HORTICULTURE IN CHINA: THE BIG PICTURE

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China: Agricultural Situation

• China’s agricultural production is only matched by its domestic demand.
• Current Chinese government production policies favor food and feed grains.
• Agricultural reform will reduce rural population and increase production efficiency, but the pace will be deliberate.
• Agricultural GDP is 14% of total GDP and declining, but decisions to promote Chinese agricultural exports will be focused on special commodities and politically based.
China: Hort Situation

- Almost 18% of sown land is dedicated to horticulture.
- Most farms in China are small and produce for domestic (Chinese) consumption.
- Hort products produced for consumption in China do not meet foreign (e.g., U.S.) import requirements.
- Apples, in the north and citrus, in the south, are supported with special production support programs.
- Consumption, especially of fruits may increase but consumption patterns will shift to higher value hort products.
China: Hort Exports

• Export growth is focused on select products.
• The principal destination for Chinese vegetables is Japan, made possible through Japanese joint ventures investing in China.
• Successful Chinese fruit exports have been apples, citrus and pears.
• China has recently negotiated tariffs for hort products to zero for ASEAN countries.
• Export will be limited by domestic demand.
Chinese Vegetable Production
(Millions Metric Tons)

Chinese Vegetable Exports (MT)

Global Trade Atlas
Chinese Customs
Chinese Garlic Exports (2005)
Chinese Onion & Shallot Exports
(2005)

52% in Japan
14% in Malaysia
11% in Russia
23% in ROW
Chinese Fruit Exports (MT)
Chinese Apple Production v. Exports

Export v. Production for Chinese Apple

Foreign Agricultural Service, Official USDA Estimates.
Chinese Apple Juice Exports Up

Percent

Juice Share of Production

Juice Production

Juice Exports

Foreign Agricultural Service, Official USDA Estimates.
Chinese Apple Exports (2005)

- Russia: 35%
- Vietnam: 12%
- Indonesia: 11%
- Philippines: 7%
- Kazakhstan: 7%
- Thailand: 7%

Global Trade Atlas
Chinese Customs
Chinese Citrus Production v. Exports

(1000MT)

Foreign Agricultural Service, Official USDA Estimates.
Chinese Citrus Exports (2005)

Vietnam: 27%
Malaysia: 17%
Hong Kong: 12%
Russia: 11%
Indonesia: 10%
Philippines: 9%
Canada: 7%
ROW: 7%

Global Trade Atlas
Chinese Customs
Per Capita Hort Consumption (Kg per year)

Per Capita Vegetable Consumption Urban v. Rural (kg)

China National Bureau of Statistics.
Per Capita Fruit Consumption
Urban v. Rural (kg)

Chinese Fruit and Nut Imports (MT)

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Chinese Vegetable Imports

(1000 MT)

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