China Enters “New Era”: What It Means for US and Global Agriculture

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- 2012 summer intern at USDA-ERS on farm economy and farmland values
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  - agriculture and the environment
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My hometown: Shenxian, Shandong Province

Greenhouse – plastic film - Shandong Province
Future of High-Speed Rail in China
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<th>China</th>
<th>US</th>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>1350.4 million</td>
<td>318.9 million</td>
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<td>Gross agricultural production</td>
<td>555.2 billion $</td>
<td>232.4 billion $</td>
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<td>Share of Agriculture in Total GDP</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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<td>Share of Agriculture in Employment</td>
<td>35.0%</td>
<td>2.0%</td>
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<td>Number of Farmers</td>
<td>241.7 million</td>
<td>3.2 million</td>
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<td>Number of Farms</td>
<td>200.2 million</td>
<td>2.1 million</td>
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<td>Total Farmland Area</td>
<td>406.8 million acres</td>
<td>914.5 million acres</td>
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<td>Corn Production Area</td>
<td>89.7 million acres</td>
<td>87.4 million acres</td>
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<td>Soybean Production Area</td>
<td>16.9 million acres</td>
<td>76.3 million acres</td>
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<td>Wheat Production Area</td>
<td>59.6 million acres</td>
<td>45.3 million acres</td>
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<td>Total Size of Vegetable/Herb Greenhouses</td>
<td>83.6 million sq.ft.</td>
<td>61.8 million sq.ft.</td>
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<td>Average Farm Size</td>
<td>2.0 acres</td>
<td>433.6 acres</td>
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Chinese land is owned by collectives (Contract Right Certificate)

Family Rep.

30-year term

With at least one 30-year renewal

All family members

China’s New Rural Land Transfer Reform

2016: 77 million acres (35% of cropland) transferred;
2007: 5%

Among them: 30% to co-ops or corps; 80% non-grain production
2016
Area planted
(Yield, Bu/acre)
US: 90 mil. acres (48)
Iowa: 10 mil. acres (56)
China: 16 mil. acres (26)
China Pork

2016 Production

US: 25 Bil. lbs
Iowa: 9 Bil. lbs
China: 117 Bil. lbs

China Beef

2016 Production

US: 26 Bil. lbs
Iowa: 1.2 Bil. lbs
China: 15 Bil. lbs
China’s demographics – large is beautiful

1.39 bn
Population
54% urban

453 mn
Households

415 mn
Millennials
(30% of population)

217 mn
Gen Z
(18% of population)

1005 mn
Working age population

79 mn
College graduates

1042 mn
Smartphone subscribers

US$ 606 bn
Online retail market size

Note: Millennials are those born in the 1980s & 1990s, Gen Z: born after 2000s
Source: BBVA Research, China National Bureau of Statistics
Most Chinese people are still much poorer than the average American.

China’s GDP will overtake the U.S. level in 2028 at these projected average growth rates:

- **U.S.** 2.0%
- **China** 6.5%

1992

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<td><strong>U.S.</strong></td>
<td>$37,283</td>
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<td><strong>China</strong></td>
<td>$1,846</td>
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U.S. GDP per capita was 20.2 times that of China.

2004

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<td><strong>U.S.</strong></td>
<td>79.8%</td>
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<td><strong>China</strong></td>
<td>41.1%</td>
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Urbanization in China was lower than that of the U.S. in 1910.

2016

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<td><strong>U.S.</strong></td>
<td>81.8%</td>
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<td><strong>China</strong></td>
<td>56.8%</td>
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Urbanization in China was lower than that of the U.S. in 1950.
China’s 2016 provincial GDP per capita as % of Iowa

[Map showing regional GDP per capita as a percentage of Iowa, with different shaded regions indicating varying percentages.]
China

$21.4 billion U.S. Agricultural Exports, 2016

Top 5 U.S. Exports

1. Soybeans ($14.2 billion)
2. Course Grains* ($1.0 billion)
3. Hides & Skins ($949 million)
4. Pork ($578 million)
5. Cotton ($550 million)

*Excluding Corn

Export Growth 2006-2016

Source: FAS Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS) BICO HS-6

#1 Among U.S. Agricultural Export Markets, 2016

219% Increase

$6.7 billion

$21.4 billion
Share of U.S. Agriculture Exported in 2016

More than 20% of total U.S. agricultural production is exported annually.

