

## China's agricultural water-use efficiency improves

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China's agriculture sector is becoming more water efficient as the country's high-efficiency water-saving irrigation area expands, official data showed.

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China will continue to develop efficient irrigation measures, such as sprinkler, drip, and pipeline irrigation, to enhance water saving, said Wu Hongwei, an official with the ministry at an irrigation forum.

Irrigation technology has contributed to the country's grain security. China's irrigated land, which accounts for about 50 per cent of the country's arable land, produces 75 per cent of its grain and over 90 per cent of its cash crops.