# China's Agricultural Development and Implications for California Agriculture

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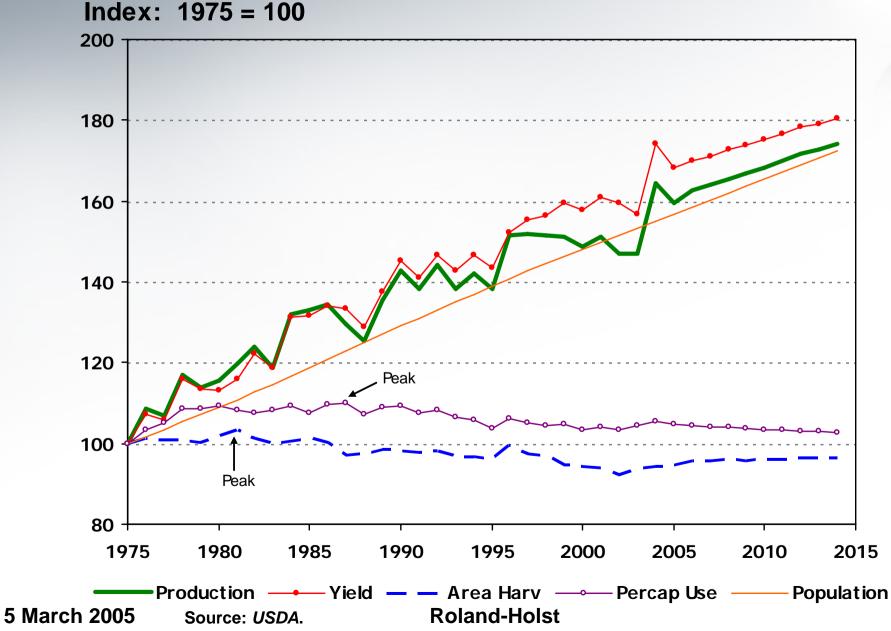
### 1. Global Overview



- The landscape of international agricultural trade will change rapidly in the coming decades
- Over this period, California farmers can reap large gains from this for two reasons:
  - The Doha Round will confer competitive advantages on California farmers
  - Huge food markets will emerge in Asia, led by China

#### How we got here: Total World Grain and Oilseeds





## The Meaning of Doha



- The current round of World Trade
  Organization (Doha) negotiations is a watershed event for global agriculture.
- For the first time in history, significant agricultural protection is on the bargaining table, including over \$350 billion of direct and indirect farm support in OECD countries.

## Doha and California Agriculture



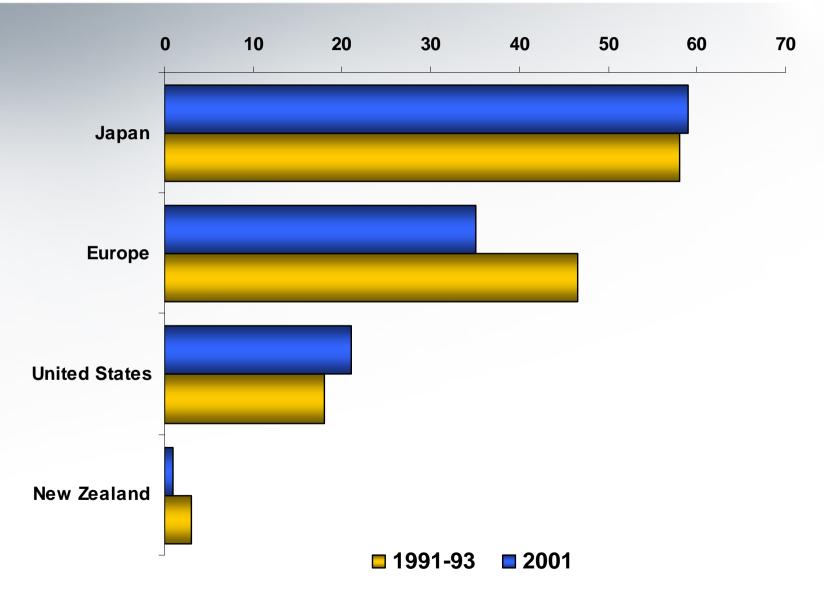
- U.S. levels of farm and food protection are lower than those of our major trading partners (Europe, Japan, and Korea), particularly for California.
- 2. The way we support agriculture at home is less trade distorting. This will tilt competitive advantage in our favor.
- 3. Huge markets will emerge in East Asia.

# Three Pillars of Agriculture Protection



- 1. Direct farm subsidies
- 2. Market support from import protection
- 3. Export subsidies

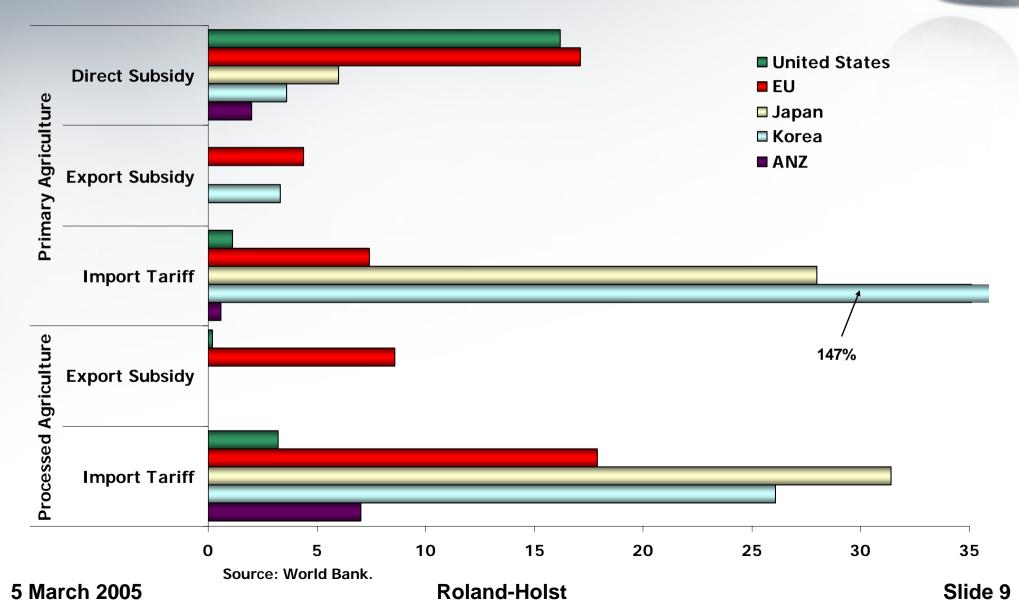
# US Support is Smaller (percent of producer price)



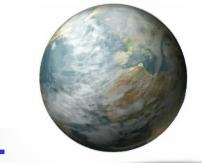
Source: USDA.

# US Support is Less Trade Distorting





# Doha and Agriculture: What's at Stake?



Nearly two thirds of Doha's gains will come to agriculture. Over half will go to high income economies.

Income gains from Doha (2015, USD Billions)

	Agric & food	Textiles & clothing	Other merch.	Total
High-income countries	135	15	9	159 <b>55</b> %
Developing countries	47	23	58	128 45%
All countries' policies	182 <b>63</b> %	38 14%	67 23%	287 100%

Source: World Bank.

# Doha will sharply accelerate agricultural trade



World exports as a percent of world output.

