

# **Current Development and Prospect: Potato Production and Processing in China**

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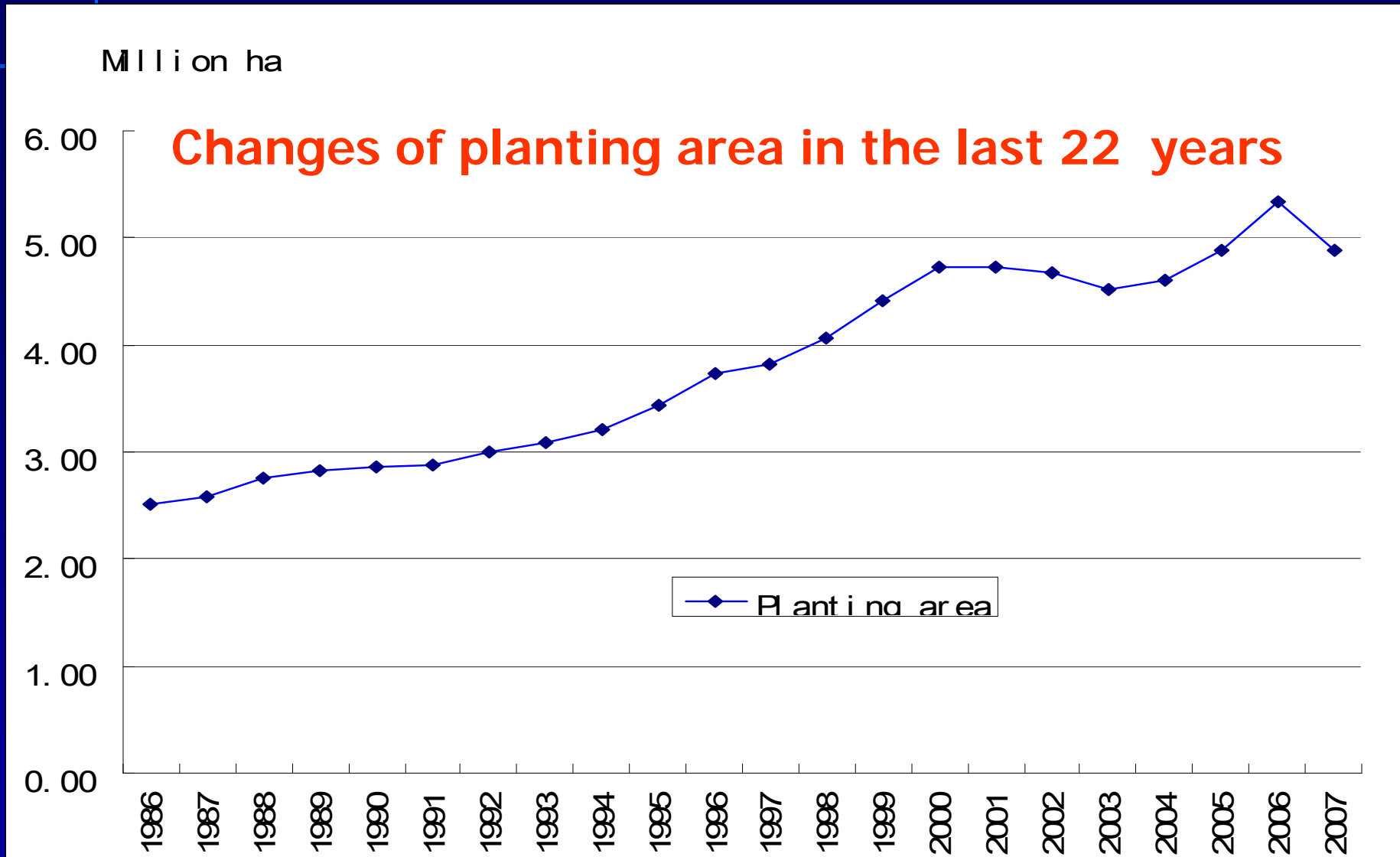
# The importance of potato industry

- Fifth most important food crop in China:
  - Vegetables and staple food
  - Processing
- Poverty alleviation
- Food security
- Farmer's income

