

2.6%. The raise of plant – eating animals got further development. The number of the butchered cattles amounted to 1,215.9 thousands, having increased by 8.9%; the number of butchered goats 4,631.3 thousands, having increased by 6.9%. Aquaculture advanced steadily. The aquatic product amounted to 1,245 thousand tons, having increased by 6.6%. The afforestation area reached 27.4 hectares, having decreased by 4.2%; the area of improved low – productive forest reached 33.3 hectares, the area of young trees reached 227.7 hectares, the percentage of forest cover reached 51.4%.

The adjustment of agriculture structure quickened. The area of early rice was reduced 1,555 thousand mu, the cotton area 613 thousand mu, and the flue – cured tobacco area 202 thousand mu. The corn area reached 4,202 thousand mu, creating an increase of 26.3%; the middle and high quality rice area reached 10,978 thousand mu, creating an increase of 42.6%. The percentage of high quality of food crops reached 22%, and that of pigs 40%. The rural industrial enterprises marched forward steadily. According to the statistics by the provincial bureau of rural industrial enterprises, the total output of the rural industrial enterprises reached 416,630 million yuan, creating an increase of 11.2%.

The degree of agricultural industrialization was improved. In 1999, the province continued to stress the leading and radiation effect of powerful excellent enterprises and got good results. The realized value of the 22 leading enterprises of the province reached 66,200 million yuan, and their realized profit 200 million yuan, having increased 5.5% and 33.3% respectively. The development of agricultural product was greatly improved. In 1999, there were 49 markets of agricultural trade whose transaction total exceeded 100 million yuan.

The construction of rural fundamental facilities was strengthened and the ability to resist and prevent natural disasters was promoted. The fields which enjoyed effective irrigation reached 2,681,110 hectares, having increased 0.2%; the total agricultural mechanical motor power reached 20,070 thousand kw, having increased 9.9%. 3,720 million yuan was put into the construction of the rural water conservancy, and 540 thousand projects were finished and 817 kilometers of banks were improved.

People's living standard was steadily raised and the aid – the – poor project got new progress. 31