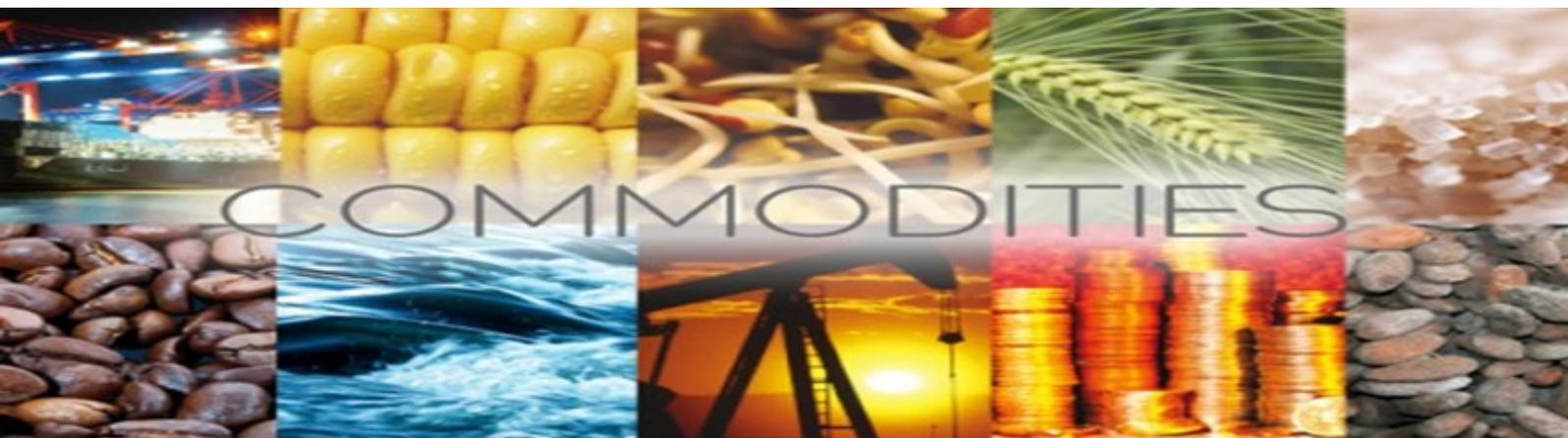


## NEWSLETTER

### COMMODITIES

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#### **China yield gains drive over 90% of 2025 grain output growth**

China's grain output reached a new high in 2025 despite disasters and market volatility, with yield improvements contributing over 90% of total growth, officials said. Autumn harvests accounted for more than 90% of the increase, led by corn and gains in northeastern regions. Authorities said 2026 will focus on stabilizing acreage, boosting yields and strengthening food security. **(China Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs)**

#### **China's top grain-producing province enhances agricultural returns via expanded contract farming**

Heilongjiang, China's top grain producer, is expanding contract farming to boost agricultural returns. In 2025, customized farming covered 92,467 hectares, involved 310 enterprises, and generated 5.05 billion yuan (\$725 million) in sales, adding 1.35 billion yuan in income. The province achieved a record 82 million tonnes of grain output, marking its 16th consecutive year as China's largest grain producer. **(Xinhua)**

#### **China sugar market remains weak as output rises and imports surge**

China's sugar market faces sustained pressure as 2025/26 output is forecast at 11.7 million tonnes, up 540,000 tonnes year-on-year. 2025 imports hit 4.92 million tonnes, with December alone at 580,000 tonnes and costs falling to 3,039 yuan/tonne. Weak domestic sales and rising inventories keep Zhengzhou sugar futures in a bearish consolidation trend. **(Futures Daily)**

#### **China cotton fabric imports rise 10.53% in 2025 as domestic demand strengthens**

China's cotton fabric trade expanded in 2025, with total imports rising 10.53% year on year to 420 million meters, while exports increased 9.48% to 6.424 billion meters, customs data showed. In December alone, imports reached 45 million meters, up 20.89%, and exports 632 million meters, up 18.60%. For 2025/26, imports surged 24.53%, highlighting resilient domestic demand despite global uncertainty. **(100PPI)**

#### **China key steelmakers' crude steel output falls slightly in mid-January**

In mid-January 2026, China's key steel enterprises produced 19.79 million tonnes of crude steel, with average daily output at 1.979 million tonnes, down 0.9% from early January. Pig iron output reached 17.94 million tonnes, up 1.8%, while finished steel totaled 18.77 million tonnes, rising 3.0%. Nationwide estimates put daily crude steel output at 2.44 million tonnes, down 1.7%, signaling a short-term supply adjustment. **(China Iron and Steel Association)**