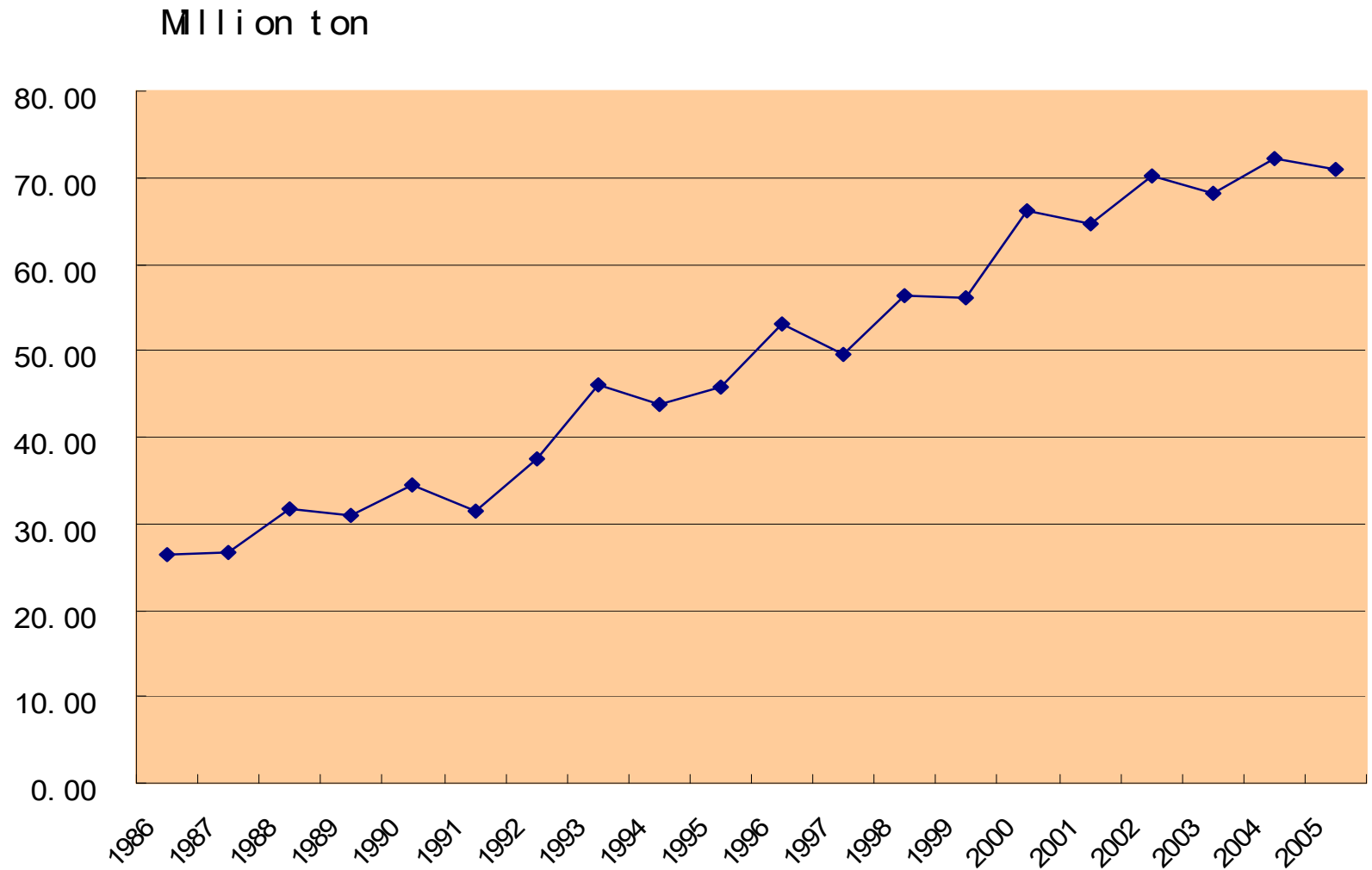


# 1. Over view potato production in China

## 1.1 Steady growth of