

3M (Matters)

**What are the implications of China's
agricultural development experiences to Africa**



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Telling stories: learning from the field





• China-Tanzania Village-based Learning Center for Poverty Alleviation

• Stage 1:

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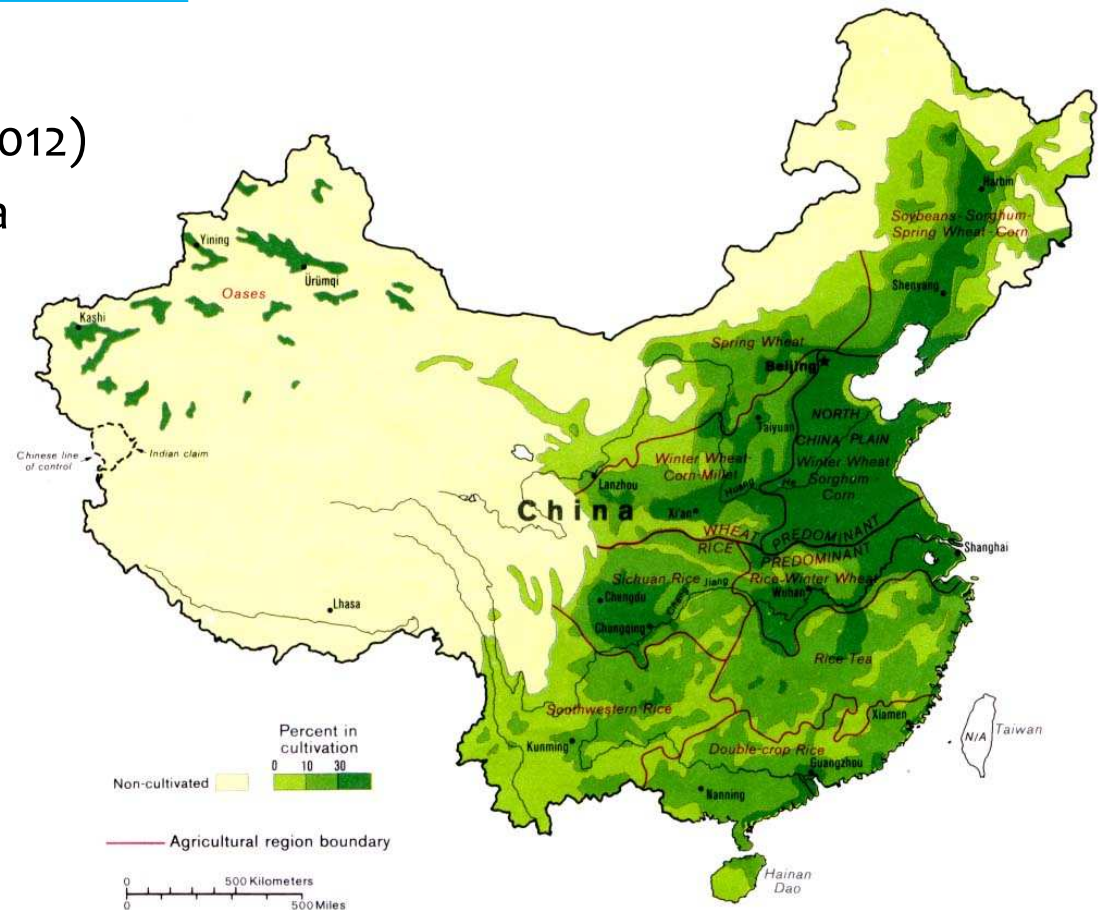
• Stage 2:

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• 2009-2015

National Conditions for Agricultural Development (Ye, 2015)

- ▲ Population: 1.35404 Billion (2012)
- ▲ Arable land: 0.13516 Billion ha (2.027 Billion Mu) (2012)
- ▲ Arable land per capita: approximately 0.1 ha.



