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THE HIT OF COVID-19 AND MORE**



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China's Exports of Agricultural Products Decline in the First Quarter

Report from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs show China's exports of agricultural products have experienced their sharpest decrease in the first quarter of this year. Due to COVID-19, global market keeps a low demand and trade fairs and expositions are being disrupted. Aquatic products are one of the most brunt sectors with the dipping rate at 18 percent compared to 2019. Vegetables and tea leaves export volumes also saw a declining trend.

Double-Cropping Rice is Promoted to Ensure Food Safety

From 20 years ago, single-cropping rice are mostly adopted by farmers in China's major grain-producing provinces out of the rising costs and lowering benefits. Impacted by COVID-19, these rice-planting areas are switched to double-cropping rice in order to boost the yields. Changeable weather conditions will reduce the survival rate of rice seedlings. Therefore, professionals and equipment are in need to be settled. Grain machinery is also applied to save the labor.

The State Council, China's Cabinet: Necessary Conferences and Exhibitions is Allowed to Open

With strict prevention measures in place, shopping malls, supermarkets, hotels and restaurants should be all opened, reservations will be used for parks and tourism scenic spots, and indoor areas and closed entertainment places, such as libraries and cinemas will be allowed to hold conferences and exhibitions if necessary.