	Now	Free	Percent
		Trade	Change
Rice	3	9	200
Sugar	6	20	233
Meats	7	15	114
Other grains	12	20	66
Oilseeds	31	19	19
Dairy products	67	11	83
Other Ag	7	12	71

Source: World Bank.

# 2. China's Agricultural Potential



#### **Opportunities**

- 1. Productivity growth impressive but not keeping pace with other sectors
- 2. Economies of scale serious institutional challenges

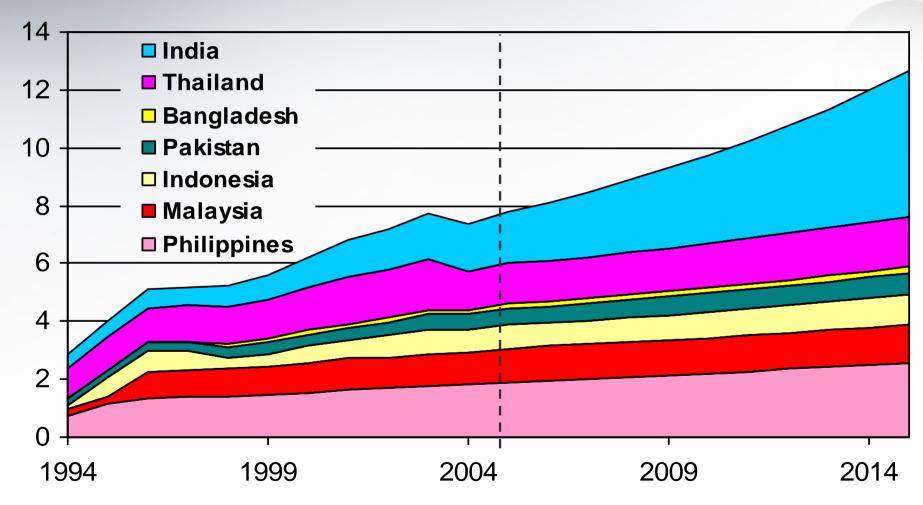
#### **Constraints**

- Land area small and shrinking
- 2. Water nationally scarce, most major aquifers are already in overdraft

### Asia Pork and Poultry Production



#### Million metric tons

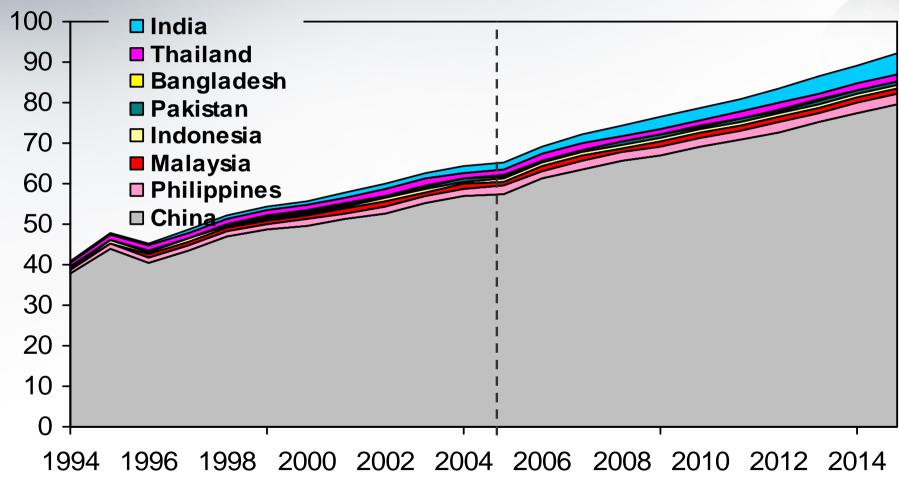


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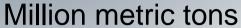
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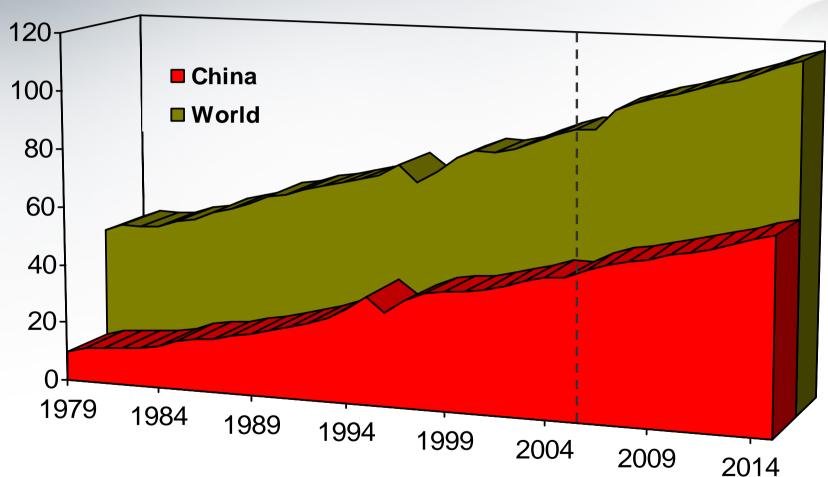


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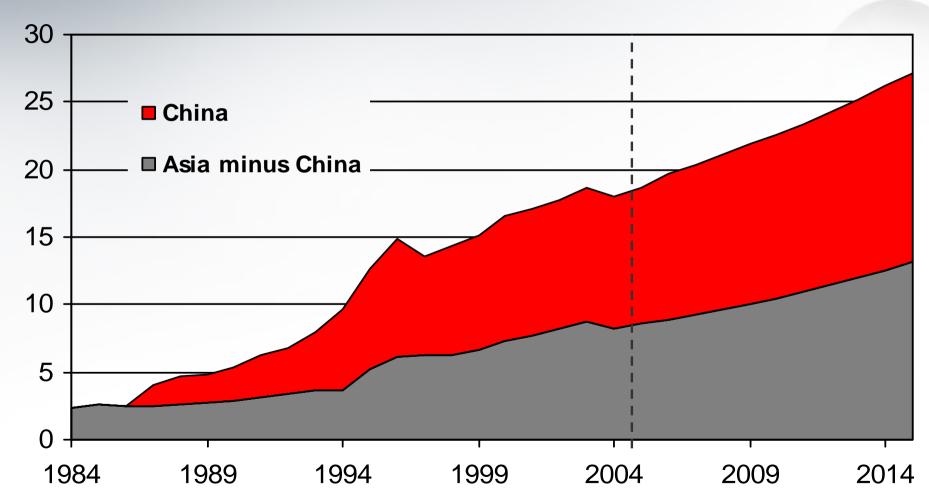


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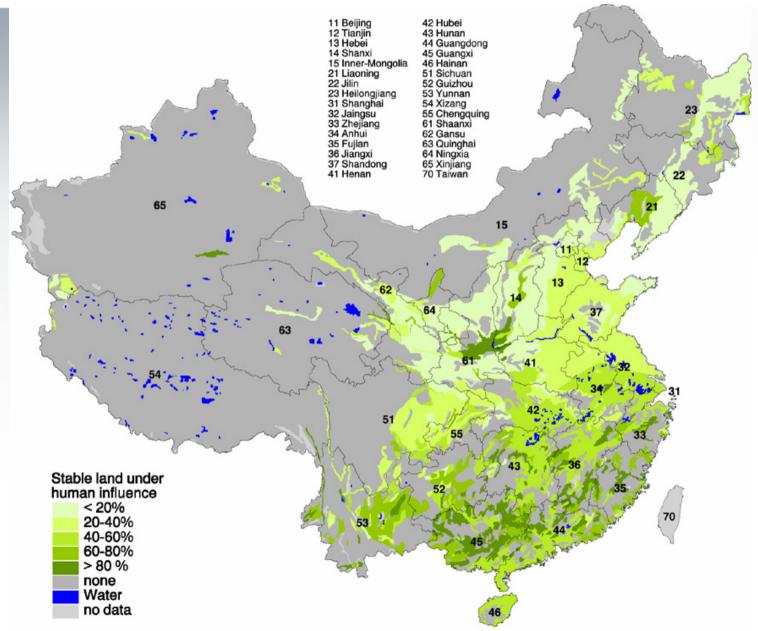