- ▲ Summary: scant quantity of arable land per capita, low quality of arable land in general 人多地少

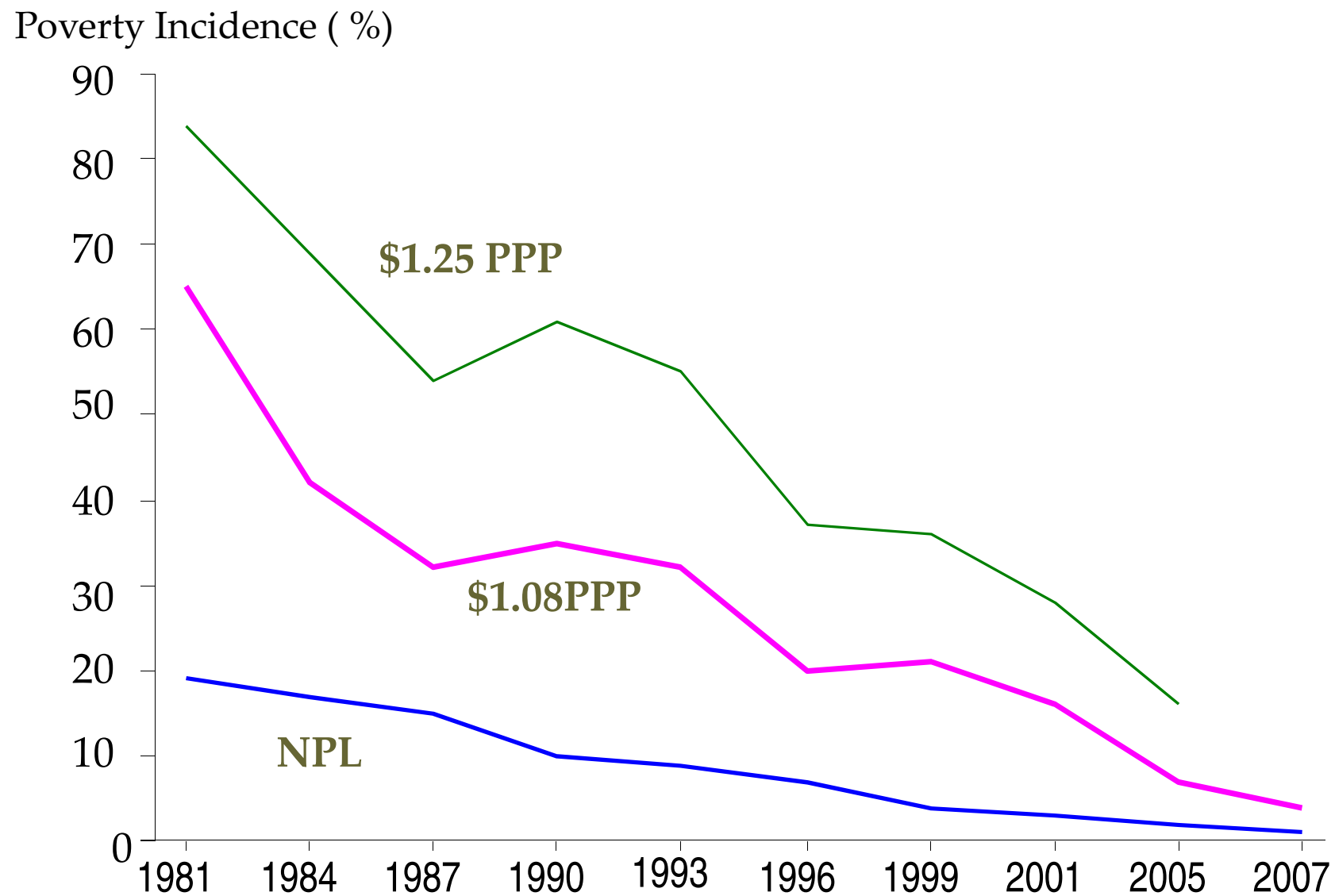


Figure 1: Drop of poverty incidence with different standards in China

The 1st M: Agriculture Matters

Basic national condition identified: big population with limited lands (人多地少)

- **learning from history**: political and social turbulence due to hunger and famine
- “food and hunger” (吃饭问题) has been regarded as the **construction of their governing legitimacy in the modern nation state building process**.

“never be let loose”(决不放松): “food is god for the people (民以食为天)” & “agriculture is the foundation of national economy (农业立国)”.

