US-China Trade War and Phase-One Trade Deal

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A Quick Introduction: Dr. Wendong Zhang

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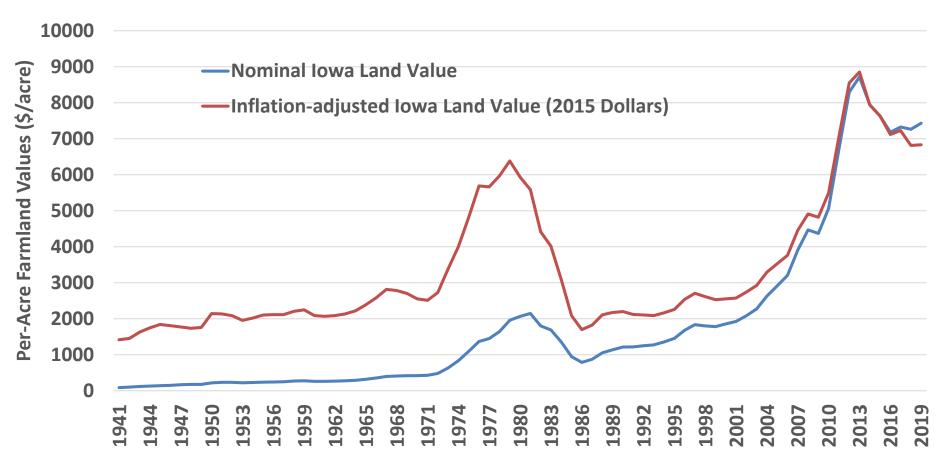
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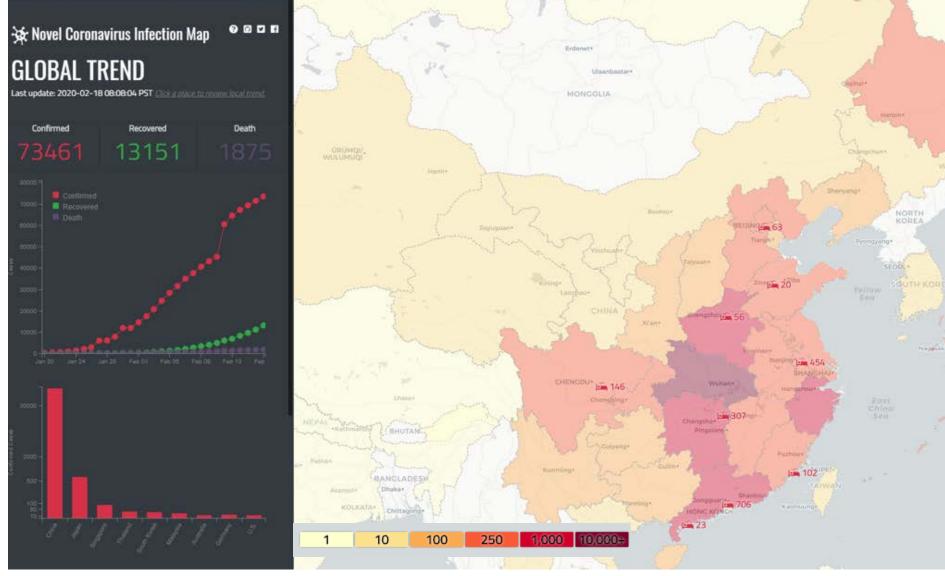
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Average Iowa Farmland Values: \$7,432/acre (2.3% increase) Average values of all farmland 1942–2019



