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

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

Plant area of the three main special crops in 2003
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.
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.
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
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.
From 1990 (990 million dollars) to 2003 (3026 million dollars), the total exportation amount increased 2.1 times.
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