- >70% Cotton
- >70% Tree Nuts
- >20% Cherries
- >30% Grapes
- >50% Soybeans

Share of China in US Ag Exports

- >50% Rice
- >50% Sorghum
- 50% Wheat
- 15% Corn
- 15% Dairy
- 15% Poultry
- 10% Beef
- 1% Pork

62%

12-15%

16%

5%

75%
US Ag Exports by Destination Country 2001-2016 ($ Billion)

Source: Choices
2017 Q2 Issue
## China’s Top Ag Imports Sources

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<th>Commodity (2016 value of China ag imports)</th>
<th>USA</th>
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<th>Europe</th>
<th>Australia</th>
<th>Argentina or Uruguay</th>
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<td>Soybean ($34.4 Bil.)</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>A-10%</td>
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<td>Pork ($2.32 Bil.)</td>
<td>13%</td>
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<td>50%</td>
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<td>Canada: 11%</td>
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<td>Ethanol ($0.38 Bil.)</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>11%</td>
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<td>Pakistan 15%</td>
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<td>Beef ($2.42 Bil.)</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Poultry ($1.11 Bil.)</td>
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<td>A-9%</td>
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<td>Corn ($0.87 Bil.)</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Ukraine: 79%</td>
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China’s Ag Imports by Source Country 2001-2015 ($ Billion)

Source: Choices
2017 Q2 Issue
US Loses Market Share as China Increases Meat Imports from the World

Source: Choices
2017 Q2 Issue
China aims to build a global infrastructure network
“Belt and Road” infrastructure projects, planned and completed (March 2017)

Belt and Road Initiative
Share of food in rural China’s per capita consumption basket is declining, offset by higher value purchases.
Ibs per capita Meat Consumption by Country 2016

- Vietnam
- United States
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Russia
- OECD Countries
- Mexico
- Korea
- Japan
- European Union
- Egypt
- China
- Canada
- BRICS countries
- Brazil
- Australia
- Argentina

Source: OECD
Urban Chinese prefer to travel, stay connected, buy protein rich food, durable goods & recreation.

Urban annual per capita consumption expenditure

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Of Maize and Markets: China’s New Corn Policy

Dollars per bushels

Source: http://www.quandl.com/
Of Maize and Markets: China’s New Corn Policy

Wu and Zhang 2016
Ag Policy Review
China Corn Yield

2015 Soybean Yield

US: 48 Bu/acre
Iowa: 56 Bu/acre
China: 26 Bu/acre

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Source: USDA FAS Grain: world markets and trade
China’s Ethanol Industry in 2016

4th largest producer – 1 Bil gal.
- After US, Brazil and EU
- Corn ethanol 64%
- Also uses cassava, sorghum, corn stover
- Imported 225 mil. gal, mainly from U.S.
- Tariff rose from 5% to 30%

China consumes 40 bil. gal gasoline; 1 bil. gal ethanol in 2016
China’s projected corn import potential and the role of ethanol

Li Hayes Zhang 2017
Ag Policy Review
The Chinese have long been wary of genetically modified organisms. The country allows imports of genetically modified corn and soybeans for animal feed. But it’s held off on domestic commercialization of those crops.

Over the past year, China has signaled it would relax that stance. This week it released its latest five-year plan for science and technology, saying it would push for the commercialization of biotech corn and soybeans in the next few years.
China OKs two GMO products for import

07/17/17 2:45 PM   By Steve Davies

WASHINGTON, July 17, 2017 - China has approved two more genetically modified products for import, which should leave four products awaiting decisions from the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA). But Dow AgroSciences said today that the ministry is “now indicating that Enlist soybeans is not covered” by a 100-day economic action plan initiated by the U.S. and Chinese governments in April.

The ministry has approved Syngenta’s Agrisure Duracade corn, engineered to be resistant to corn rootworm, and Monsanto’s Roundup Ready corn. Dow received import approval last month for Enlist corn, which China approved along with a Monsanto soybean variety, Vistive Gold. At the time, Dow said it had received inquiries from China’s National Biosafety Committee about Enlist soybeans and planned to address those questions quickly.

Today, Dow AgroSciences said it “understands Enlist soybeans was considered one of ‘the eight pending biotechnology traits’ by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the 100-day initiative referenced in the (U.S.-China) joint release on May 10,” which provided a progress report on the 100-day plan.
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Documentaries about China

- China: Time of Xi - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEGp6y3uGIAs
- One Belt One Road https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NtprkECCiu
- A Bite of China – Chinese cuisine/culture
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Awj4u-u_Ntgs&list=PLYOTfstAG_IPjyEeT472GEJzafYmBiA3w
- Bird’s Eye China – aerial China by province
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVjnASDa6Pw
- The world’s future MegaProjects (2017-2040)
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiQ874Zulno
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00bv6lk/episodes/guide
- Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth (2016) – BBC
  http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b071c3mh/episodes/guide
- China’s MegaProjects – available in Chinese only
Iowa Farmland Value Portal

#ISUlandvalue

2% increase since Nov 2016

https://www.card.iastate.edu/farmland

http://bit.ly/LandResults2017
Thank You!

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