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Is China Facing a Food Crisis? Chinese Agriculture in Global Context

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Is China on the brink of a food crisis? China lost around of half of its hog herd to the Asian Swine Flu, and this has had huge implications for food security both domestically and internationally. Record imports of meat have led to sharp prices increases and even protests in exporting countries. While feed stock is also a bottleneck for food security, China has absolute security in staple grains and much room for productivity increases in agriculture. Wang Dan will discuss the overall situation of agriculture in China with a focus on the domestic market, while Darin Friedrichs will focus on the international implications of recent developments.

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