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# “China’s Emerging Role in Global Agriculture ”

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Dr. Fred Gale is a research economist with the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. His work focuses on China’s international trade, commodity markets, and food industry. He has been at ERS since receiving his PhD in economics from N.C. State in 1988 and also spent a year as an economics lecturer in China during 1990-91.

While the United States is the top supplier of China’s rising food imports, the Chinese leadership has a number of initiatives aimed at diluting perceived U.S. dominance of global food markets. China’s leaders hope to nurture new import-suppliers, build Chinese food conglomerates, influence global rules on subsidies and food safety, and to shift price formation to markets in China. While success of these efforts—largely under the radar—is not guaranteed, they may influence the way food is produced and marketed.

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