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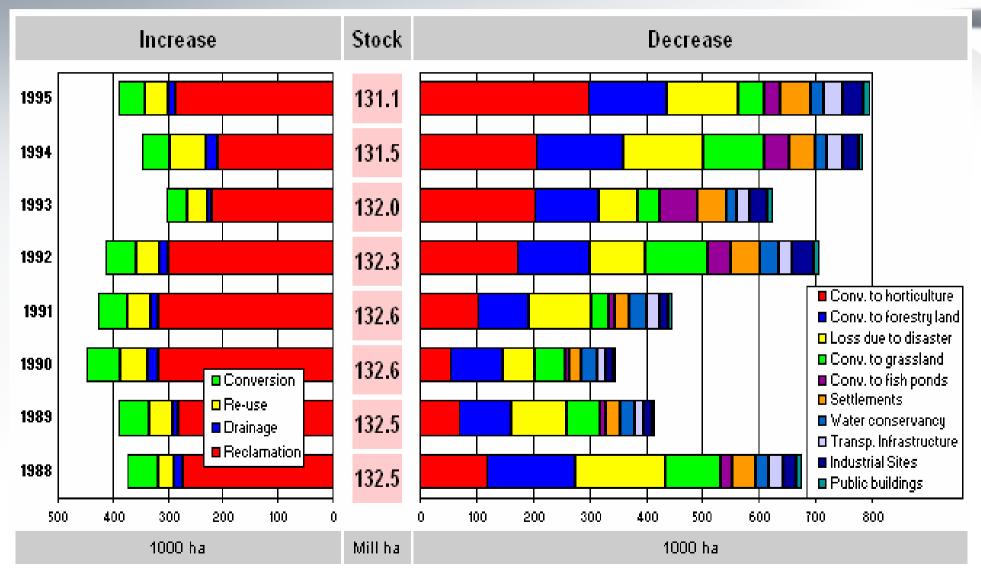
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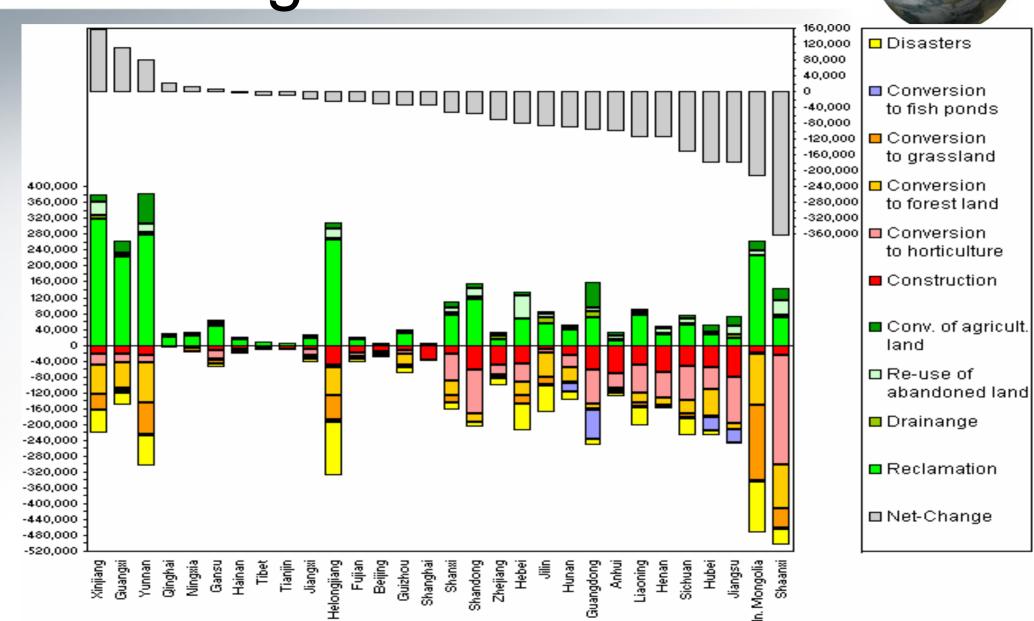


