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Report Highlights:

The Central Rural Work Conference (CRWC), which was held on December 23-24, 2022, reiterates the existing People's Republic of China's (PRC) priorities of ensuring food security and improving grain production capacity. The CRWC initiated a new action plan to improve grain production capacity by an additional 50 million metric tons. The CRWC also set a short-term goal of building a “strong agricultural nation” by incorporating ecologically friendly agricultural systems, assuring the supply of grain and key agricultural products, and ensuring PRC self-reliance in agricultural technology.

General Information

The annual CRWC, which normally convenes each December, is the highest-level conference on rural matters attended by senior leaders of the Central Committee the Communist Party of China and the State Council. The conference reviews the agricultural and rural work of the year and formulates overarching guidelines related to agriculture and rural development for the coming year. These guidelines will be further elaborated by the No. 1 Document.

The 2022 CRWC repeated the policy priorities mentioned in the 2022 No. 1 Document (see GAIN report [CH2022-0029](#)). For example, ensuring a stable supply of grain and key agricultural products remains the top priority for the PRC. The government also vowed to safeguard farmland of no less than 120 million hectares and maintain a minimum level of annual grain production of 650 million metric tons (MMT). Other efforts geared towards improving food security include exploring more food sources (from the forest and the sea) and to take additional actions to guard against food waste.

The 2022 CRWC announced a new action plan to improve the country's grain production capacity by an additional 50 MMT, but further details are not available. The conference also highlighted the short-term goals of "building a strong agricultural nation with Chinese characteristics" through the development of low-carbon and eco-friendly agricultural systems, and domestically produced high quality seeds and agricultural machinery. The CRWC added that the Chinese government will continue to devote resources to modernizing the PRC's agricultural production and innovation.

Attachments:

No Attachments.