

Status of specialty crops production in China

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Special crops production in last ten years

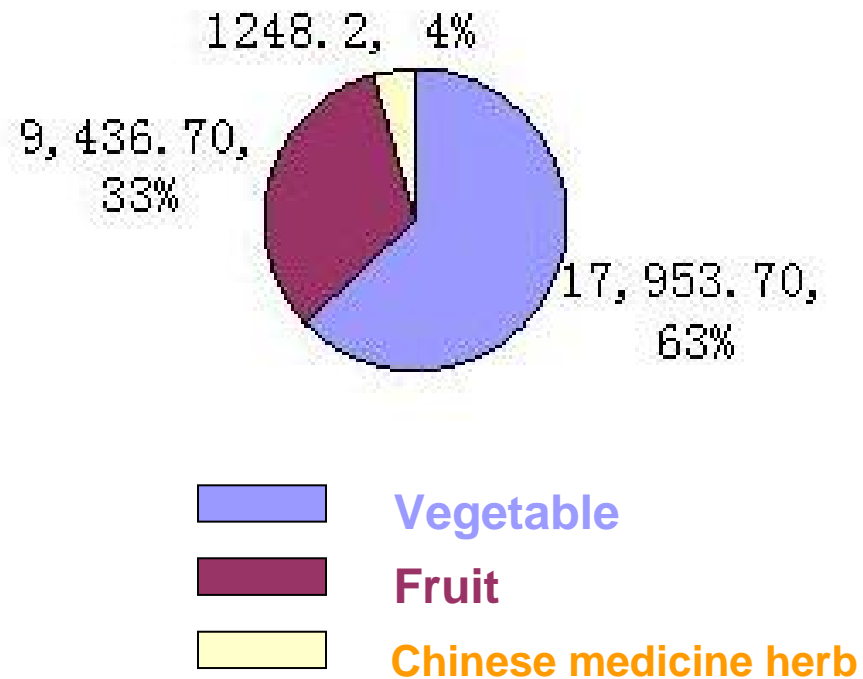
- As a large agricultural country, China's special crops production developed rapidly and stably .
- There are many special crops ,including vegetable, fruit, Chinese medicine herbs ,tea , oil crops and so on.