# Stock of Cultivated Land in China

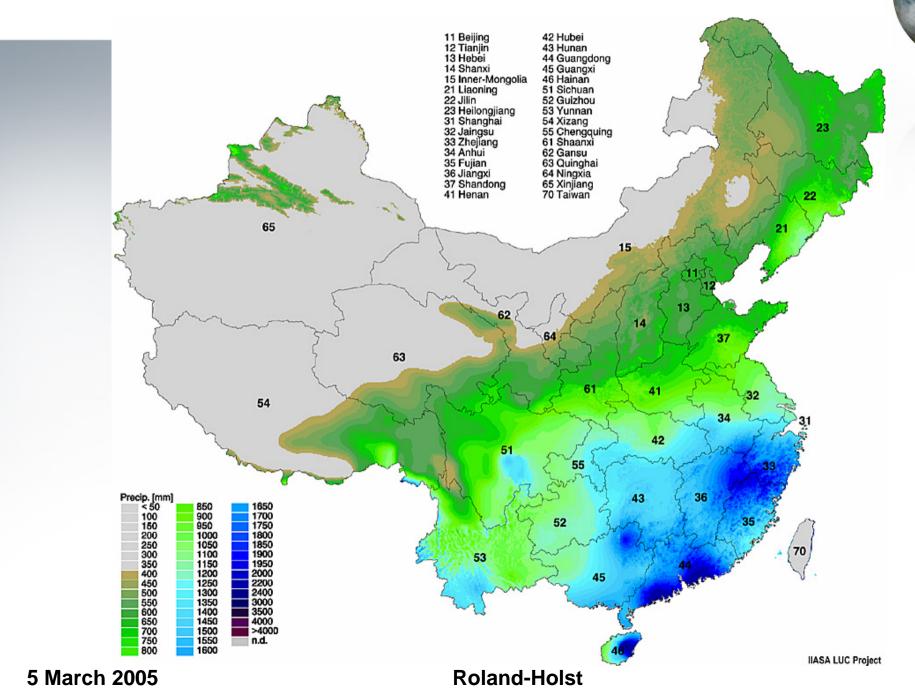




# Provincial Land Stock Changes

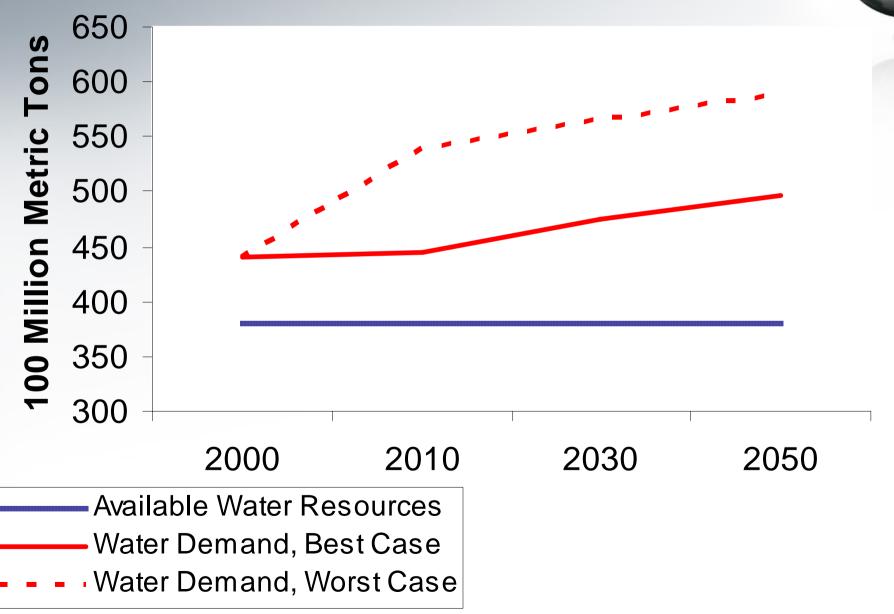


#### **Annual Rainfall**



#### Yellow River Basin Water Use



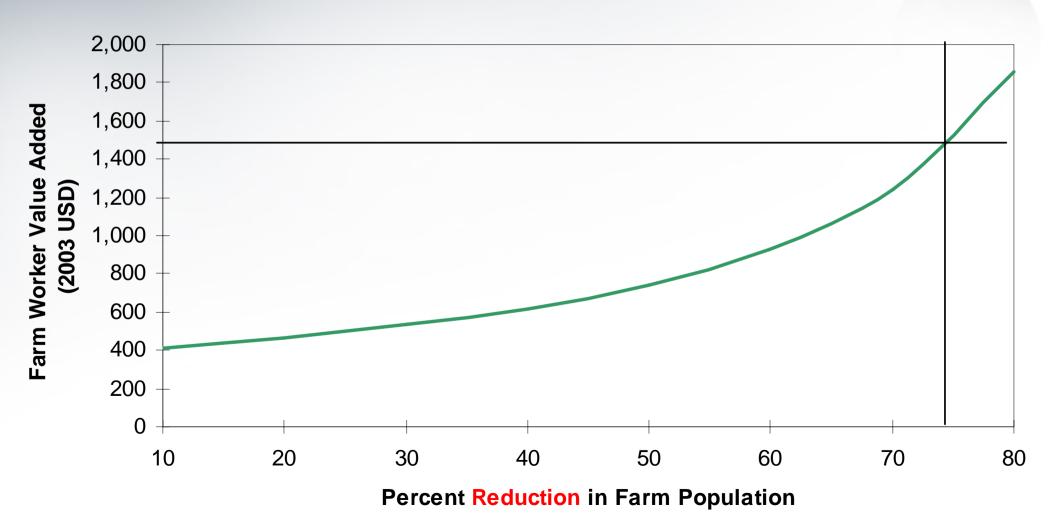


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#### Human Resources



Chinese farms are simply too small to mechanize and too poor to invest in innovation.



### Chinese Supply Conditions



Productivity growth has been impressive, but resource constraints are very serious.

Output growth might sustain current trends for the next decade, but it is unlikely to accelerate in any major categories.

## 3. China's Food Requirements



One of every seven people on the planet is a Chinese farmer. Should we be worried about this?

No. One of every five people on the planet is a Chinese consumer.

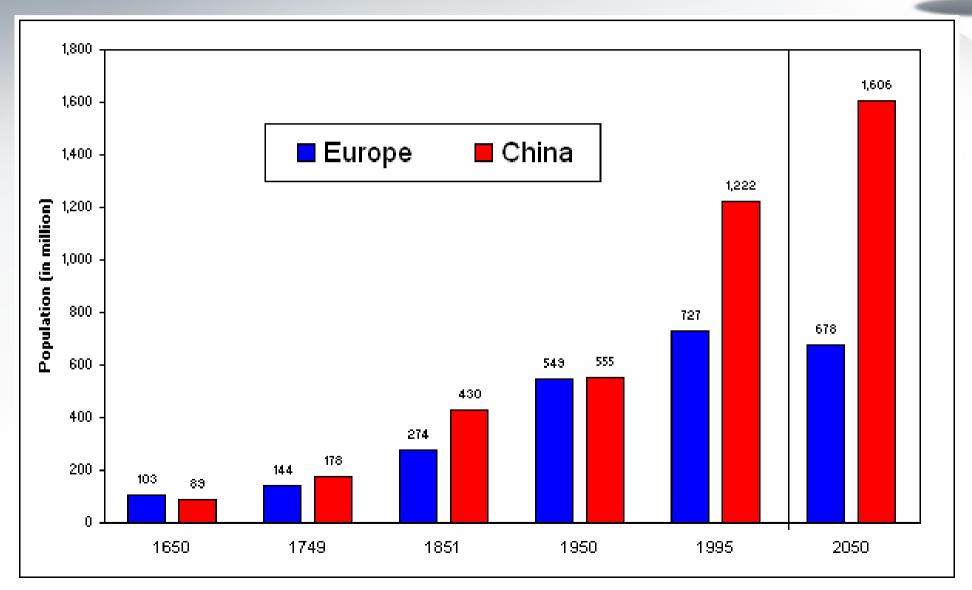
Average incomes are rising fast, and so is the resource intensity of consumption.

Concluson: You ain't seen nothin' yet.

#### It wasn't always so...



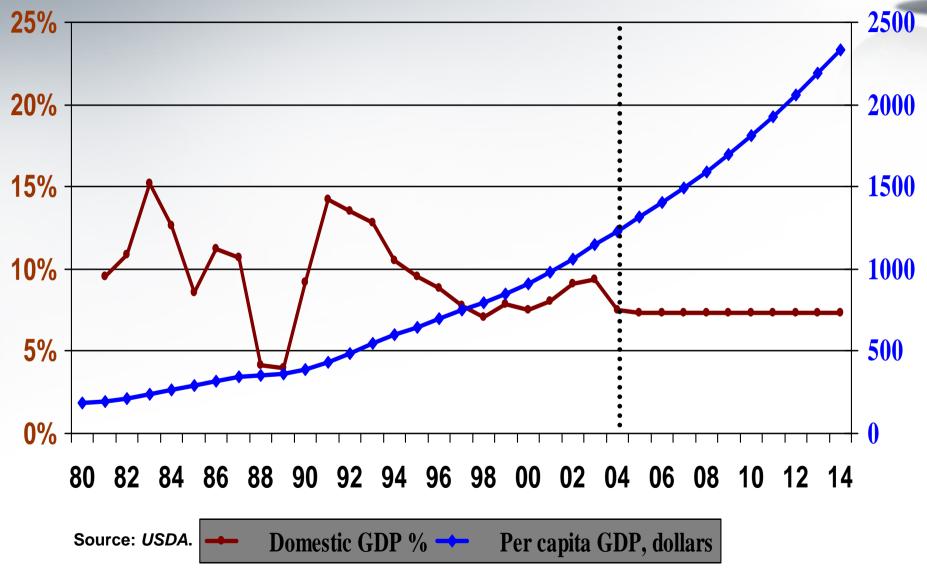
#### but we are in a new world now.



