### Main characteristics/features

Thuong Xuan cinnamon is over 50 cm in length, usually rolled into a tube-shaped cinnamon (naturally dried). The outer cinnamon surface is slightly rough, having brown to grey brown colour with many patches. The inner surface is light red brown to deep brown, smooth and easy to break. The broken section is red brown, with little fibre. Thuong Xuan cinnamon has a specific strong aroma, essential oil of strong hot taste, lightly sweet aftertaste, and high content of essential oil.

### Geographical area

Communes of Van Xuan, Xuann Le, Xuann Chinh, Xuann Thang, Xuann Loc, Xuann Cam, Yen Nan, Bat Mot, Luong Son, Ngoc Phung, Xuann Cao, Luann Khe, Xuann Than, Luann Than, Tho Thanh, Xuann Duong, and Thuong Xuan town of Thuong Xuan district, Thanh Hoa province.

### Production and processing

Cinnamon is planted from January to March in Spring season, and from August to September in off season in concentrated or scattered formation. The density is 3,300 to 5,000 trees per hectare and it is reduced in the following years. Cinnamon is harvested on 15 to 20 year-old trees in April, May, July and August. Harvested cinnamon can be kept fresh with traditional method or dried in furnaces.

Cinnamon trees are grown in high mountainous area, at an average altitude of 150 to 700m, with high rainfall, abundant water source and good lighting condition favorable for the growth of good quality cinnamon trees. Cinnamon is an important part of the daily and spiritual lives of the Thai ethnic group in mountainous Thuong Xuan district.

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