Three main special crops

Plant area of the three main special crops in 2003

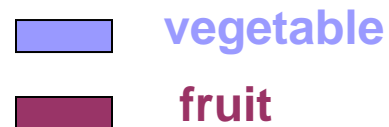
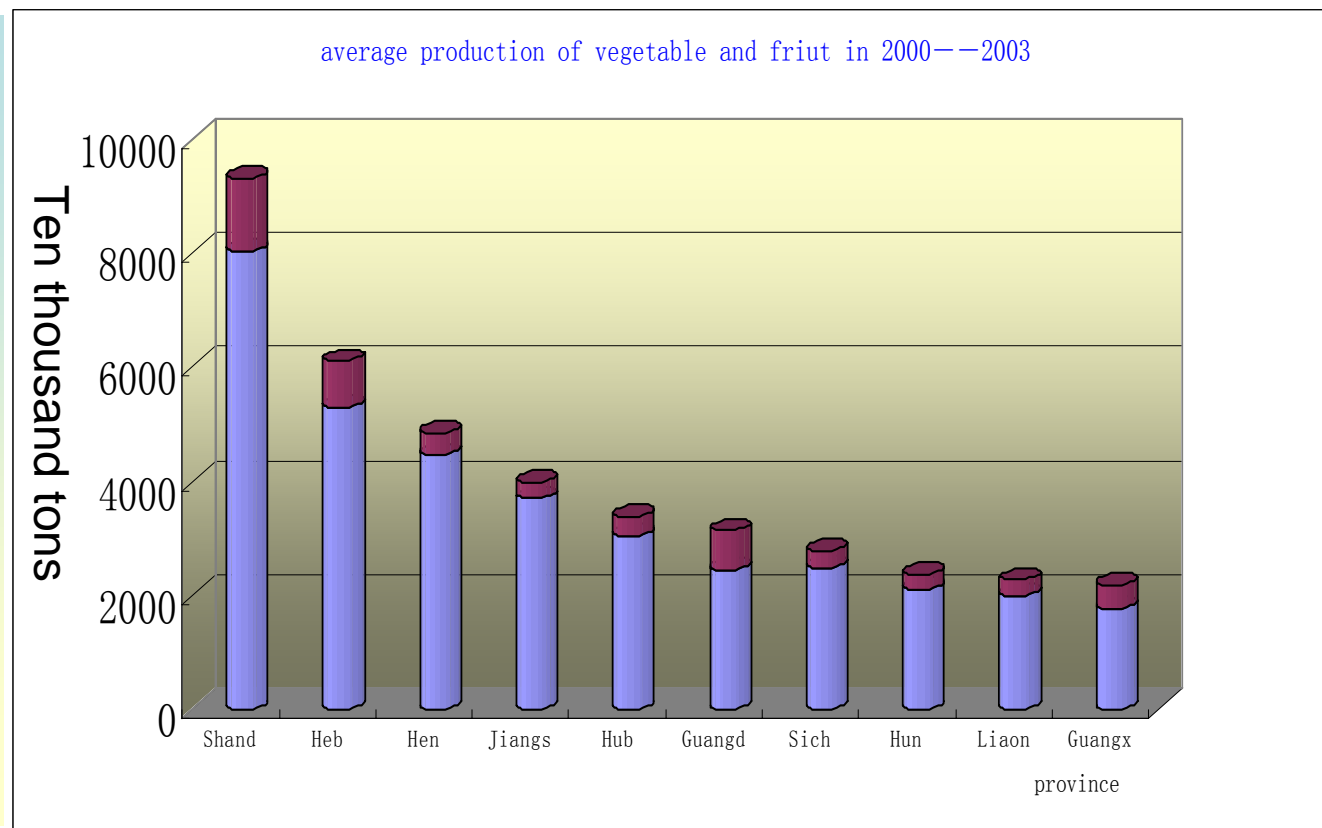
- **Vegetable** — — **63%**
- **Fruit** — — **33%**
- **Chinese medicine herb** — — **4%**



Distribution of special crops

Special crops are most distributed in the south, east-south and west-south of China.

Shandong is the largest producer and produced **15.2%** vegetable and fruits of the whole China.

