

# PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Economic classification:	Low Income	
Oil exporter or importer (net):	Exporter	
Annual per capita GNP:	US\$341.9	1988
Annual inflation rate:	20.0%	
Volume of imports:	US\$55.3 billion	1989
Of which food:	4.1%	1989
Of which fuels:	Fertilizer	
Principal foreign exchange earning export:	Textiles, oil & food products \$47.6 billion	
Debt service as % of GNP:	10.2%	1988
Debt service as % of exports:	9.7%	1988
Population:	1,096 million	1988
Annual population growth:	1.4%	1988
Annual consumption:		
Flour	87 million tonnes or 77.6 kg/capita	1989 (est)
Meat	23.4 million tonnes or 21.3 kg/capita	1989
Vegetable Oil	13 million tonnes or 11.9 kg/capita	1989

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Crop Situation and Outlook

A USDA estimate (September 20, 1989) indicated that total grain production during 1989 was expected to reach 406 million tonnes, about 12 million tonnes higher than last year. (A December 3, 1989 estimate, reported in Reuters, was 405 million tonnes.) This increase is a result of a combination of factors including generally good weather during summer season, increased area sown to grains and significant government financial support to grain producers. The increase in wheat production is estimated at 5.5 million tonnes, while the increase in rice production is estimated at 7 million tonnes.

Seeded Acreage: Thousands of hectares

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>1989 (est)</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1987</u>
Wheat	29,800	28,799	28,812
Barley	3,350	3,335	
Corn	20,000	19,701	20,222
Sorghum	1,880	1,784	1,864
Oats	550	550	
Soybeans	8,300	8,124	8,448
Rapeseed	N/A	4,939	5,270
Sunflower	N/A	830	887
Rice	32,200	32,003	32,008