### Income is Rising in China...

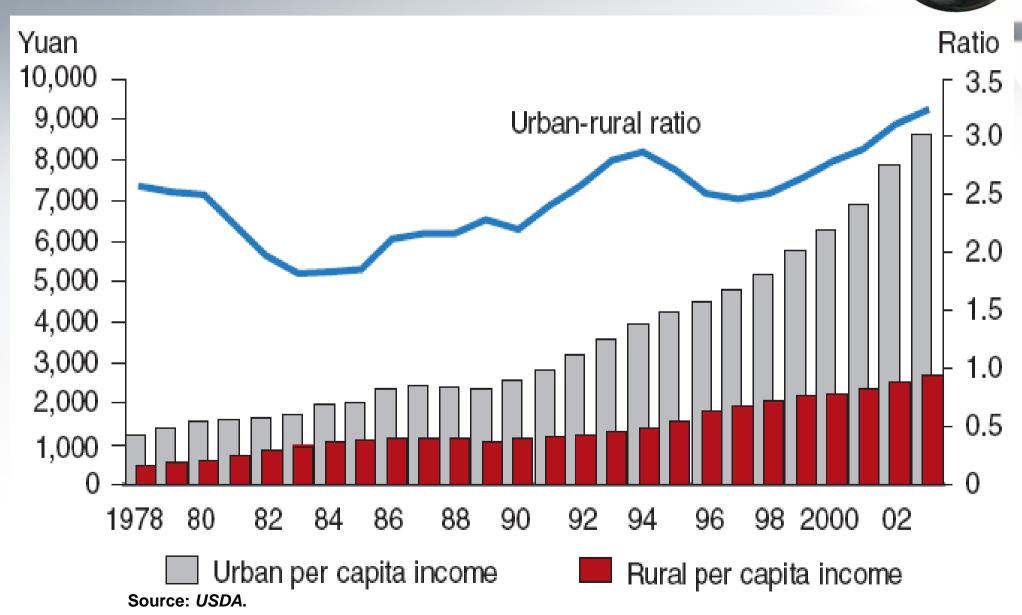
(2000 USD and growth rate)





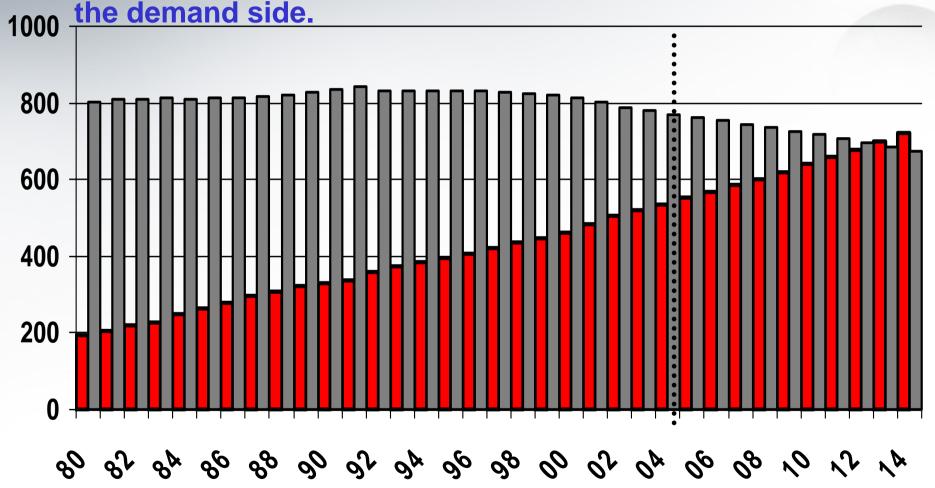
### And so is Inequality





# China's Population is Moving (Rural and Urban, millions)

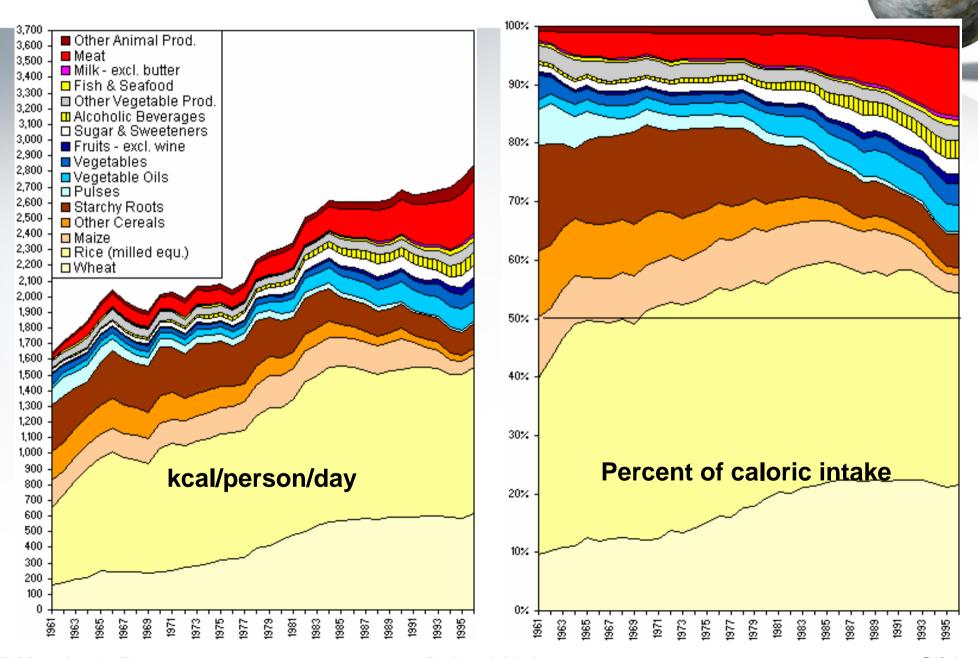
Half a billion people will switch from the food supply side to



☐ Urban Population ☐ Rural Population

Source: UN.

## And Diets are Changing



## Emergent Imbalances



Despite significant progress in productivity, the implications of these trends in supply and demand are obvious.

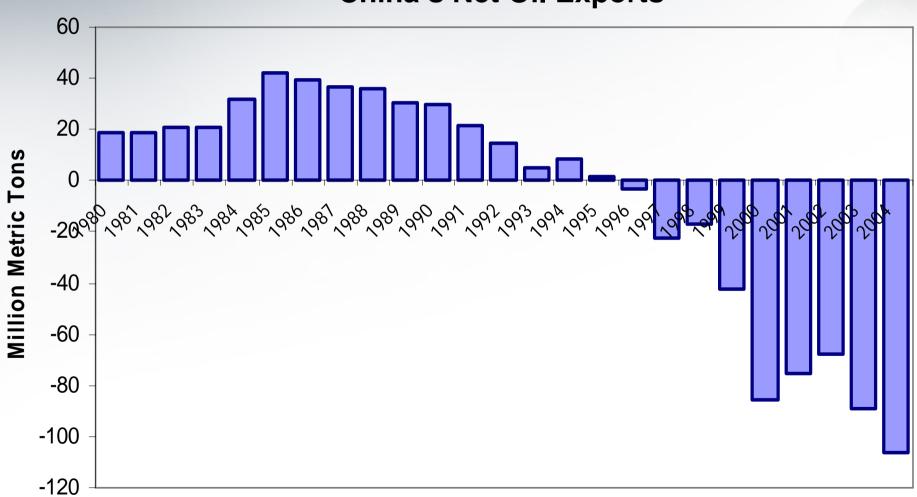
China's growth can only be sustained with increased absorption of resources and resource-intensive products.