production



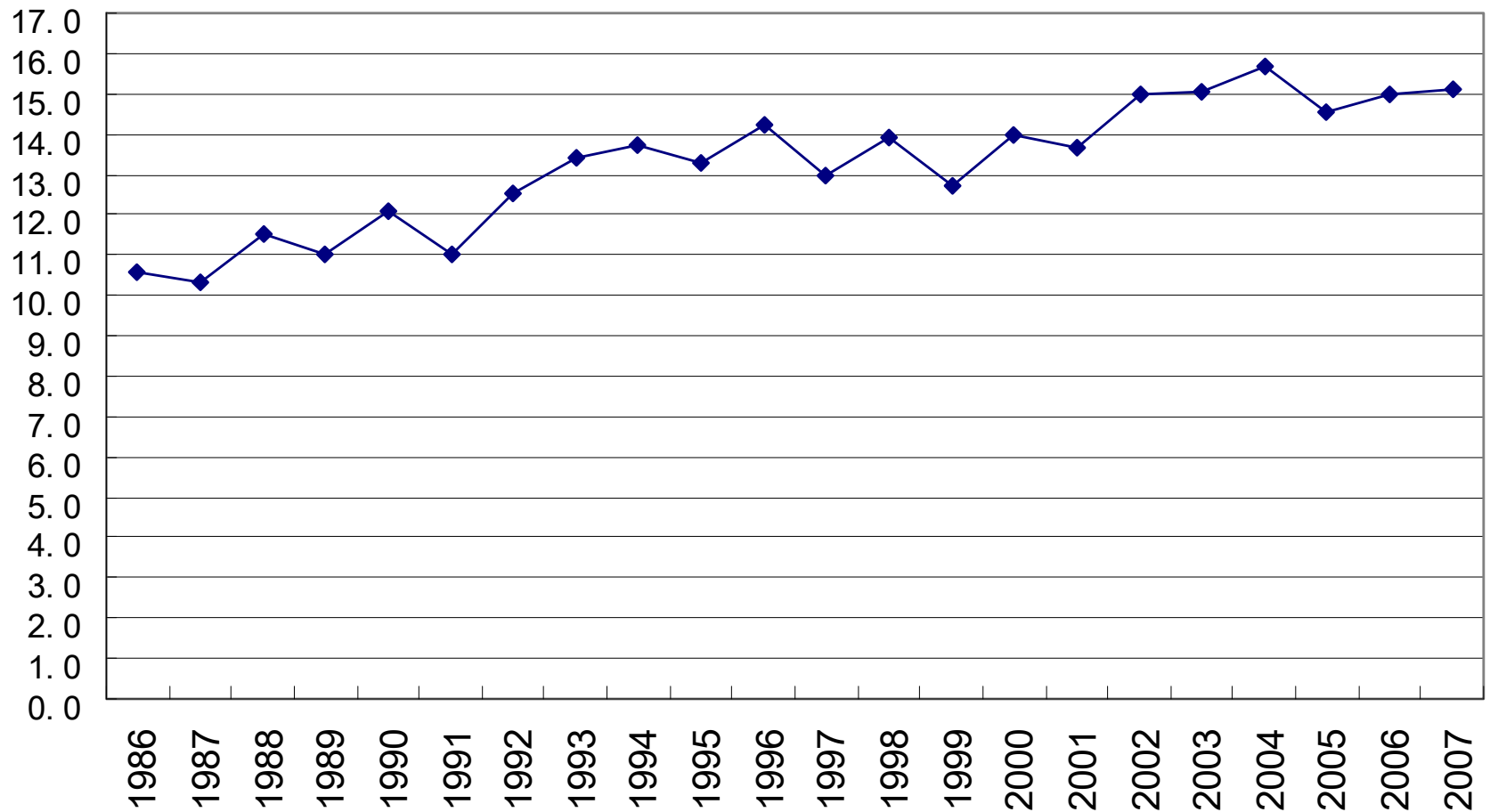
## Changes of potato production in the last 20 years