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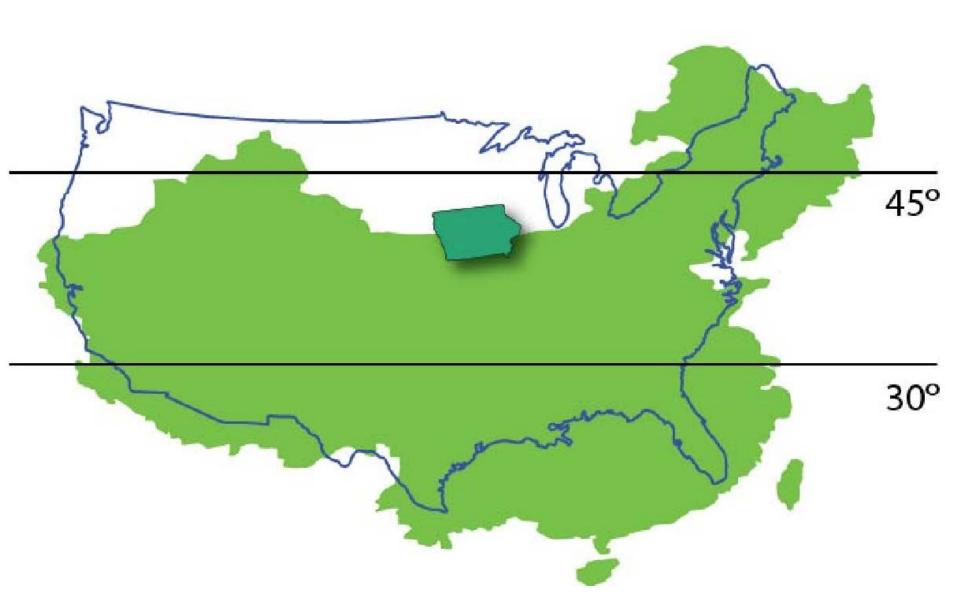


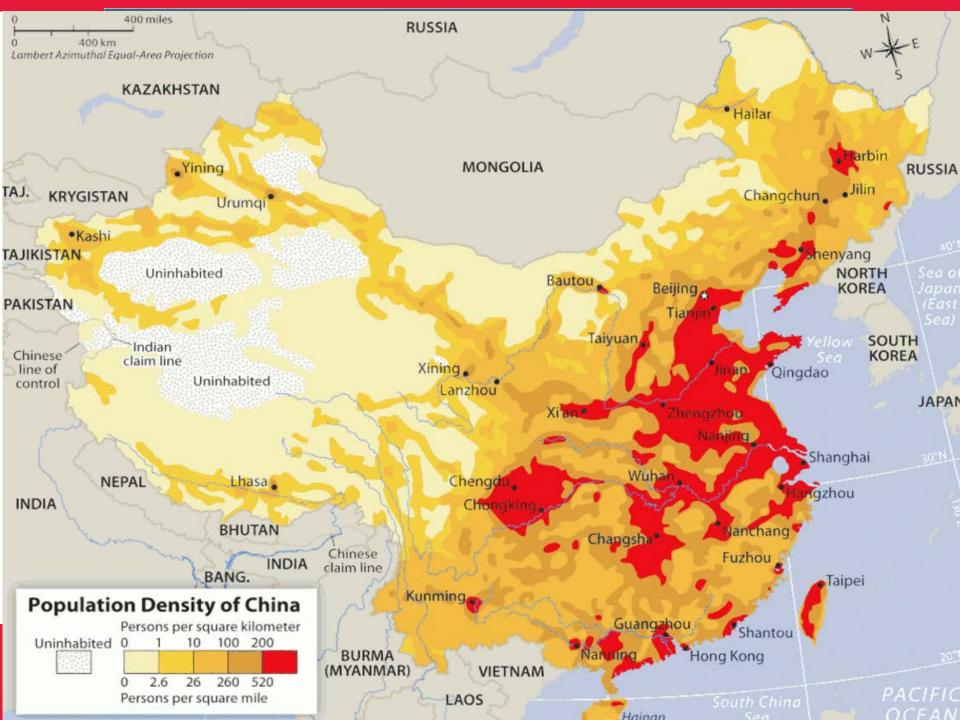
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Mainland China vs. US





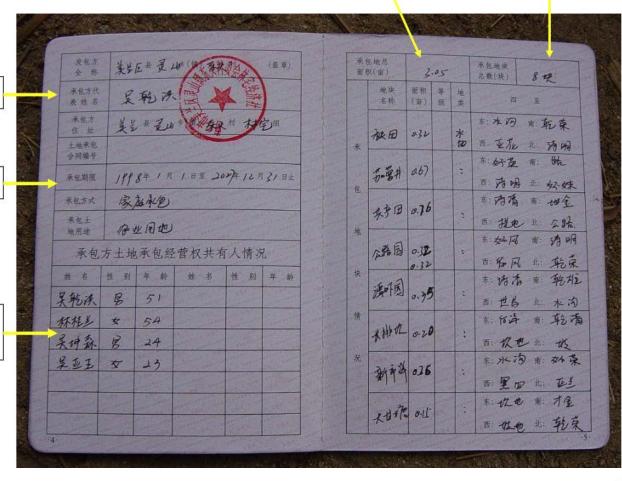
Total land size

Number of parcels

Family Rep.

