Woman wearing headscarf and shoulder basket walks in Mai Chau rice field Woman wearing headscarf and shoulder basket walks in Mai Chau rice field Woman wearing headscarf and shoulder basket walks in Mai Chau rice field

A highland woman wearing a headscarf and shouldering a large basket walks in an unripe wet-rice field in Mai Chau. The view is taken from behind the walking woman who appears to wear shorts or a short skirt. Mountains and some houses are barely visible in the background.

As an alternative to a traditional palm-leaf sunhat, Southeast Asian farmers often wrap long cloths over their hair to protect their heads and necks from dust and rays of the tropical sun.

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