

Northwest China's arable land develops into high-standard farmland

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Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region had built about 3.34 million hectares of high-standard farmland by the end of 2022, accounting for 47.39 per cent of its arable land, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

Last year, Xinjiang allocated 2.07 billion yuan (about \$297.88 million) to subsidise the construction of high-standard farmland and built 7.15 million mu of high-standard farmland. It significantly improved the quality of cultivated land and increased grain production capacity by 10 to 20 per cent, said the regional department of agriculture and rural affairs.

The region will build 4.15 million mu, upgrade 1.35 million mu of high-standard farmland, and gradually turn all its permanent basic farmland into high-quality farmland in 2023.

In 2022, Xinjiang's total grain output increased for seven consecutive years. Its per capita share of grain reached 700 kg, 44 percentage points higher than the national average, according to the regional department of agriculture and rural affairs.