30-year term

All family members







Navigating the Chinese agricultural economy through the lens of Iowa

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The Trade War Challenge and the Phase One Trade Deal

U.S.-China Deal Key Passages

For the category of agricultural goods identified in Annex 6.1, no less than \$12.5 billion above the corresponding 2017 baseline amount is purchased and imported into China from the United States in calendar year 2020, and no less than \$19.5 billion above the corresponding 2017 baseline amount is purchased and imported into China from the United States in calendar year 2021;

The Parties project that the trajectory of increases in the amounts of manufactured goods, agricultural goods, energy products, and services purchased and imported into China from the United States will continue in calendar years 2022 through 2025.

The Parties acknowledge that purchases will be made at market prices based on commercial considerations and that market conditions, particularly in the case of agricultural goods, may dictate the timing of purchases within any given year.

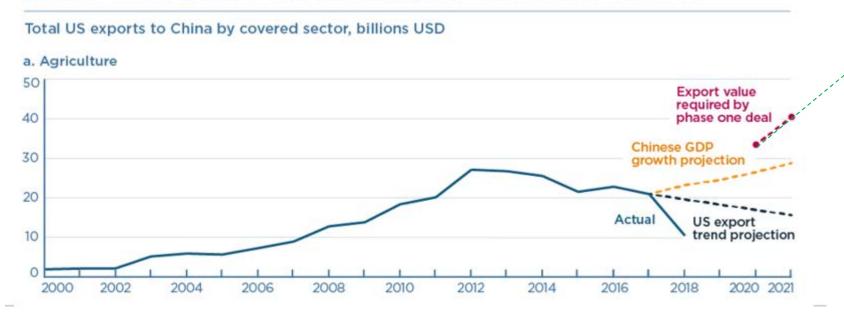
Unappreciated hazards of the US-China phase one deal

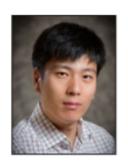
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Figure 2

US export targets for agriculture, energy, and manufactured goods under phase one deal may be difficult to achieve





US-China Phase 1 Trade Deal and US agriculture: A big win for farmers or too good to be true?

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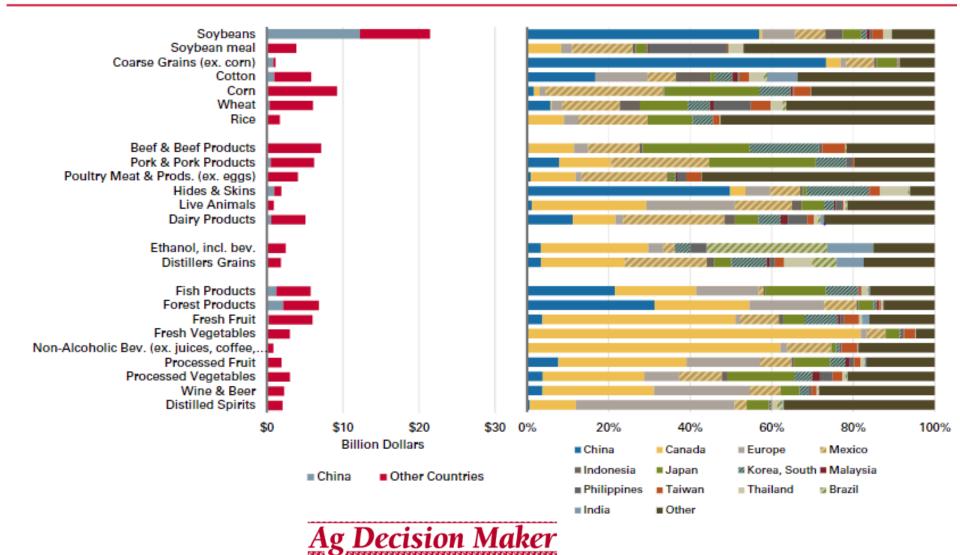