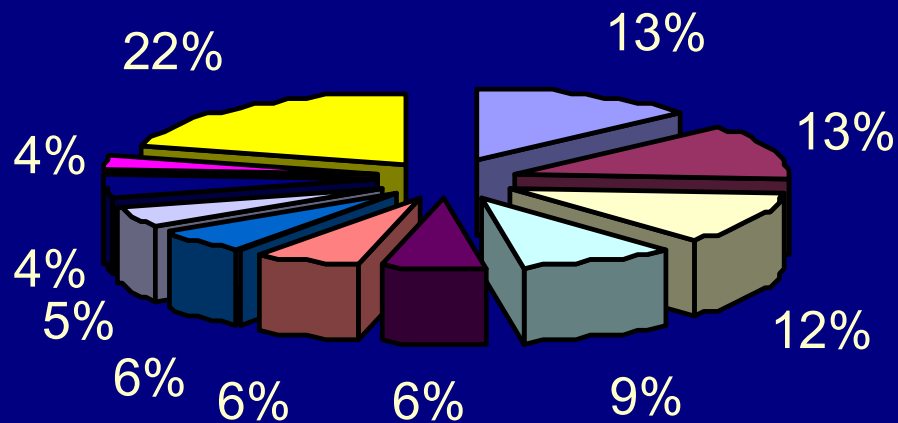


## Changes of potato yield in the last 22 years

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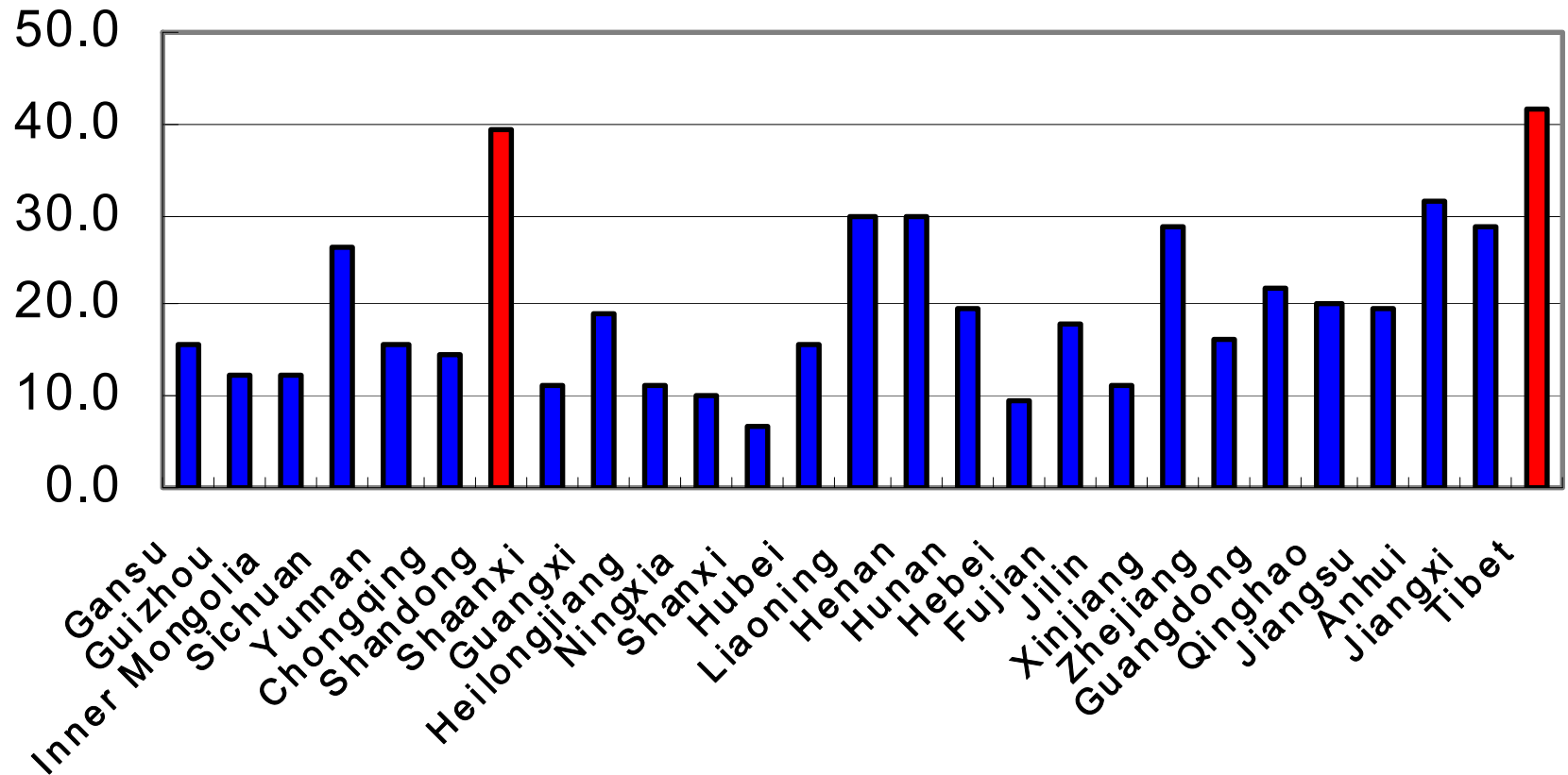