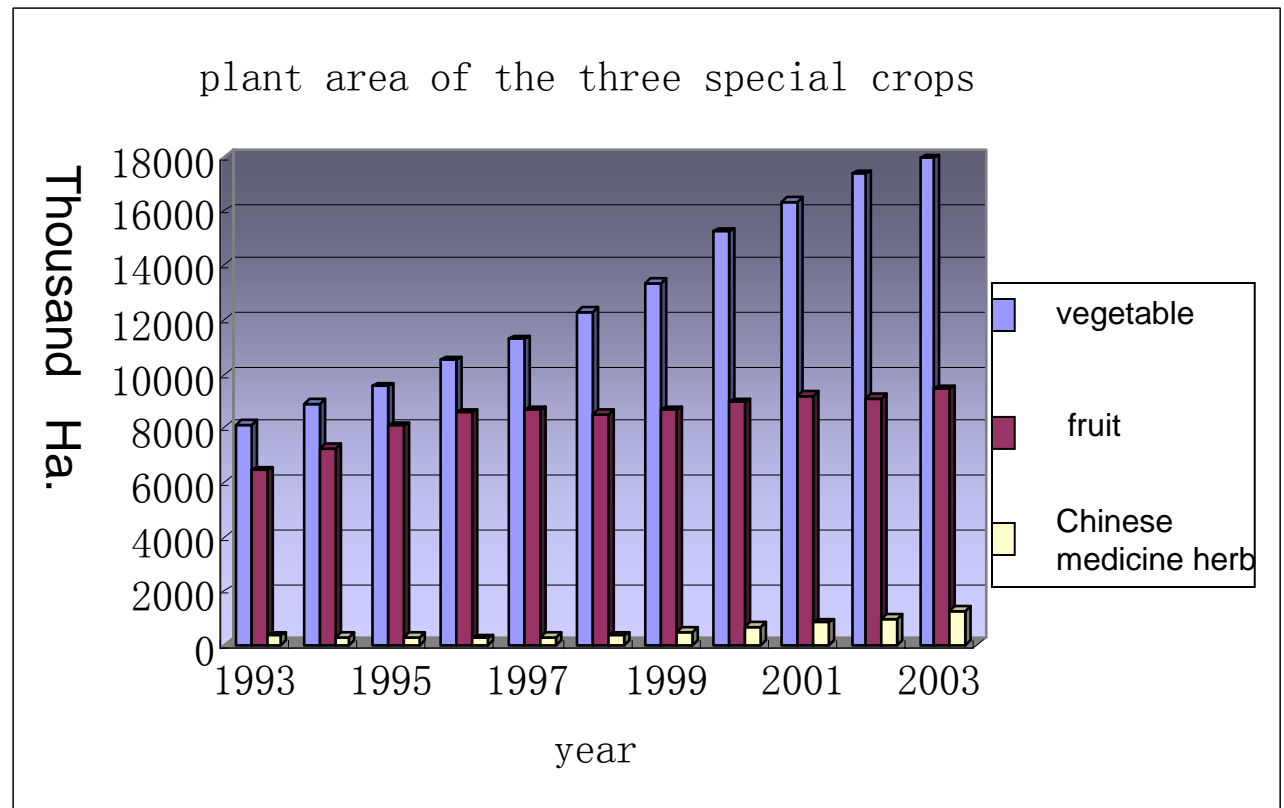


Plant area of the three special crops

From 1993 to 2003:

The plant area of vegetable and Chinese medicine herb increased **120%** and **240%**, respectively

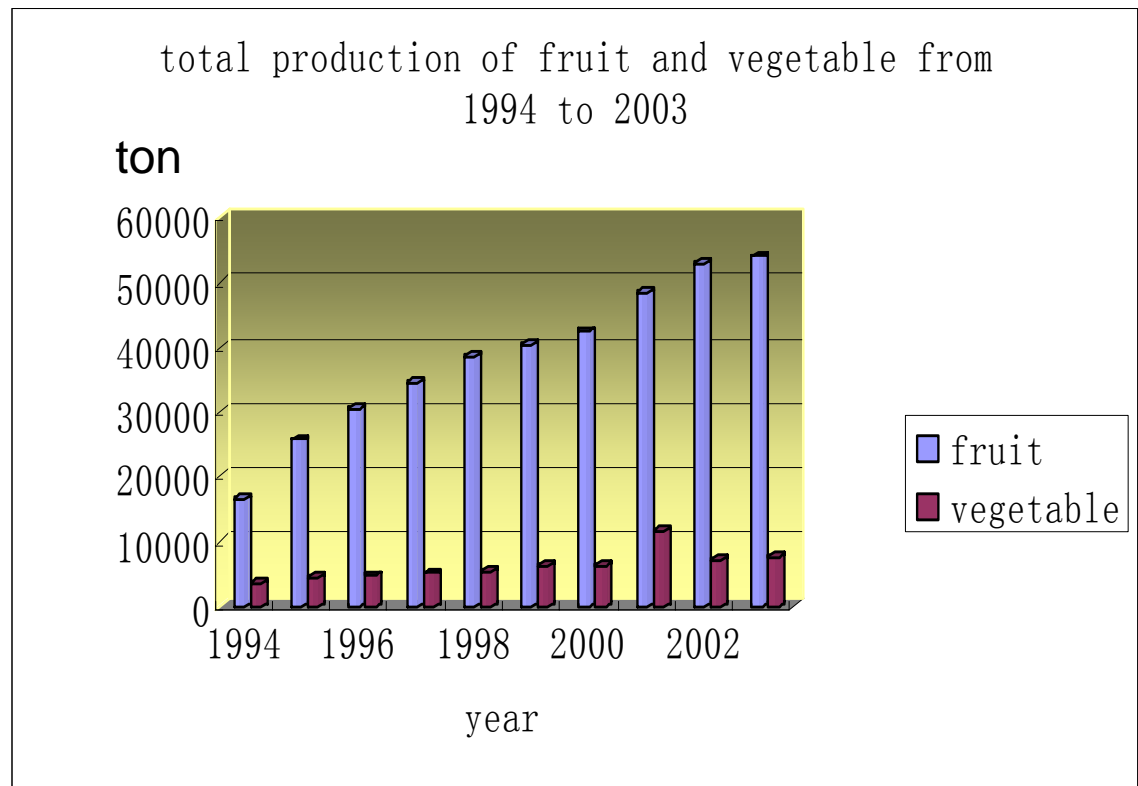
The harvest area of fruit increased slowly and stably .