US-China Trade Pattern is likely to change

US-China Phase One Trade Deal and US agriculture, continued from page 4

Figure 1. Key US agricultural exports by commodity and country in 2017



SOYBEANS

COMMODITY



8.80 USD **0.00 (0.06%)**

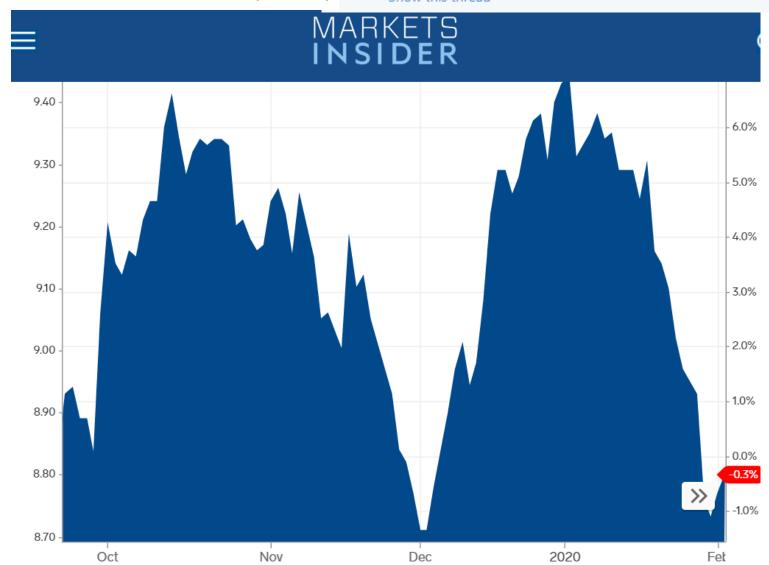


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1. I think the market's reaction to the Phase 1 trade agreement with China can be characterized as, "If something looks too be good to be true, it probably is." But I think it is worth pushing the analysis further than that.

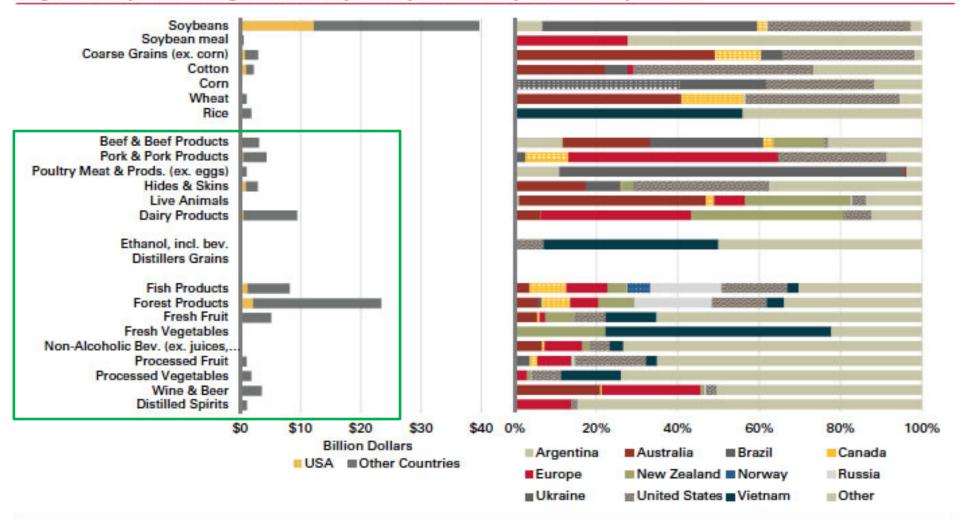
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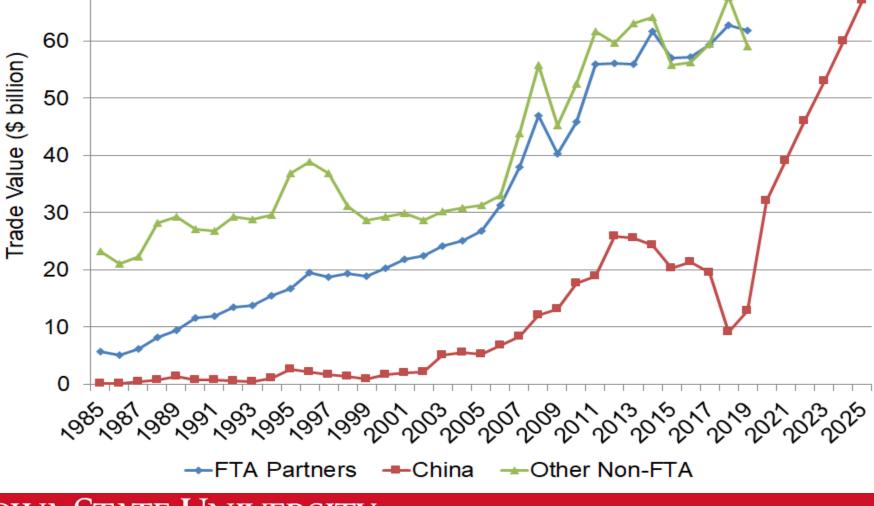