As it has with energy, China will emerge as a leading global importer of agricultural products.

#### Exhibit A: Petroleum



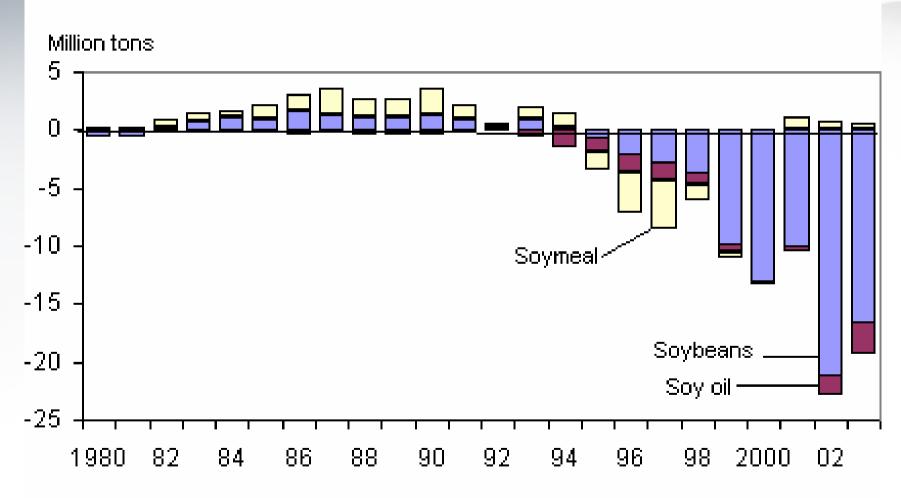
#### **China's Net Oil Exports**



## Exhibit B: Soy products



#### China net trade in soybeans, oil and meal, 1980-2003

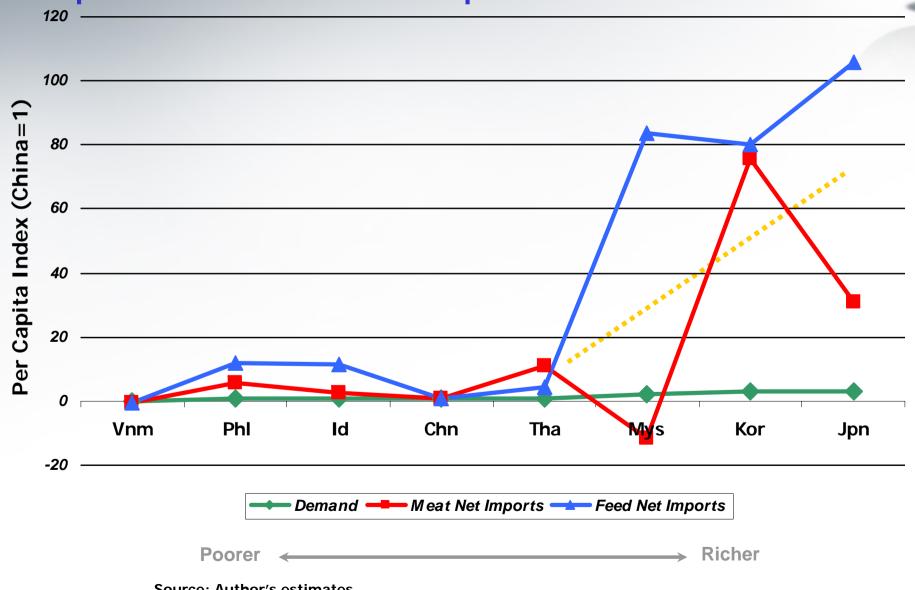


Note: net trade = exports - imports.

Source: USDA, Production, Supply, and Distribution data.

# Exhibit C: Income and Imports, Meat or Feed

Import the meat or the feed to produce the meat.



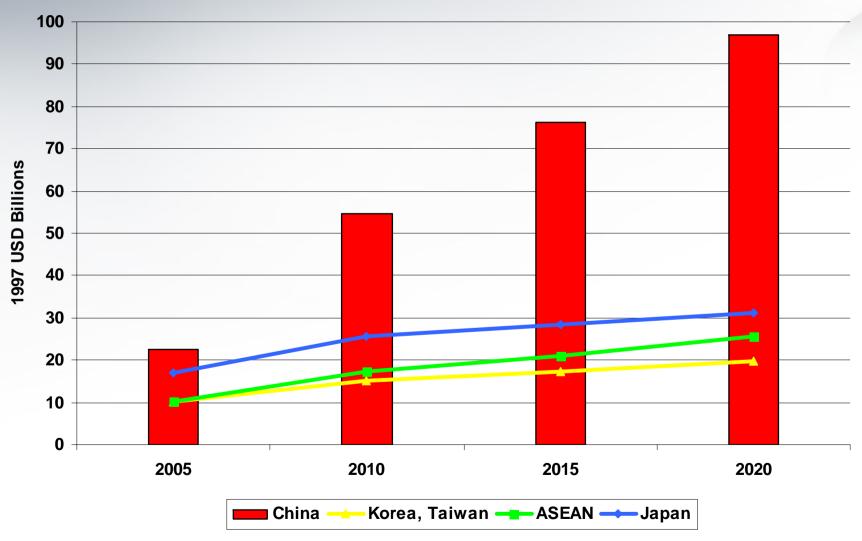
Source: Author's estimates.

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#### Verdict: China Will be Asia's Largest Ag. Importer



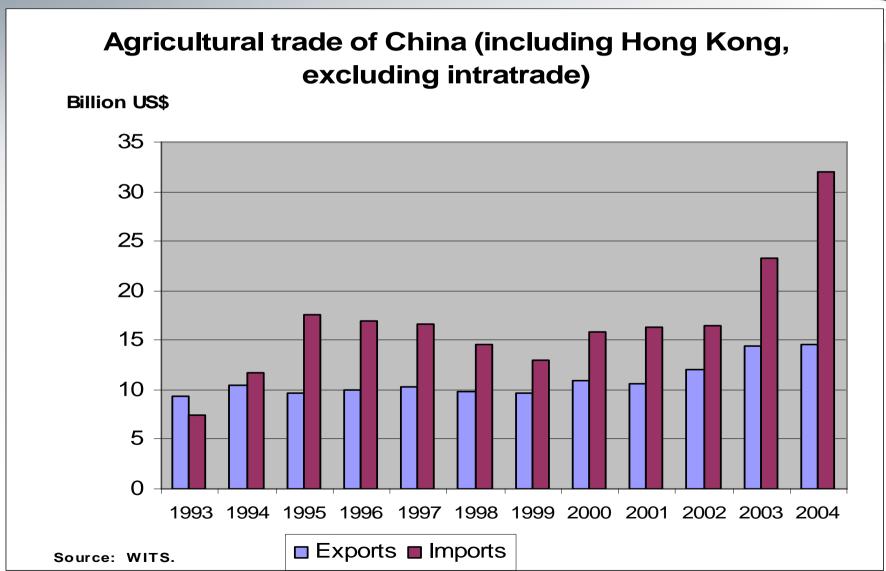
#### **Net Agricultural Imports in 1997 USD Billions**



Source: Author's estimates.

