized fertilizers and pesticides for controlling pests and diseases of shallots, as well as collaborating with local *offtakers* as buyers of farmers' crops.

Meanwhile, Petrokimia Gresik itself acts as a coordinator, and provides a Soil Test Car Service to provide agricultural land analysis, so that farmers can obtain fertilizer recommendations according to soil conditions and plant needs.

"Through this program, we create an ecosystem that can help farmers from upstream to downstream, so that the cultivation process and marketing of agricultural products are not hampered. In addition, we also cooperate with insurance companies to provide guarantees and banks to provide funding to farmers for their farming activities," explained Dwi Satriyo.

In addition to Nganjuk Regency, Petrokimia Gresik has also implemented Agro Solution programs in various regions, especially in East Java, targeting various commodities such as rice, sugar cane, oranges, and potatoes.

On this occasion, Dwi Satriyo also introduced several non-subsidized fertilizer products that were recently launched by Petrokimia Gresik, namely Petroniphos NPS 20-20-13S fertilizer for horticultural commodities, SP-26 fertilizer and Phonska Alam NPK fertilizer which are expected to be alternatives for farmers to meet their needs of plant nutrients so as not to depend on subsidized fertilizers from the government.

"We hope that in the future the Agro Solution Program can continue to be applied and even developed in more areas and the various choices of non-subsidized fertilizer products available can be agricultural solutions in Indonesia," concluded Dwi Satriyo.

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