# Rabbit Production and Organization in China

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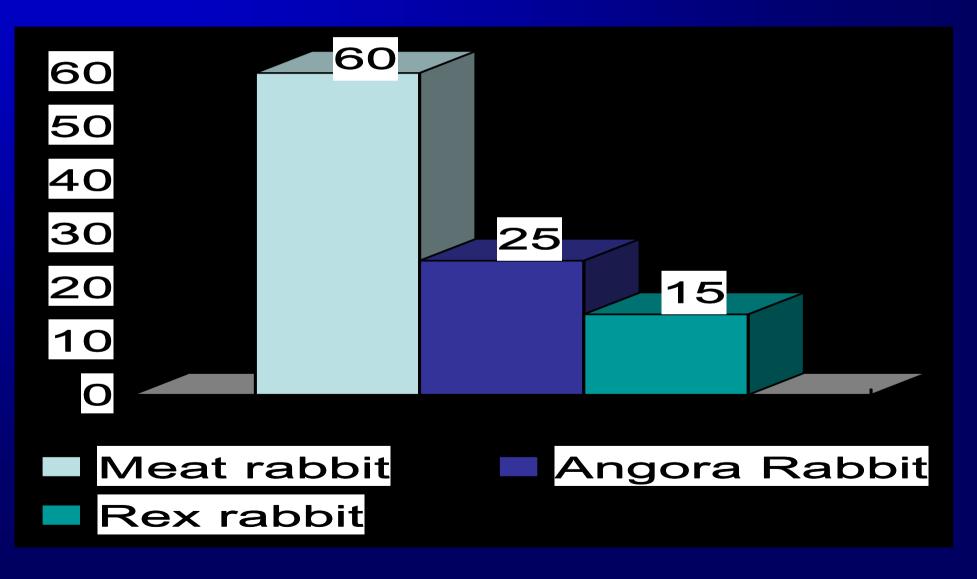
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### 1. Overview of Chinese rabbit industry

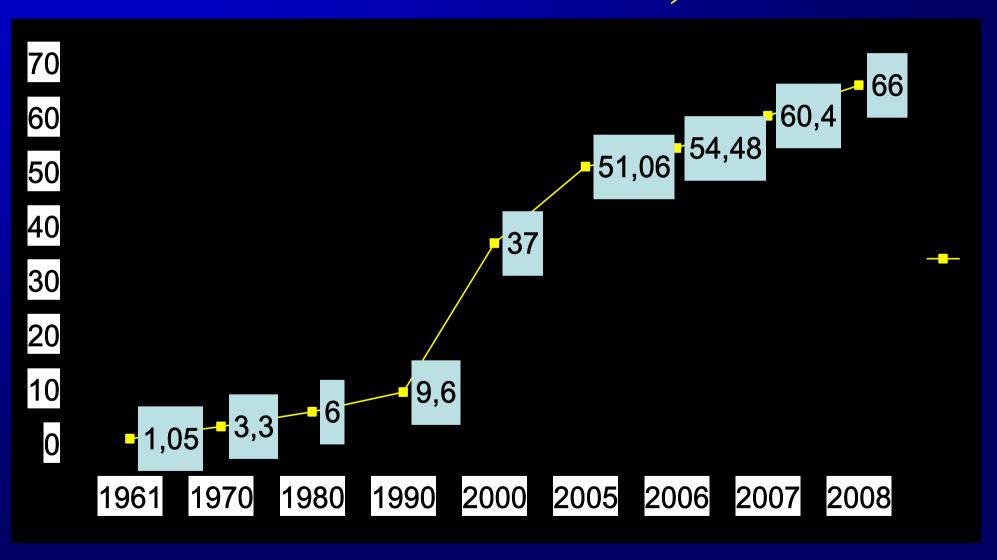
### Production and Product Export in 2008

Product	Production	Export
Rabbit meat	660,000 tons	10,340 tons
Rabbit wool	12,000 tons	1,264 tons
Rabbit skin	50,000,000 pieces	>95%