A possible & more balanced pathway for China's ag import surge?

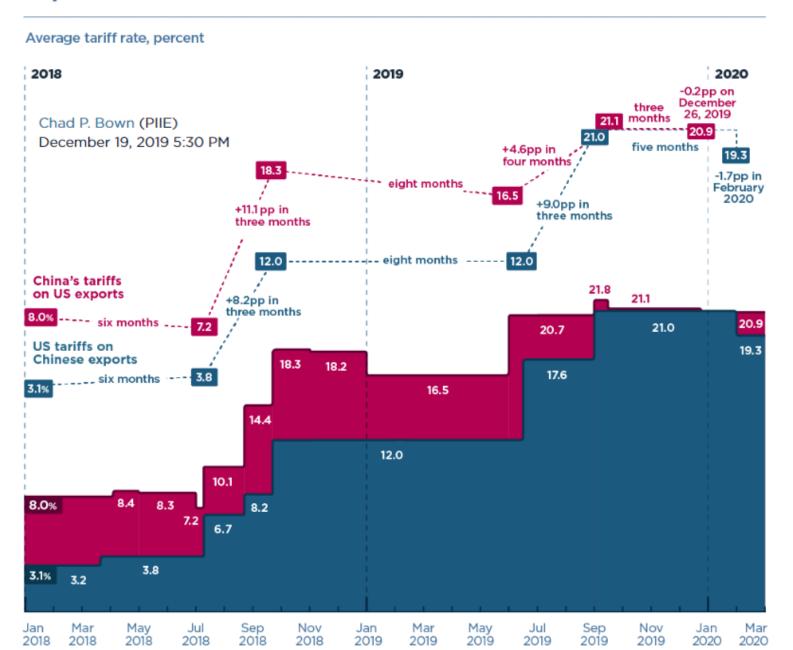
Figure 2. Key Chinese agricultural imports by commodity and country in 2017







Phase one deal only slightly reduces average US tariff on imports from China



The Long-term Consequences

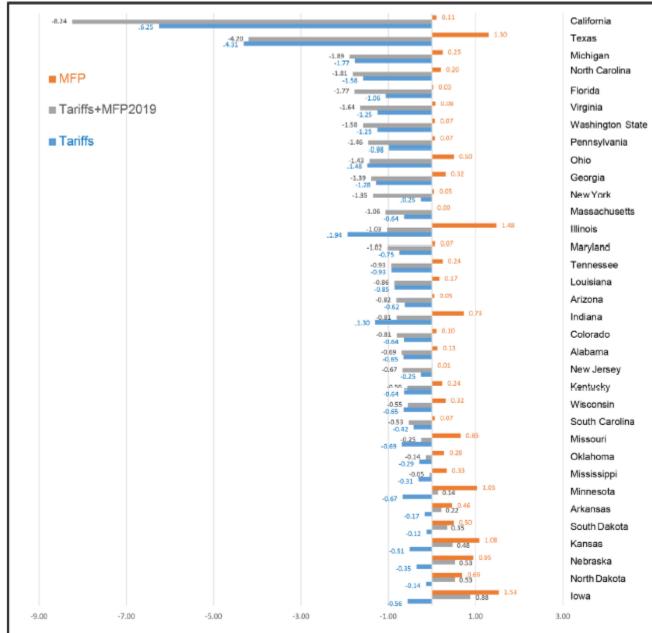


Figure 1. State-level trade war burden with and without 2019 MFP compensation (\$B EV) and 2019 MPF payments (\$B).