Production changes in the last ten years

1. Vegetable production increased obviously and increased more than two times from 1994 to 2003.

2. Fruit production increased, though not as fast as vegetable.



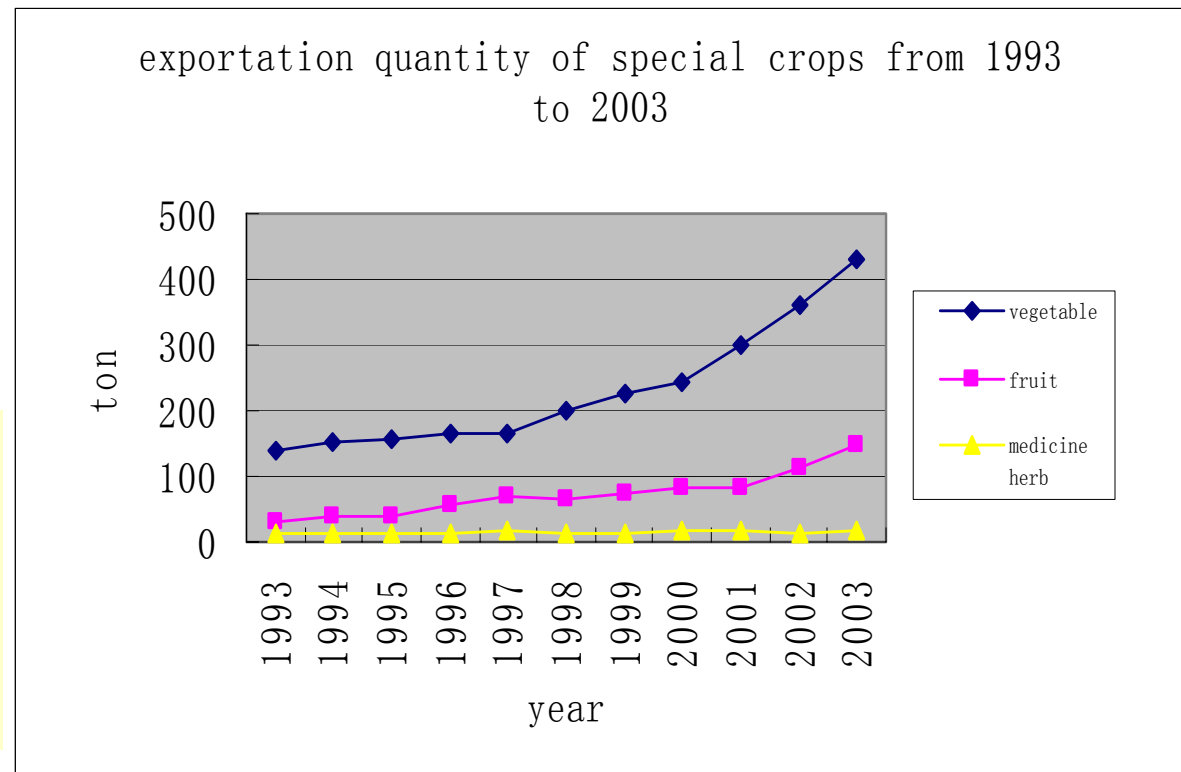
Exportation conditions of special crops

All Exportation quantity of the three crops increased in the last ten years .