- **Mao: "taking grain as the key link (以粮为纲)"**
- **Deng: "whoever with food has everything (谁有了粮食, 谁就有了一切)"**
- **Jiang: “keeping close attention on food security as always (始终抓得很紧很紧)”**
- **Hu: "food issue is always a top priority (粮食问题始终是头等大事)"**
- **Xi: “Our heart will be at peace if with food at hands (手中有粮, 心中不慌)”**



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Mao's Era



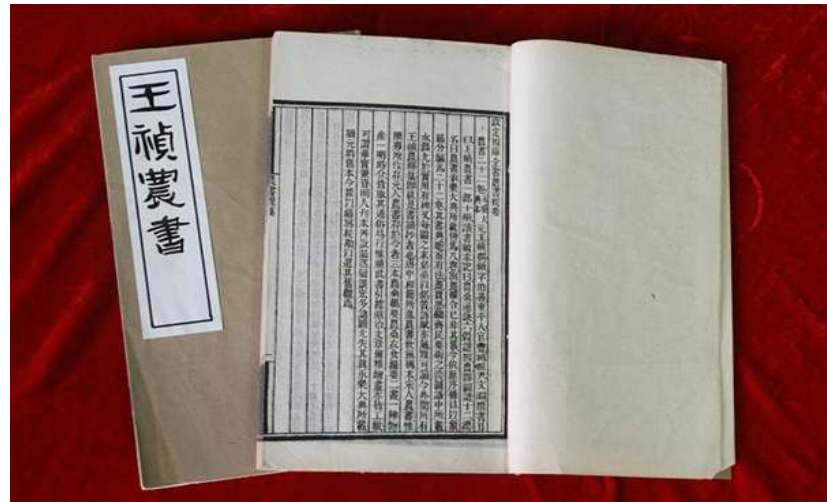
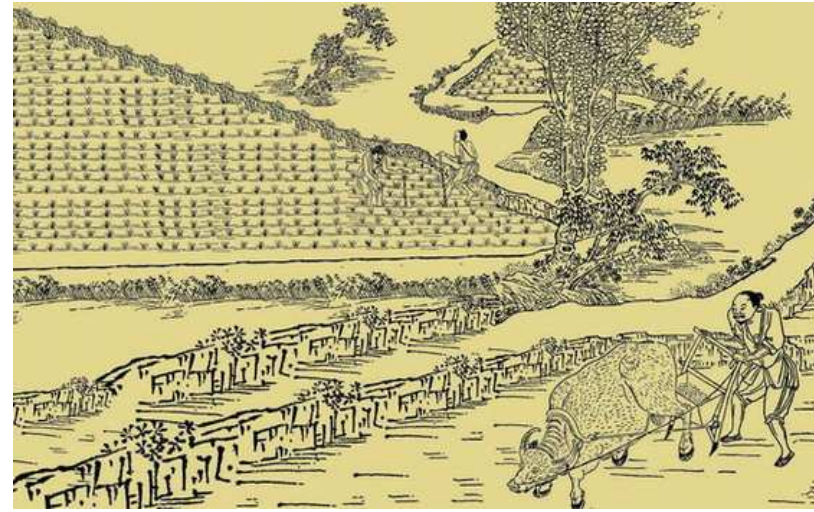
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Deng's +Jiang's Eras



Hu's +Xi's eras

Agro-farming Culture: intensive farming knowledge, skills, governance, social structure





11.2 Percentage share of gross output value by sector in China (1980–2010)

Source: SSB 2011

- (1) Grain production and food security
- (2) Diversification of agriculture beyond grain
- (3) Development of a non-farm economy and urbanised society beyond agriculture

The 2nd M: Implementation matters

The **determination** to change AND The **courage** to overcome difficulties
Sound institutional architecture

Xu Beihong, *Yugong moving mountains*, 1940

愚公移山



The 2nd M: Implementation matters

- Prioritisation of the agricultural development agenda in **the five-year national development plans**. guarantees the fiscal funding and public investment channelled into agriculture.
- **Long-term technological strategic and other sector-wide development plans** also have agricultural components that orient the priority.
- **The party and administrative system** dedicated to agricultural policy consultation, policy making, funding, implementation, monitoring and adjustment.
- **Different ministries** related to agriculture also develop their own sector plans for financing and other inputs. These plans are coordinated by the National Development and Reform Commission under the overall direction of the LGORW.
- **The ministry of finance** follows the plans to draft budgets, and then all plans and budgets are submitted to the People's Congress for final approval.
- **Overseas or on-the-job training** broadens staff horizons and sharpens insights through continuous learning. All senior leaders, such as provincial vice-governors or senior county officials, have to attend full-time training in agricultural development at a university or college for six months to one year.

Entry point, or Priority

- infrastructure?
- Technologies?
- eductations on skills...?
- It should be country-context specific.

The 3rd M: Synergies matters



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- synergies among government, public/small farmers, and market/enterprises, along with the research and extension system.
- collective action network

Implications

- agriculture-led industrialisation experiences
- developmental state construction
- reshaping the relationship between national and international...novel knowledge on international development regime...