China's Feed Industry Association on Friday approved new standards for feed for pigs and chickens, lowering the protein levels in pig feed by 1.5 percentage points and those for chickens by one percentage point, the agriculture ministry said in a statement that day. It did not say when the new standards would take effect.

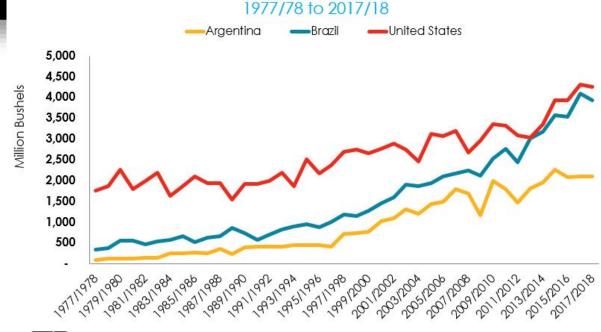
The ministry also said in the statement that China's overall yearly consumption of soymeal would fall by 11 million tonnes. The country used 71 million tonnes of soymeal to make animal feed in the 2017-18 crop year.



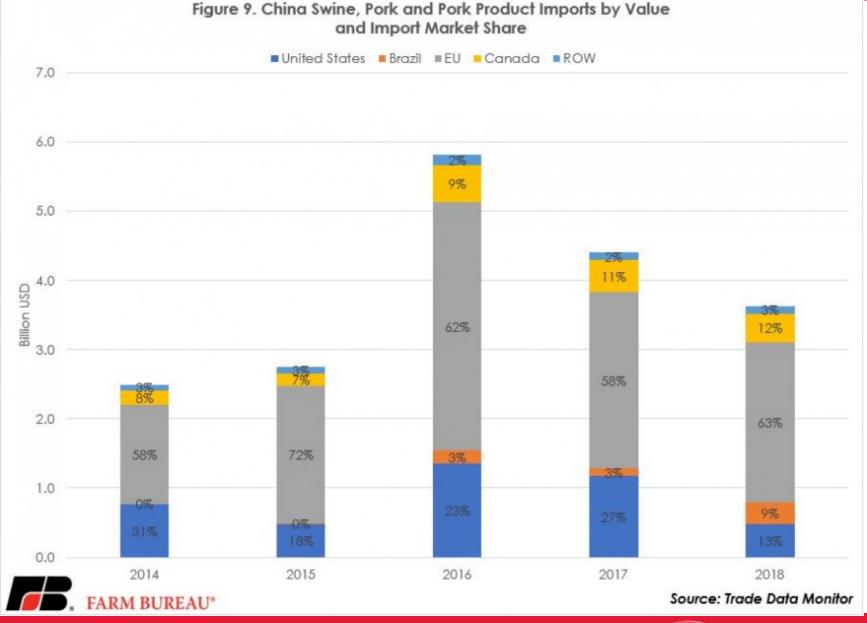
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Figure 2. U.S. and South American Soybean Production