vegetable:72 percent

fruit: 23 percent

Chinese medicine herb :
5 percent



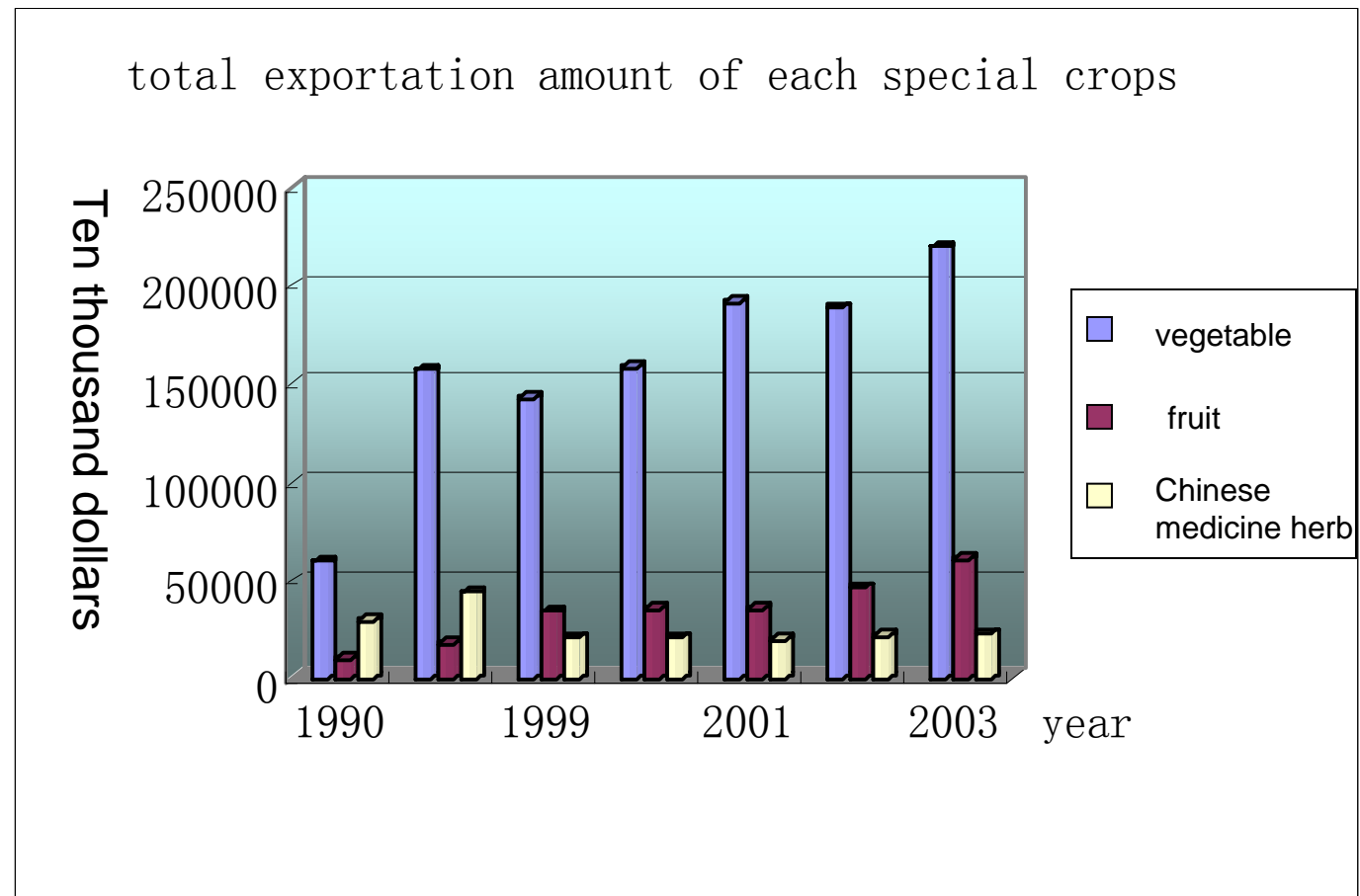
Exportation amount of each special crops

From 1990 to 2003:

