

**WELCOMING PLANTING SEASON,
INDONESIA REPUBLIC MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
VISIT PETROKIMIA GRESIK**

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The Agriculture Minister of the Republic of Indonesia, Syahrul Yasin Limpo (SYL) visited Petrokimia Gresik, an Agroindustry Solution company and also a member of Pupuk Indonesia holding company, Friday (4/9) to review the availability of subsidized fertilizers in welcoming planting season October 2020 - March 2021 (Ocmar).

On this occasion, the Minister of Agriculture YSL also planted trees in the Petrokimia Gresik area as a symbol of the commitment of the Minister of Agriculture and Petrokimia Gresik to create a friendly industry environment.

Furthermore, regarding the planting season of Ocmar, President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo, revealed that currently subsidized stocks of Petrokimia Gresik are 418,451 tons, with details of Urea Fertilizer 51,278 tons, ZA 53,782 tons, SP-36 100,111 tons, Phonska 153,948 tons, and Petroganik 59,332 tons.

From the total stock, East Java Province is get 130,402 tons, with details of Urea 51,278 tons, ZA 15,531 tons, SP-36 24,387 tons, NPK Phonska 10,316 tons and Petroganik 28,890 tons. Meanwhile, for Gresik Regency, the amount of 22,718 tons includes Urea 3,265 tons, ZA 871 tons, SP-36 7,561 tons, NPK Phonska 1,954 tons, and Petroganik 9,067 tons.

"The obligation of Petrokimia Gresik is to provide and distribute subsidized fertilizers according to the regulations or assignments from the government," said Dwi Satriyo.

Dwi Satriyo also added that Petrokimia Gresik is always ready to support national food security, where subsidized fertilizer, as a medium of agriculture production, is very important to increase agriculture productivity, especially amid the Covid-19 outbreak that has not abate.

"Not only fertilizers, Petrokimia Gresik is also ready to assist farmers in controlling pests, so that the supervision will be complete," he said.

Dwi Satriyo further explained that in the distribution of subsidized fertilizer Petrokimia Gresik is refers to the Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture Number 10 Year of 2020 concerning Amendment to Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture Number 01 Year 2020 About the allocation and Highest Retail Price of Subsidized Fertilizer Agriculture Sector of Fiscal Year 2020.

At the Regulation, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, the allocation of national subsidized fertilizer of 7.9 million tons for Pupuk Indonesia. Of this amount, Petrokimia Gresik was assigned a distribution assignment of 4.7 million tons or 59% of the total national assignment. The rest, will be distributed by other fertilizer producers who are members of the Indonesian holding company.

To ensure distribution to the regions, Petrokimia Gresik has 77 Regional Sales Representative Staff spread across various regions in Indonesia. They regularly coordinate with the Agricultural Service, Field Extension Officers, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Supervision Commission, farmer groups, and local authorities.

"In its distribution, the company adheres to the 6 right principles, namely Right Price, Right Place, Right Amount, Right Quality, Right Type, and Right Time," he explained.

Therefore, he emphasized to all authorized distributors and kiosks to always comply with all applicable regulations. And not involved in misappropriation, hoarding, or selling above the Highest Retail Price.

"Petrokimia Gresik will not hesitate to stop the distribution cooperation if the official distributor or kiosk is proven to have committed fraud," said Dwi Satriyo.

Regarding the fertilization pattern, Dwi Satriyo appealed to farmers to follow the general recommendations for balanced fertilization of 5: 3: 2, namely 500 kg of Petroganic organic fertilizer, 300 kg of NPK Phonska or Phonska Plus fertilizer, and 200 kg of Urea for every one hectare of rice fields.

The combination of organic and non-organic fertilizers, in addition to maintaining the sustainability of agriculture, is also proven to be able to increase the productivity of 1-2 tons of harvested dry grain for each hectare of rice fields.

"This balanced fertilization is also a solution to the use of fertilizers which tends to be excessive by farmers. So that the limited allocation of subsidized fertilizers can be used more effectively and efficiently," he said.

Apart from the obligation to provide subsidized fertilizers, Petrokimia Gresik is also preparing a stock of non-subsidized fertilizers. This step is a solution for farmers whose fertilizer needs are not allocated in the subsidy scheme.

Apart from fertilization, Petrokimia Gresik also provides pest control products for farmers through its subsidiaries (Petrokimia Kayaku and Petrosida Gresik). With balanced fertilization and proper pest control, so that rice productivity is expected to increase.

And last but not least, Petrokimia Gresik also has a soil test car service for farmers to find out the condition of agriculture soil in each area so that they can provide appropriate fertilizer recommendations.

"Currently, there are 15 units of soil test cars operating in eight provinces to serve farmers," he said.

Finally, Dwi Satriyo hopes that the various efforts made by Petrokimia Gresik can support the program to accelerate national economic recovery through the welfare of farmers and be able to maintain national food stocks amid the Covid-19 outbreak.

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