## China's rapidly rising imports

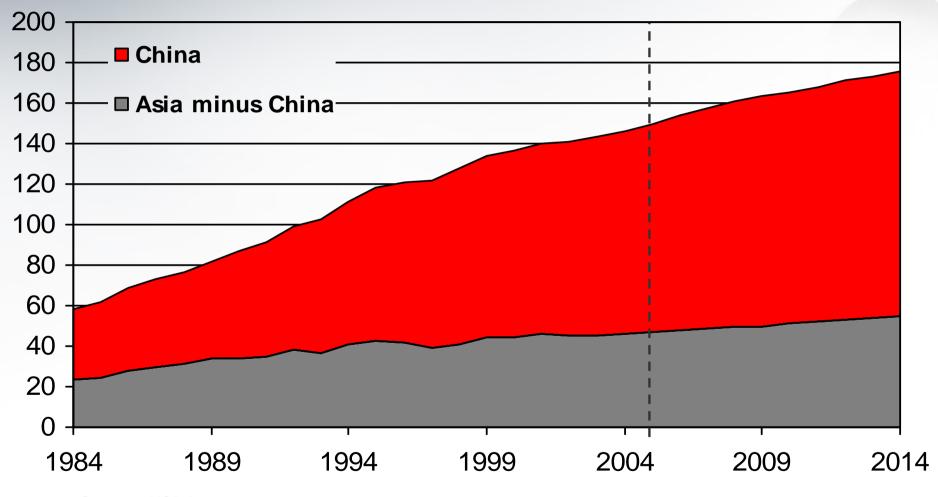




#### Corn Feed Use



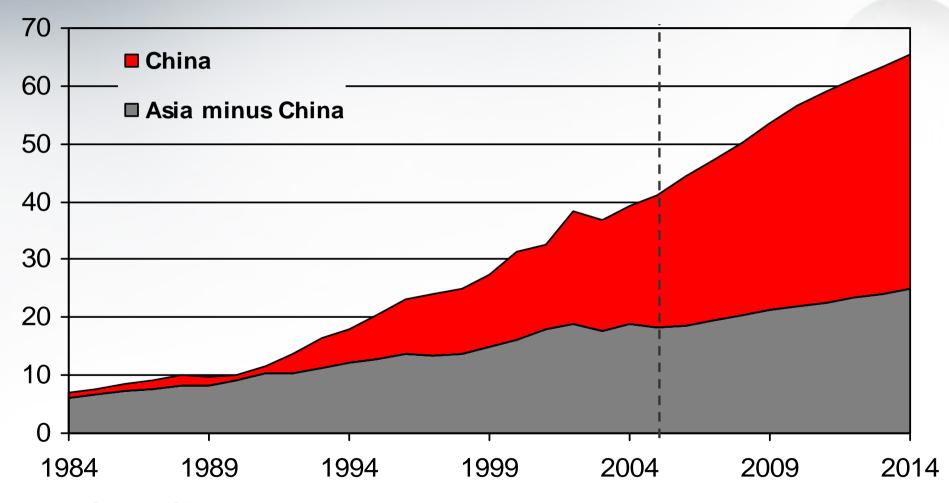
#### Million metric tons



#### Soybean Meal Feed Use



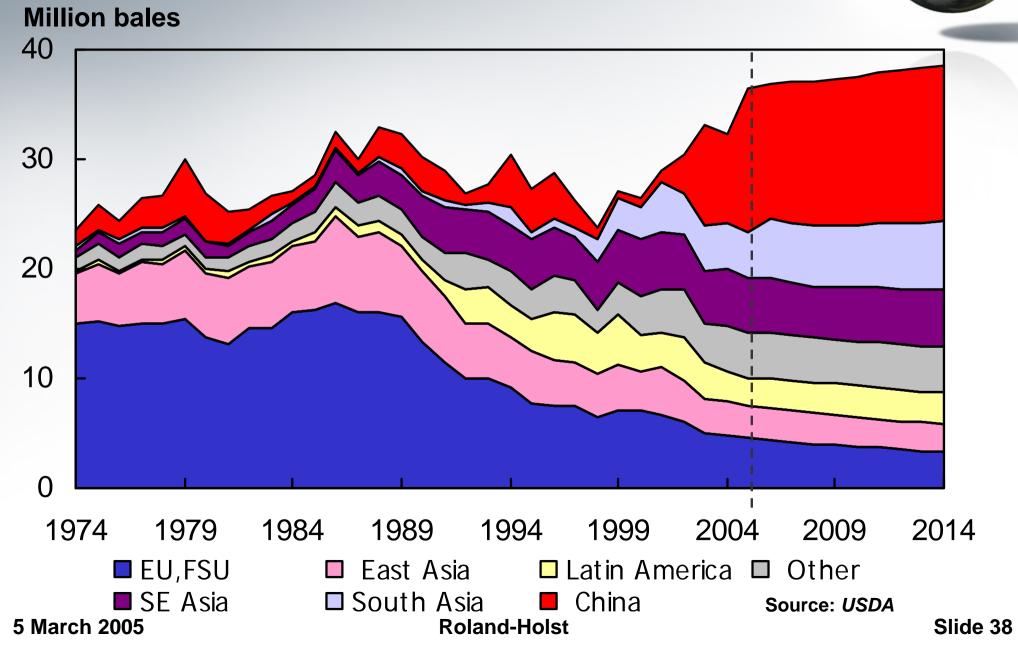
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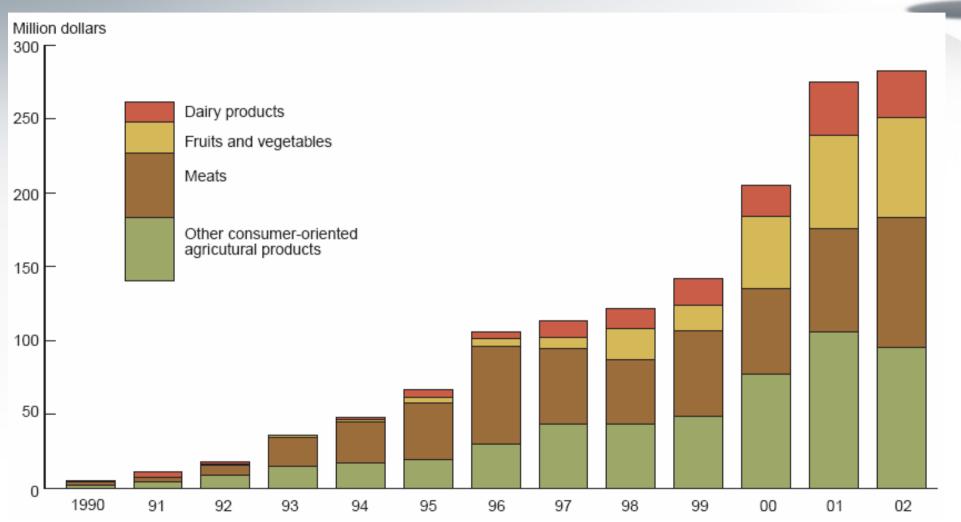
### Global Cotton Imports





### Consumer Food Imports from US





Source: USDA.