# 10 leading provinces by area

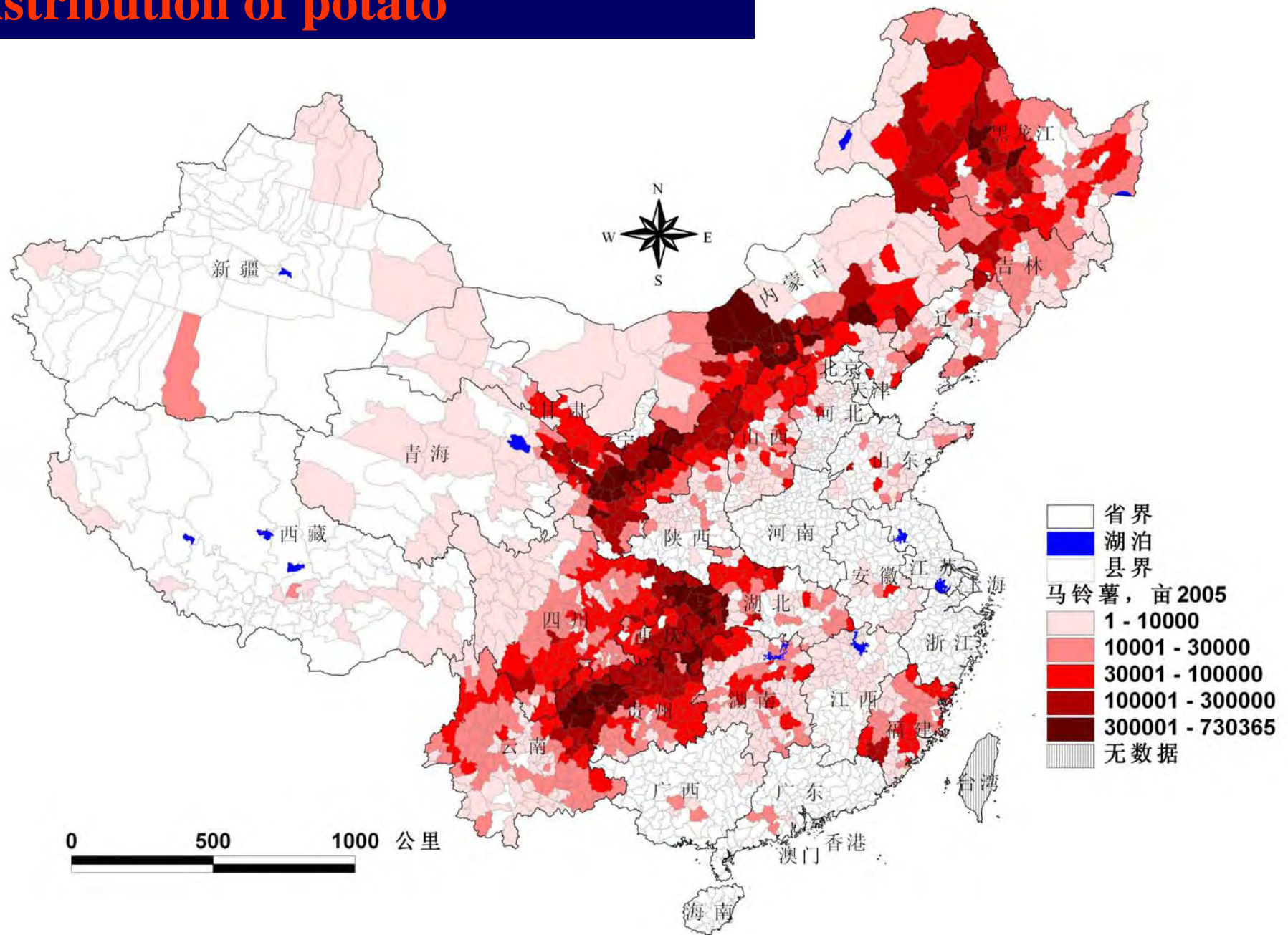


- Gansu
- Inner Mongolia
- Guizhou
- Yunnan
- Chongqing
- Shanxi
- Sichuan
- Shaanxi
- Heilongjiang
- Ningxia
- other

