

Name **Namtarn Tanode Muang Phet**
น้ำตาลโตนดเมืองเพชร

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Main characteristics/features

Muang Phet palm sugar refers to sugar made from the sap of palm trees. It is most commonly used as an important ingredient in the typical food and desserts of Muang Phet. There are two types of products: fresh palm sugar (in liquid form) or bundles of palm sugar or Nam Tam Ngob (in solid form). Its colour is light to dark brown. When exposed to heat, the sugar will melt. It has a natural fragrance and tastes slightly sweet.

Geographical area

The Namtarn Tanode Muang Phet palm sugar production areas are located in the eight districts of Phetchaburi Province: Muang, Bahn Lad, Tha Yang, Nong Yha Pong, Bahn Laem, Kaeng Krachan, Cha-am, and Khao Yoi, Thailand.

Production/processing

The palm sugar production period takes place between January and May. Once harvested, the palm sugar is kept in bamboo tubes, each holding up to three litres. Shorea wood is used to prevent the sugar from spoiling. Then the sugar is poured through a cloth into a big iron pan. The cloth is used as a sieve to filter the pieces of Shorea. The palm sugar begins to boil after about 10-15 minutes. As the palm sugar is simmering, a metal object (called a lek kratek) is used to simultaneously crush the sugar and stir it.

The palm sugar is sold under the name 'Namtarn Tanode Muang Phet' and/or 'Muang Phet Palm Sugar'.

Link between product and territory

Phetchaburi Province is popular as a source of producing palm sugar, as it is dense with palm trees. It is an old city with a long history. Phetchaburi has been prosperous since ancient times, and is an important border town of Thailand. It has commercial relations with foreign countries. The geographical area, with its soil and climate, is suitable for growing palm trees.

Palm sugar production is local knowledge of the inhabitants of Phetchaburi. Originally, palm sugar was made during the free time available after rice production, for household consumption.

Muang Phet palm sugar is an exceptional and very important source of income for the Phetchaburi Province.

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