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CALAMITY DAMAGE AND CROP DATA, APRIL-OCTOBER 1953,  
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CALAMITIES REDUCE CROP YIELDS -- Pao-ting, Hopeh Jih-pao, 8 Apr 53

Pao-ting Special Administrative District in Hopeh had 3 million mou of land which could not be cultivated 1953; this amounted to 34 percent of land intended for seeding.

Pao-ting, Hopeh Jih-pao, 20 Apr 53

In Tsun-hua, Feng-jun, Yu-t'ien, Luan Hsien, Ch'ien-an, Feng-nan, Luan-nan, and Ch'ang-li hsien of Hopeh, 1,295,000 mou of land could not be cultivated because of drought.

Yu-t'ien had 330,000 mou of unplowed land; the 8th Ch'u had 12,000 mou of land dry to a depth of 7 inches; of the 6,000 mou of wheat, 2,000 mou were ruined because of drought.

In Feng-nan Hsien, seven villages of the 6th Ch'u had 9,241 mou out of 17,243 mou of land which could not be cultivated.

Pao-ting, Hopeh Jih-pao, 1 Apr 53

In Ch'ang-p'ing, P'ing-ku, Fang-shan, and T'ung Hsien of Hopeh have about 550,000 mou of unplanted land because of drought. Out of 110,000 mou in the 6th Ch'u, T'ung-hsien Hsien, 60,000 mou could not be seeded.

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Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao, 3 Jul 53

The I-ning Special Administrative District of Sinkiang, had 18,000 mou of damaged crops: wheat, beans, cotton, corn, melons, etc.

Sui-ting Hsien had over 8,000 mou that were damaged severely and 2,000 mou that were damaged slightly. Output was reduced 15 percent. Thirty percent of the hsien's arable land was damaged.

WHEAT ACREAGE DATA IN SINKIANG, ANHWEI -- Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao, 15 Jul 53

Erh Hsiang, Tu-lu-fan Hsien of Sinkiang had 3,900 mou of wheat under cultivation.

Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao, 5 Jul 53

K'o-shih Special Administrative District of Sinkiang had 1,630,000 mou of winter wheat under cultivation.

Yueh-p'u-hu Hsien had 87,000 mou of winter and spring wheat.

Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao, 14 Jul 53

K'u-erh-lo Hsien of Sinkiang had 72,200 mou of wheat under cultivation.

Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao, 16 Jul 53

K'u-erh-lo Hsien in Sinkiang had 21,000 mou of winter wheat under cultivation estimated to yield an average of 250 catties per mou.

Ho-Fei, Anhwei Jih-pao, 6 Apr 53

Farmers in Fou-yang Special Administrative District of Anhwei have used about 17,320,000 carts of fertilizer [presumably for winter and spring]. The People's Bank has issued loans for seeds, fertilizer, animals, etc., amounting to 14,280,000,000 yuan. There were 1,463,000 mou of wheat planted.

CROP YIELDS IN CH'U HSIEN, ANHWEI -- Ho-fei, Anhwei Jih-pao, 6 Apr 53

In 1952, yields per mou in Ch'u Hsien, Anhwei, were: paddy rice, 297 catties; corn, 104 catties; wheat, 74 catties; cotton, 63 catties. High production area yields were: paddy rice, 1,111 catties; corn, 700 catties; wheat, 400 catties; cotton, 300 catties.

PLANTED ACREAGE IN ONE HSIEN OF HOPEH -- Pao-ting, Hopeh Jih-pao, 13 Apr 53

According to figures of early April, farmers in Chien-kuo Hsien, Hopeh, had planted millet and other crops on 128,472 mou of land. This hsien has a total of 732,009 mou planted in autumn crops.

RICE CROP ESTIMATES -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 10 Oct 53

Chekiang spring rice crop production for 1953 was twice as great as in 1952.

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Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 7 Oct 53

Rethrashing rice straw yielded from 10 to 20 extra catties of rice per mou in Hsuan-ch'eng Hsien, Anhwei.

Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 27 Oct 53

In 1953, drought and other natural calamities caused agricultural production on Heng-nan Hsien, Hunan, to be very poor and as a result, farmers have shown little enthusiasm for marketing their harvest. However, through the work of propaganda cadres and party and government efforts, some 30 million catties of rice were purchased from 8 August through 11 October 1953.

SOYBEAN HARVEST IN KIRIN -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 19 Oct 53

Officials estimate the total production of soybeans in Kirin Province for 1953 will amount to at least 800,000 tons.

TOBACCO AND SPRING PLANTING -- Ho-fei, Anhwei Jih-pao, 5 Apr 53

Hsu-ch'ang, Special Administrative District in Honan has planted more than 900,000 mou of tobacco.

In Su Hsien Special Administrative District, Anhwei, 5,190,000 mou of land were under spring cultivation; 6.7 billion catties of fertilizer was accumulated.

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