Vegetable : 2.7 times

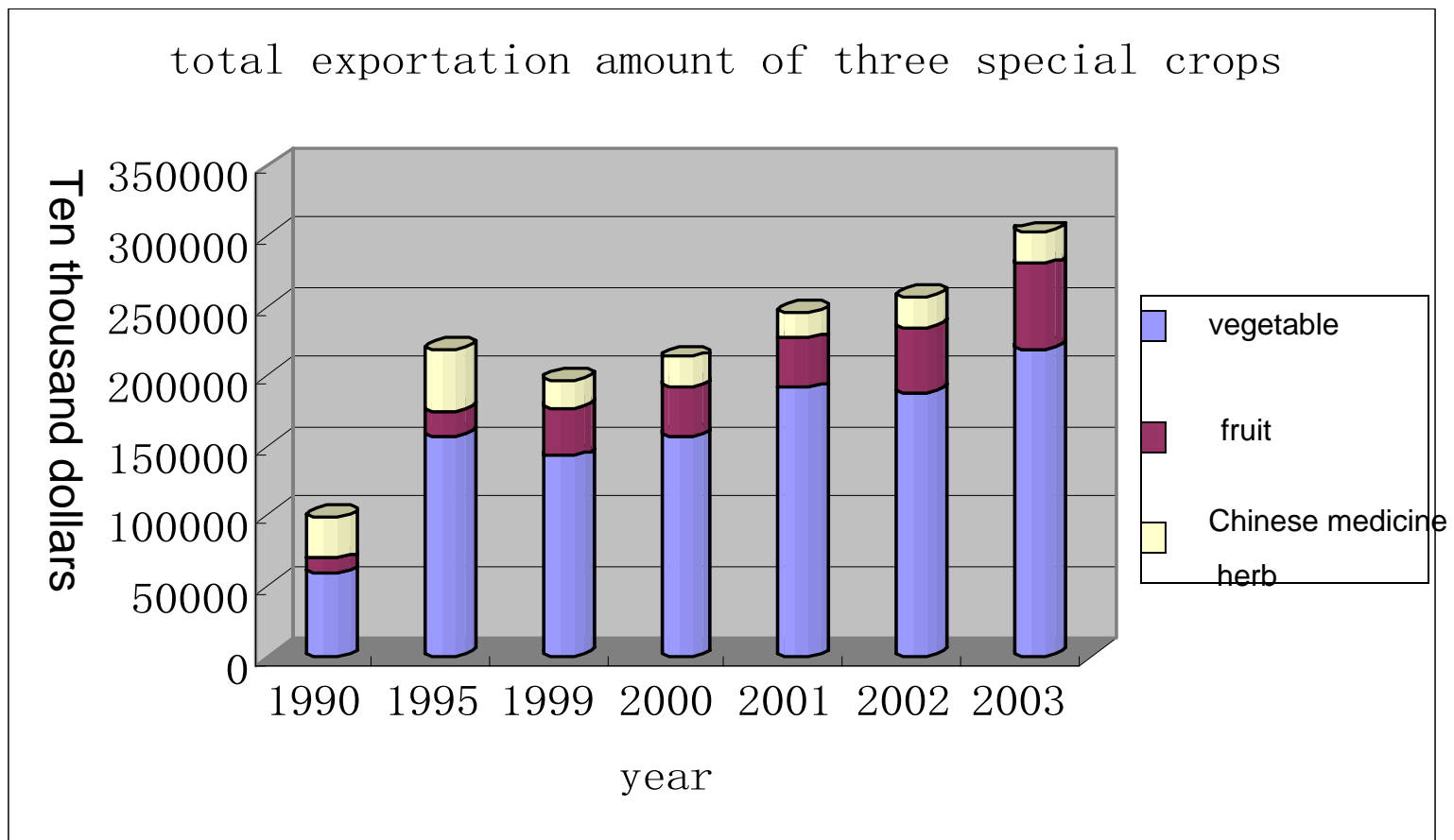
Fruit : 4.9 times

Chinese medicine herb didn't increased ,and reach the highest amount at 1995



Total exportation amount of special crops

From 1990(990 million dollars) to 2003(3026 million dollars), the total exportation amount increased 2.1 times.





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