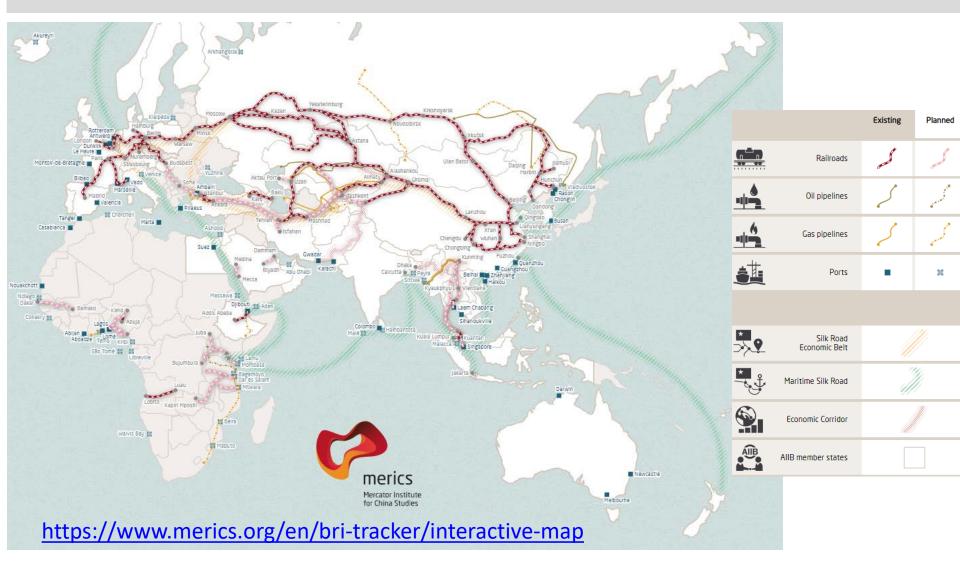








China's Belt and Road Initiative - Started in 2013/4





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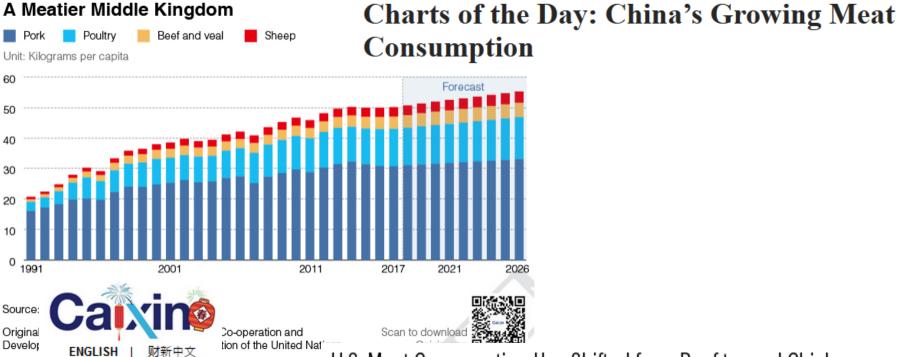


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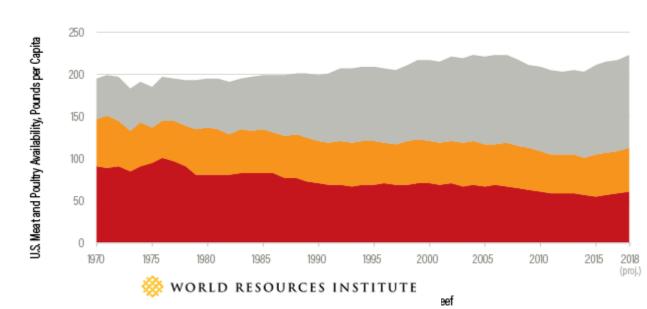




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U.S. Meat Consumption Has Shifted from Beef toward Chicken



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#4: Arguably strategic misjudgments early on by both sides, exposing lack of mutual understandings and mistrust





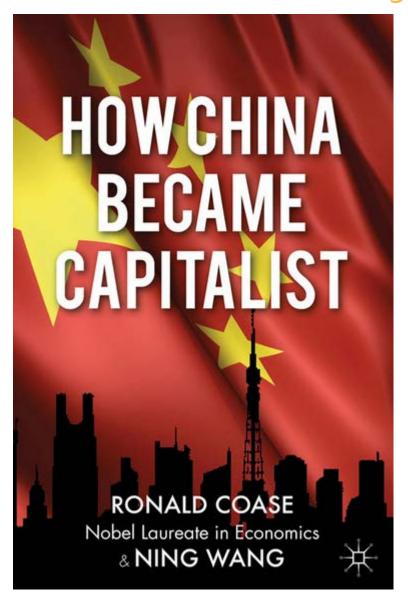
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