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News

World's largest carbon market recently launched

China recently inaugurated its national carbon market, a landmark practice that experts said will not only help accelerate the reduction in domestic carbon emissions, but also promote a broader global response to climate change. – [Read More](#)

China floods: Damage to livestock industry tops US\$348 million

The deadly floods in the central province of Henan resulted in economic losses of 2.25 billion yuan (US\$348 million) for China's poultry and livestock industries after 248,000 pigs and 6.4 million chickens died. The floods, which have been described as the worst in decades after killing at least 99 people, saw some 15,000 farms affected, while another 45,000 sheep and other large livestock also died, according to China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs. – [Read More](#)

China boosts supply of seeds to help flood-hit province

China is working to ensure the supply of seeds for agricultural recovery in Central China's Henan province, where the torrential rainfall caused casualties and property losses. Enterprises in Henan have been active and can provide seeds which are expected to cover 3.36 million mu (224,000 hectares) of land, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs on July 27. – [Read More](#)

China to improve research spending, stabilize hog production

China will improve management of central fiscal research expenditure to give researchers more say in fund use, said a State Council executive meeting held on July 28. The meeting, chaired by Premier Li Keqiang, also specified measures to keep hog production capacity stable to ensure the safe supply of pork and stabilize the prices. – [Read More](#)

Digitalization seen as key to future of rural vitalization

Digital agriculture, the practice of integrating advanced technology into farming, is driving China's rural vitalization, according to experts. – [Read More](#)

Income of China’s rural residents up 14.1% in H1

The per capita disposable income of China's rural residents reached 9,248 yuan (about \$1,426) in the first half of the year, up 14.1 percent year-on-year in real terms after deducting price factors, an official said earlier. The pace of growth of rural residents' income is 3.4 percentage points faster than that of urban residents, Zeng Yande, a senior official with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, told a press conference. – [Read More](#)

Officials work to ensure food supply after floods damage crops

China's agriculture authority is ramping up efforts to ensure ample food supply in China amid extreme weather conditions this year that have posed challenges to the nation's food production in some areas, according to the Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Affairs. Pan Wenbo, head of the ministry's plantation department, said 100 million yuan (\$15.5 million) has been allocated from the national budget to support the recovery of agricultural production in Henan province, which was recently battered by torrential rainfall and inundated by floods. – [Read More](#)

National Pilot Zone to develop premium wine in Ningxia launched

Ningxia National Open Development Comprehensive Pilot Zone for Grape and Wine Industry was inaugurated on July 10, 2021, in Yinchuan, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Vice Minister Ma Youxiang addressed the ceremony. The Pilot Zone is to be developed jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) and the People’s Government of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region (NHAR). – [Read More](#)

Low-impact Lishu model steps up protection of precious black soil

China will finish the protection of 6.67 million hectares of black soil during the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-25) period, improving the quality of farming and increasing organic matter in the soil by 10 percent, according to a plan released recently by the Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Affairs and six other departments. – [Read More](#)

Anti-desertification push in Xinjiang shows promise

The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region has restored about 1.89 million hectares of decertified land in the past five years, according to officials from the Xinjiang Forestry and Grassland Bureau. – [Read More](#)

Prices of edible agricultural products and means of production edged up last week

MOFCOM monitoring shows that for the week of July 19-25, the market price of edible agricultural products edged up by 0.6% from the week before, and the market price of means of production rose by 0.4% for the same time period. – [Read More](#)

Laws, Regulations and Policies

State Council releases new measures to stabilize hog production

The State Council has unleashed a new set of measures to stabilize hog production amid falling pork prices, as analysts highlighted the need to offer more subsidies to farmers to protect their interests. The council decided in its executive meeting on July 27, the government will adopt more measures in line with market principles to stabilize hog production and ensure the stability and price of the pork supply. – [Read More](#)

Revised regulation to ensure high-quality hog slaughtering

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang has signed a State Council decree to publish a revised regulation on hog slaughtering, which is to come into effect on August 1. The revision of the regulation focused on strengthening the management to ensure the safety and quality of hog-related products to protect people's health. – [Read More](#)

Top legislator urges full, effective enforcement of rural vitalization promotion law

Top Chinese legislator Li Zhanshu has underlined the importance of fully and effectively implementing the law on the promotion of rural vitalization to drive the comprehensive development of the country's agriculture, rural areas and farmers. – [Read More](#)

Rural delivery logistics improvements to unleash consumption potential of rural areas

China will improve the delivery logistics system in rural areas to further facilitate the flow of agricultural produce to urban households and consumer goods to rural areas, as part of the effort to advance rural revitalization, increase farmers' income and unlock rural consumer demand, the State Council's executive meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang decided on July 14. – [Read More](#)

Statistics

Market Price of Major Agricultural Products in Circulation, (July 21-31, 2021)

Products	Units	Current Price (CNY)	Price Change over Previous Period (June 10-20, 2021, CNY)	± Rate (%)
Rice (Japonica Rice)	ton	3,902.8	-15.4	-0.4
Wheat (Third-Class of National Standard)	ton	2,520.8	-6.7	-0.3
Corn (Second-Class of Yellow Corn)	ton	2,634.1	-61.7	-2.3
Cotton (Ginned Cotton, Third-Class of White Cotton,)	ton	17,706.7	561.5	3.3
Live Pig (External Triple Crossbreed)	kg	15.5	-0.1	-0.6
Soybean	ton	5,204.2	-19.6	-0.4
Soybean Meal (Crude Protein Content≥43%)	ton	3,581.8	-24.5	-0.7
Peanut (Oil Peanut)	ton	8,093.7	31.8	0.4
Urea (Small Granule)	ton	2,822.5	21.8	0.8
Compound Fertilizer (Compound Fertilizer of Potassium Sulfate)	ton	3,097.7	72.7	2.4
Pesticide (Glyphosate, 95% Technical Material)	ton	50,625.0	875.0	1.8

Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, data updated on August 4, 2021