# The Ratio of Meat, Angora and Rex Rabbit in China



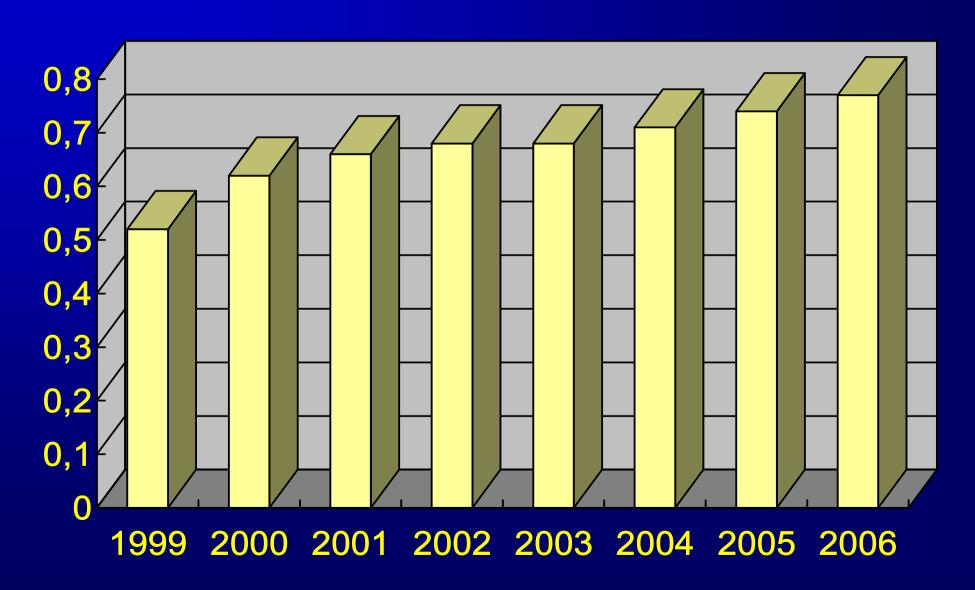
# Annual amount of rabbit meat (ten thousand tons)



# The amount of rabbit slaughtered in different provinces of China in 2007 ( 000 )

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Rank	Province	Slaughtered	Rank	Province	Slaughtered
1	Sichuan	174,984	17	Guangxi	2,510
2	Shandong	83,389.9	18	Shaanxi	2,128.3
3	Henan	39,922.3	19	Xinjiang	2,082.8
4	Hebei	30,259	20	Jilin	1,700
5	Jiangsu	28,499.1	21	Guizhou	1,097.5
6	Chongqing	19,928.8	22	Beijing	645.1
7	Fujian	15,284	23	Shanghai	623.2
8	Zhejiang	7,588.5	24	Hubei	615.7
9	Shanxi	4,886.9	25	Yunnan	454.7
10	Hunan	4,647.7	26	Gansu	329.6
11	Inner Mongolia	4,646.8	27	Tianjin	300.1
12	Liaoning	3,137.5	28	Hainan	221.7
13	Guangdong	2,823.5	29	Ningxia	118.6
14	Jiangxi	2,730.2	30	Qinghai	68.2
15	Anhui	2,675.6	31	Tibet	0
16	Heilongjiang	2,573.2			

