

# Countermeasures and Suggestions on Perfecting Grain Production Support Policies in China

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**Abstract:** Grain security is important to national development and people's survival, and has always been a key research field of economy, politics, and culture throughout history. It can ensure the stable operation and development of society by reinforcing grain security, and at the same time, enable people to eat with ease. Focusing on grain support policies, this article puts forward countermeasures and suggestions to further perfect grain production support policies in China.

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## Introduction

The issue of grain is fundamental to social development and grain is the objective material guarantee for human survival. China is a populous country with a great demand for grain. Especially in recent years, with the continuous transformation of consumption structure and the constant improvement of material production capacity and consumption capacity, people's requirements for grain have become higher, and their demand for grain stronger. In the context, it is quite necessary to perfect grain support policies in order to stimulate farmers' initiative in grain production. China has paid great attention to the issue of grain. In the Fifth Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee, the important strategic position of grain production was clearly defined. It also pointed out the necessity of further breakthroughs in both quality and quantity of grain production at the present stage, so as to ensure the stable operation of China's economy and meet the reasonable needs of people. This article puts forwards the following optimizing suggestions on the grain production support policies.

## 1. To strengthen and effectively implement the Top-Level Design in practice

Top-Level Design often guides the direction, quality and efficiency of grain support policies. In order to enable grain support policies to improve the quality and efficiency of grain production in China and promote the development of China's grain industry, it is necessary to further optimize and improve the Top-Level Design, on which basis to ensure that it can be effectively implemented in practice <sup>[1]</sup>.

Regarding the issue of grain production, China has continuously issued more than 12 relevant documents from 2004 to 2015. President Xi Jinping has clearly pointed out the important strategic position of grain in various meetings, and passed three important outlines and plans in 2008, 2009 and 2015 respectively, which clearly defined the orientation of grain support policies in China during the period of 2008 to 2020, 2009 to 2020 and 2015 to 2030 accordingly. It can be seen that the framework of Top-Level Design for grain support policies at present has gradually approached to be mature, along with gradually confirmed and clear orientation. On this basis, relevant departments need to make reasonable adjustments and plans according to the actual situation and the guidance of grain support policies, because of the constantly developing market economy, especially the market economy in China. The economic development and people's consumption level in recent

years have showed that China's economic development is at high speed, and the form of the market economy is constantly changing. Under such circumstances, new problems and challenges, as well as new factors to be solved, are likely to emerge in the process of implementing grain support policies. Therefore, relevant departments need to strengthen the implementation of the Top-Level Design in compliance with the orientation.

There should be some flexibility in the strengthening of implementing grain support policies, which can be analyzed from two aspects. First, long-term and comprehensive goals should be set so as to effectively implement grain support policies, ensuring the sustainability of both policies and the development of the grain industry. Secondly, full consideration of practical needs should be taken. Facing the ever-changing market economy and objective environment, relevant departments not only need to define the long-term goals, but also need to focus on the current problem, that is to say, making targeted analysis on specific problems, and flexibly solving new problems and responding to new situations in a timely manner while ensuring the overall direction and plans unchanged, thus effectively improving implementation, combining the Top-Level Design with implementation, and finally promoting the development of the grain industry in China.

## **2. To protect farmers' enthusiasm for grain production**

In fact, the grain industry makes higher demand for labor than other industries, with harder work, but less return. That is to say, farmers' benefits cannot be guaranteed. Meanwhile, due to few profits, more and more farmers decide to seek new profits in first-tier cities and choose new career. Once most farmers lose their enthusiasm for grain production and turn to other industries, China's grain production will be in an embarrassing situation. Therefore, the improvement and optimization of grain support policies need to consider the way to effectively mobilize farmers' enthusiasm for grain production<sup>[2]</sup>.

In order to further raise farmers' enthusiasm for grain production, it is necessary to ensure that they can effectively acquire more profits. To achieve this goal, China should strengthen financial support, give more preferential policies and resources to guarantee farmers' profits. Two important aspects should be paid attention to when formulating support policies for farmers. First of all, economic development and scale expansion should be a gradual process. Therefore, the formulation and protection of policies should follow the natural law of economic development, avoiding pursuing speed blindly. It is the important principle of policy formulation to guide and take advantage of the situation. Secondly, support policies should guarantee fairness, impartiality and openness, and create a fair economic environment, thus effectively supporting grain production and improve farmers' enthusiasm.

## **3. To motivate the enthusiasm of local governments to increase grain production**

Local governments should give full play to its guiding role, acting as leaders, organizers and implementers in the process of economic development and policy support, so as to ensure policies to be better implemented in practice. They should also adjust the policies in real time according to the actual situation. Therefore, it is necessary to intensify governments' efforts to increase grain production and ensure the rational, scientific and standardized development of the grain industry. The enthusiasm of governments can be mobilized from the following aspects. First, local governments with high grain output can be given more financial incentives through financial transfer payments. Secondly, attention should be paid to local infrastructure construction with resources compensation to maintain the objective conditions of grain production. Finally, incentives and constraints should be combined. Through the formulation of regulations, the enthusiasm of governments to increase grain production can be further improved, so that they give more attention, timely guidance and standardization to local grain production to promote the rational, scientific and standardized development of the grain industry<sup>[3]</sup>.

### **Conclusion**

Grain production has always been an important guarantee and foundation for social development and human survival, especially for China in the context of a large population and a large increase in population. In order to further advance the development of the grain industry, improve the quantity and quality of grain production, it is quite necessary to strengthen

policy construction and provide a written guarantee. On the one hand, the effective construction of support policies can better raise farmers' enthusiasm for grain production; on the other hand, it can regulate the development of the grain industry. To sum up, attention should be paid to the continuous optimization and improvement of grain production support policies.

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