# Yield changes by province in 2007



# Distribution of potato





## 1.2 Dominant zones being formed

- Growing 49% of China's potato
- Main region for seed potatoes
- For processing
- For fresh market

**The Northern single cropping zone**

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**The Southwestern mixed cropping zone**

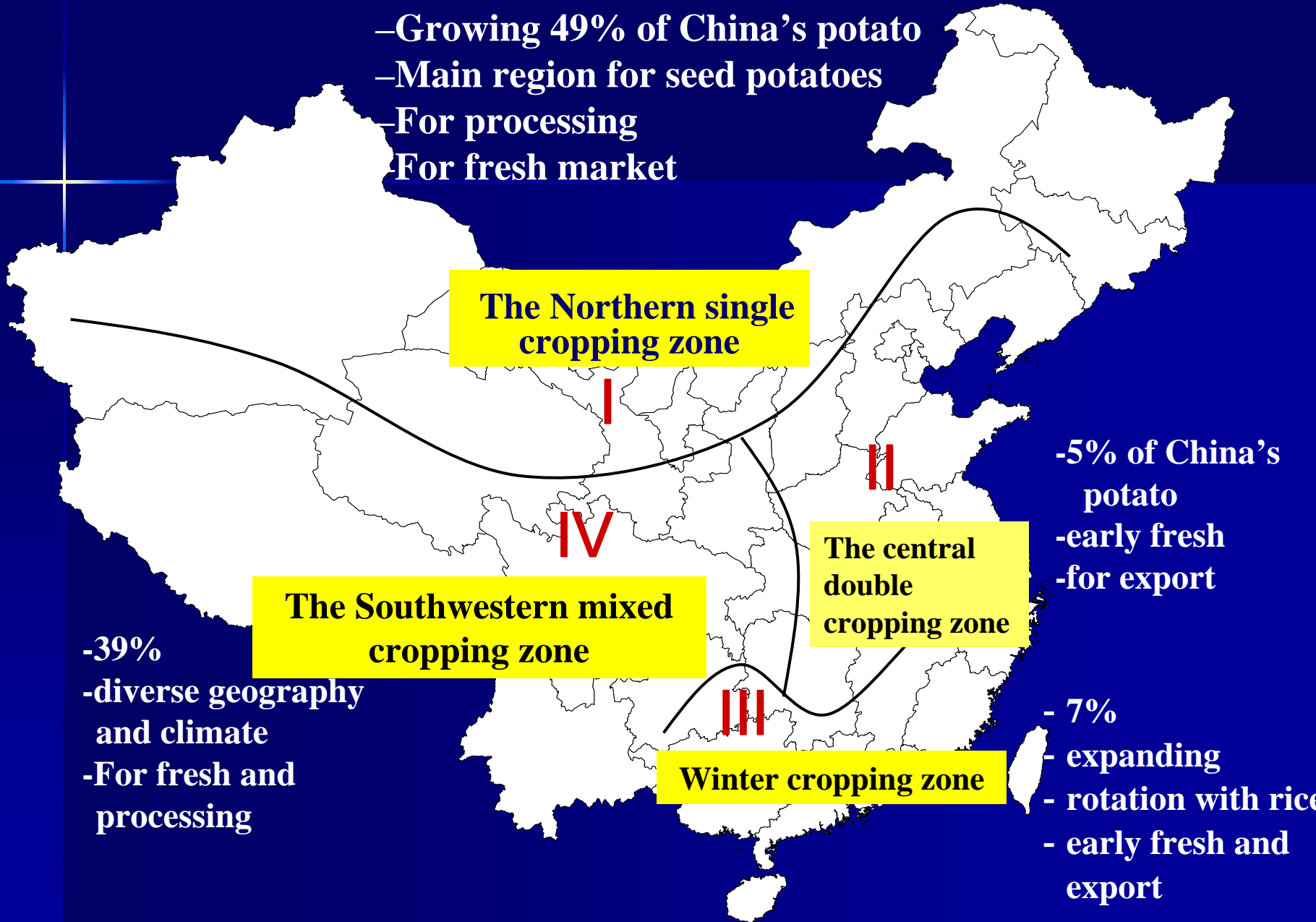
- 39%
- diverse geography and climate
- For fresh and processing