#### China's Import Trends 1

# Annual Growth

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Product	Millions in 2004	1999-2004
Almonds	4.048	22.5
Beef	7.110	4.4
Cereals	2,218.543	34.9
Cherries	2.334	160.5
Crustaceans	312.036	20.5
Blueberries	1.163	29.1
Fish - whole (chilled, frozen)	1,516.575	30.0
Fish - fillets (chilled, frozen)	45.556	24.9
Frozen Potato/French Fries	51.485	71.3
Grapes	67.546	23.4
Hazelnuts	2.297	17.6
Infant Formula	88.821	27.5
Juices and Concentrates	61.001	35.4
Lobsters (uncooked)	0.131	159.3
Mollusks	332.462	26.6
Oranges	36.994	31.4
Pistachios	17.432	21.9

#### China's Import Trends 2



Product	Millions in 2004	Annual Growth 1999-2004
Pollock	1.250	1.9
Pork	54.452	17.5
Poultry	153.413	-17.8
Prunes	0.922	39.4
Raisins	14.666	104.5
Salmon	26.612	63.0
Scallops	8.023	15.5
Soybeans	6,956.654	50.9
Soy Flour	1.758	5.9
Thickeners	12.604	14.7
Whey Powder	119.744	15.6
Wine (containers less than 2L)	25.247	30.4
Wine (containers more than 2L)	24.436	-2.0

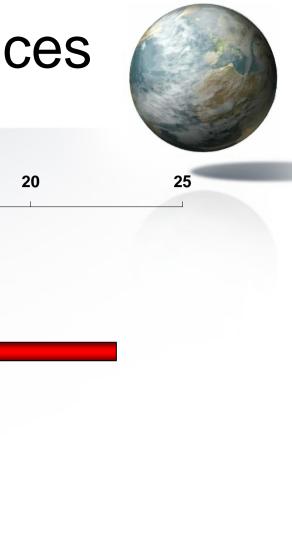
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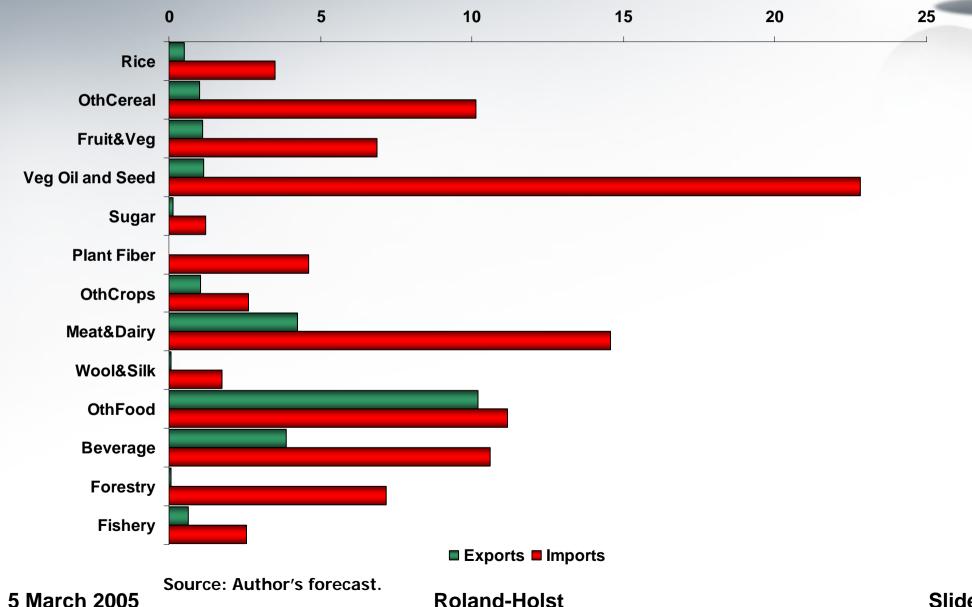


- If Doha progresses, two major new opportunities exist for California farm and food exports:
- China an emergent giant with scarce resources
- High income Asian countries very high prior protection levels and significant purchasing power

#### Chinese Agricultural Imbalances

(USD 1997 billions in 2010)

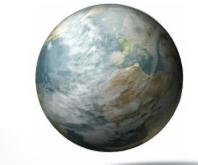




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#### Food Cost is Rising in China

Annual CPI change by commodity, 2004



In global energy markets, China is increasingly being seen as a demand-side OPEC.

Can a single economy reverse global food price trends?

	Percent
Consumer price index, all items	5.0
Consumer price index, by item:	
1. Food items	14.0
Grain	32.0
Meat	22.1
Eggs	30.3
Fish	18.5
Vegetables	·.10.2.·
Fruit	-0.9
2. Tobacco, alcohol	1.5
4. Clothing	-1.5
5. Household items	-1.4
6. Health	-1.4
7. Transport, communication	-1.3
8. Recreation, culture	0.7
9. Housing	4.9

### Doha's Gift to California: Japan and Korea



Given the scale of prior protection, imports will increase very sharply.

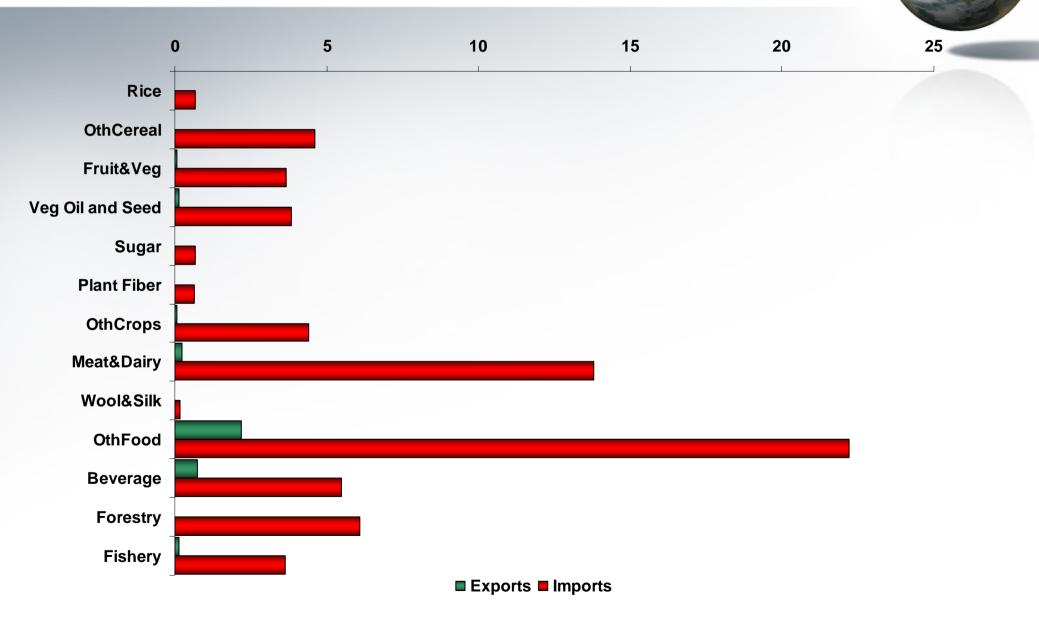
Rice, Meat & Diary, Specialty, and Processed Foods will see most of the absolute growth.

#### Japanese Agricultural Trade

(USD 1997 billions in 2010)

Source: Author's forecast.

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#### Conclusion



#### Three Friends of California Farmers

- 1. Doha really
- 2. The Chinese consumer riding to the rescue
- 3. China's Currency (RMB)
  - In China, the biggest opponent of RMB appreciation is the Agriculture Ministry
  - You should be its biggest supporter

## Competitive Principles for California Agriculture



- Resources Your forbearers were talented and fortunate, and you can extend their legacy with entrepreneurship and stewardship.
- 2. Quality As a prosperous and mature market, we set tastes and product standards for the rest of the world.
- 3. Innovation Take your rightful place with IT, biotech, and the state's other knowledge-intensive industries to sustain global leadership.



#### Thank You