## Percentage of rabbit meat in whole meat production of China from 1999-2006







Average rabbit meat consumption 507 g/person in 2008

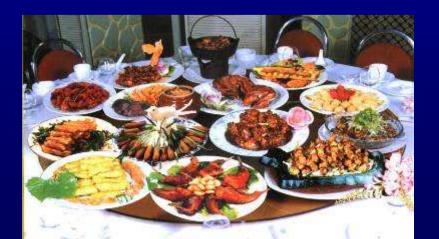


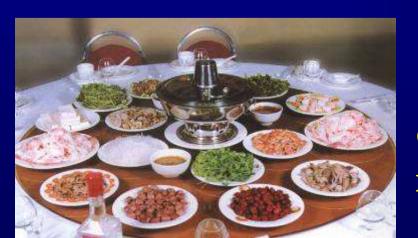












**Cooked rabbit** meat

#### rabbit meat barbecue











convenient food with flavor

#### convenient food with flavor



### Rabbit wool textile machine and product













### Rex rabbit fur product









Rex rabbit fur product



### Rabbit farm size in China

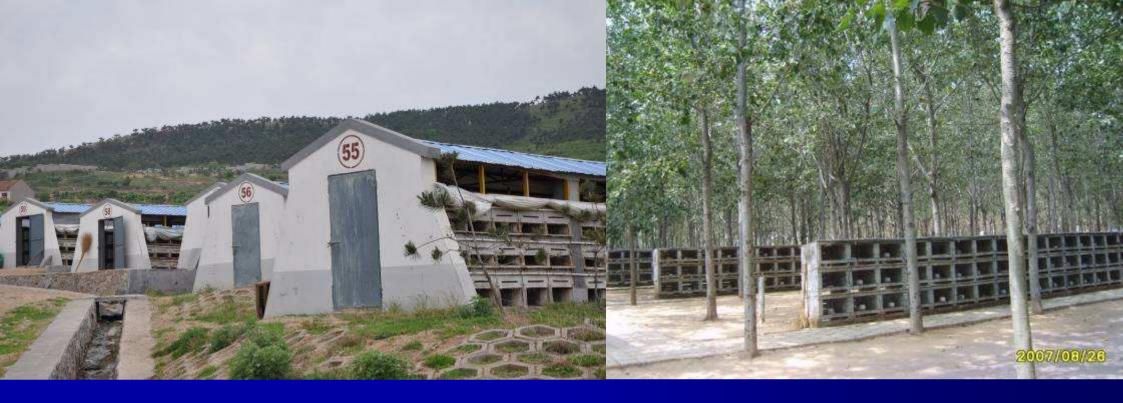
### (Shandong Province in 2002)

Number of rabbit	Number of meat rabbit farms	Percentage	Number of Angola rabbit farms	Percentage
50 ~ 99	9960	80.98	29117	90.88
100 ~ 299	1522	12.37	2285	7.13
300 ~ 499	479	3.89	484	1.51
500 ~ 999	242	1.97	106	0.33
1000 ~ 2999	66	0.54	41	0.13
3000 ~ 4999	15	0.12	7	0.02
5000 ~ 9999	12	0.10		
10000 ~ 49999	4	0.03		
Total	12300	100	32040	100





Large scale rabbit farms





medium scale rabbit farms



### 2. Rabbit Organization in China

2.1 Science Research

### **Sponsors in China**

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Science and Technology
- Local government

#### Science research unit in China

## University: teaching and science research

China Agricultural University

**Shandong Agricultural University** 

Hebei Agricultural University

Sichuan Agricultural University

Yangzhou University

**Shenyang Agricultural University** 

**Tianjin Industrial University** 

## Institute: science research

Sichuan Academy of Grassland Science

Jiangsu Agricultural Academy of Science

**Zhejiang Agricultural Academy of Science** 

Sichuan Academy of Animal Science

**Shandong Agricultural Academy of Science** 

**Anhui Agricultural Academy of Science** 

### Main project in recent years

- 2007-2010, The National Industry (Agriculture)
   Scientific Research Project-The Research and
   Demonstration of Technology for Efficient
   Rearing Meat Rabbit (3-52)
- 2008— National Rabbit Industry Technology System(nycytx-44)

### Science Research field

Genetics and selection
genetic resource analysis of local rabbit
New breed or line breeding

### Local rabbit









### Selective rabbit breed



#### Nutrition

Effects of nutrient on nutrient utilization, production performance, relative blood traits and immunity in different period and for different breed (meat, wool, Rex rabbit)

Overcome the effect of mycotoxin on feedstuff quality

New raw feedstuff resource development Relationship between nutrition and disease



**Growth trial** 



Slaughter trial



Digestive metabolic trial



Molecular biology trial

### Reproduction

Artificial insemination in countryside
Repeated mating after delivery
Synchronization methods
Cycle reproduction mode
All-in and all-out production mode
Heat stress effect on reproduction

Disease control
Clostridium perfringens (Type A)
Rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD)
Rabbit epidemic meteorism disease

