

MAKMUR PROGRAM OF PETROKIMIA GRESIK SUCCEED INCREASE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF SPINACH SEED IN GRESIK UP TO 12%

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Petrokimia Gresik, an Agroindustry Solution company and a member of SOE Pupuk Indonesia keep expand the advantage of Makmur program by escorting spinach seed cultivation in the land 567 hectares which spread at five regencies in East Java. One of the succeed of this program is known as the increase of spinach seed productivity up to 12 percent at the land of 36,11 Ha in Gresik, Thursday (16/9).

President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo conveyed that during pandemic Covid-19, the role of agriculture sector as the producer of healthy food become more important and strategic, so that the activity of agriculture production including horticultural must be improve.

“Therefore, we always optimizing the advantage of Makmur Program by targeting more commodities, not only food commodity, but also horticultural commodity,” said Dwi Satriyo.

After rice, sugar cane, oranges, potatoes and shallots, this time the Makmur Program is targeting water spinach plant, which is the favourite horticultural commodity of Gresik farmers. So far, many farmers think that water spinach is not profitable a good plant, but not for Gresik farmers.

The seeds of spinach cultivation by Gresik farmers are taken as seeds for export by hosting companies to various countries such as Thailand, the Philippines, India, to Japan. Even though in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the quantum of spinach seed exports is still penetrating 80 tons in 2020.

“Through Makmur Program, Petrokima Gresik collaborates with any stakeholders to serve farmers spinach get a guarantee of capital, guarantee the quality of the harvest to market guarantees,” said Dwi Satriyo.

At the side of funding, BNI give capital loan up to IDR 800 billion, and subsidiaries company of Petrokimia Gresik, namely Petrosida Gresik has role as the distributor of fertilizer as well as anti-pest product, and PT East West Seed Indonesia (EWINDO) has role as off-taker that purchase the harvest from fostered farmers.

Meanwhile, Petrokimia Gresik itself plays a role in providing Soil Test Car services to provide agricultural land analysis, so that farmers can get recommendations fertilizer according to soil conditions and plant needs.

The fertilization recommendation in Makmur Program for spinach commodities use combination of non-subsidized and subsidized fertilizer that is NPK Phonska subsidized fertilizer as much as 200 kg/ha, NPK Phonska Plus 200 kg/ha, ZA non-subsidized fertilizer 200 kg/ha, SP 36 subsidized fertilizer 100 kg/ha, and Petroganik organic fertilizer 2 tonnes/ha.

This formula has proven able to increase the productivity of spinach seed in Gresik up to 12 percent, from average of 1,49 tonnes/ha become 1,67 tonnes/ha. Therefore, the profit of farmers is increase up to 20-25 percent.

“Through Makmur Program, farmers can fulfil the lack of subsidized fertilizer due to the limitation of allocation to increase the productivity of harvest as well as improve farmers welfare,” said Dwi Satriyo.

Meanwhile, Anang Ma'ruf. One of EWINDO fostered spinach farmer who join this program said that Makmur Program is really give positive impact for himself and others.

“We really got a lot of benefit because this need can be met. Therefore, we hope that we always be helped through Makmur Program to prosper farmers,” he said.

Apart from Gresik, the Makmur program for the commodity of spinach seeds is in collaboration with EWINDO also implemented in Mojokerto (37 ha), Jombang (50 ha), Lamongan (81 ha), and Tuban (363 Ha).

Lastly, Dwi Satriyo emphasized that Makmur Program is a manifestation of Petrokimia Gresik's vision as Agroindustry Solution Company below the command of Pupuk Indonesia, as well as breakthrough and strategic to increase agriculture production in realizing national food security.

He hopes that Makmur Program can be run-in all-around Indonesia and able to be solution for increasing agricultural as well as improve the prosperity of farmers in all area.

"We will continue to increase this commitment by targeting more commodities in various sectors, so that the benefits of the Makmur Program can be felt by more farmers in Indonesia," said Dwi Satriyo.

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