### Signs of rabbit epidemic meteorism disease





### Housing and environment

### a. Rabbit house types in China

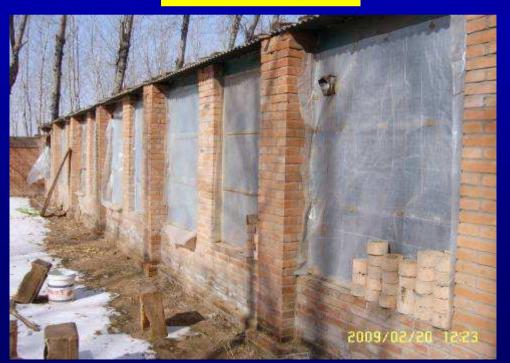




Greenhouse used by small farm



open sheds





open-front rabbit house



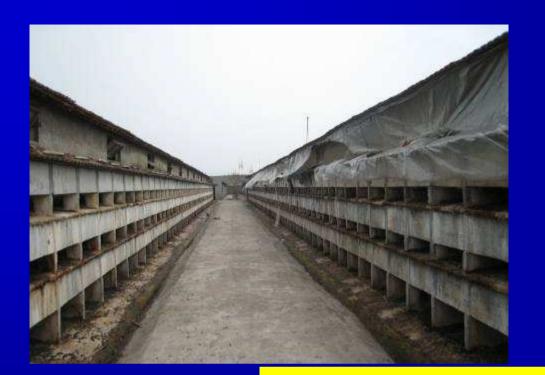
Closed rabbit house with plastic film as window sash

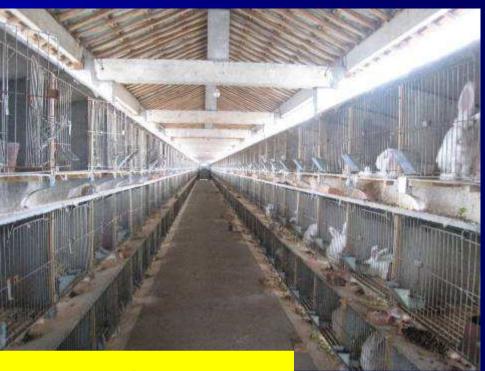






**Closed Rabbit house with windows** 





open sheds with concrete cages



















Heat supply



### b. Developing water air-conditioner

Cooling in summer and supply heating in winter, integrated in one equipment;

Supply fresh air when house is closed;











Supply fresh air

### 2.2 Rabbit Organization

The rabbit branch of animal husbandry association of China

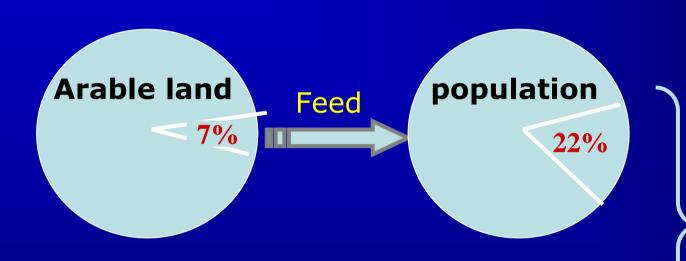
The expert committee

The rabbit profession committee of animal husbandry and veterinary science association of many province such as Shandong, Sichuan, Fujian, Hebei.

An organization contains many members of university, institute and farms.

### 3. Problems and Prospect

Reality and promotion for rabbit farming



large amount of grassland resources large amount surplus rural labor.

**Strategy:** 

Developing grain-saving livestock industry

(rabbit farming)

### promoting development of rabbit industry

Agricultural policies

Scientific research

Land supply

Financial Support

legislation

State Law on Farmers'
Professional Cooperatives



Rabbit farming cooperatives

### conclusion

- Rabbit farms are turning from scattered small-scale individual ones into medium and large scale centralized ones, but the standardization level is still generally low.
- Lack of good meat and rex rabbit breed for normal farms
- Feedstuff quality control and raw material process
- High productive efficiency( reproduction and disease control)
- With fast development of Chinese economy, Chinese rabbit industry will has a bright future