**The central double cropping zone**

**Winter cropping zone**

- 5% of China's potato
- early fresh
- for export

- 7%
- expanding
- rotation with rice
- early fresh and export



## 1.3 Expanded use of improved variety and quality seed

### Varieties

- ➔ >120 varieties have been developed in last 10 years
- ➔ 90 of them being grown commercially presently



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### **Seed potatoes production**

- ➡ **400 million of minitubers produced**
- ➡ **25% of total growing area use good quality seed**
- ➡ **Seed and marketing participated by institutes, universities, enterprises and joint ventures**
- ➡ **23 national minituber propagation centers have been established**
- ➡ **2 national potato quality supervision centers**



# Seed potatoes production



# Main seed potato production region

## North single cropping regions

- Inner Mongolia, Heilongjiang, Hebei, Gansu, Ningxia, and Qinghai
- Seed tubers are transported to central and winter cropping area

## Southwest mixed-cropping regions

- Guizhou, Yunnan, Hubei, Chongqing, Sichuan
- Supplying seed tubers inside the region



# 1.4 Improvement in cropping mode and culture technology



**mechanized farming**



**mulching for keeping soil moisture in the North**



**Dripping under mulch in Qinghai**

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intercropping



mulching for keeping soil warm





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no/less tillage with rice straw covering

## 2. Overview of potato Processing industry

- ➔ > 5000 enterprises , among them, only 140 in large scale(10,000 products per year)
- ➔ Refined starch: 2 million tons of designed capacity, 300,000tonnes output. Potato shortage.
- ➔ flour : about 10 companies with a capacity of 100,000 tons, output 30,000 tons
- ➔ fries : about 10 companies with processing capacity of 130,000 tons, output 70,000tons
- ➔ Chips: about 30 with processing capacity of 130,000 tons
- ➔ Starch noodles: 80,000 tons

### **3. Technical needs**

- ➡ **seed potatoes quality improvement**
- ➡ **Varieties development**
- ➡ **Mechanization of farming**
- ➡ **Storage technology**
- ➡ **Processing**



## 4. Prospects

- **Growing consumer demand inside China**
  - Per capita increased from 14kg in 2000 to 38 kg in 2006.
  - More Raw material for processing
  - Quality seed potatoes
- **Bright prospects for exports**
  - Increasing of international trade in 2000-2006
  - Geographical advantage for export potato to neighbouring countries (potential markets)

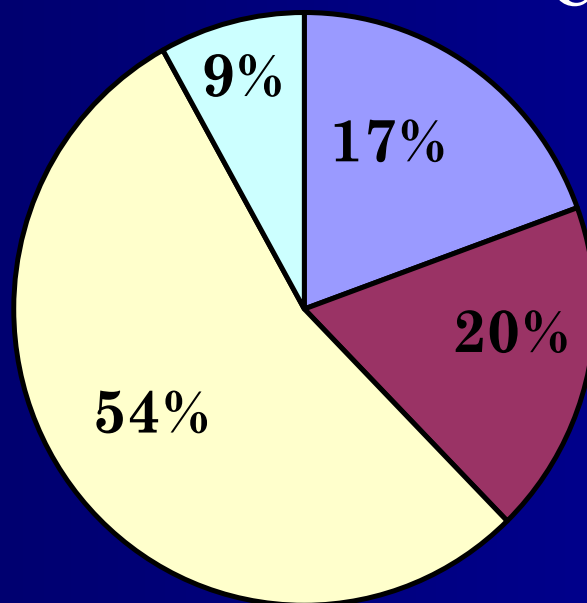
# Importers of frozen fries in ESEA (2002)

Rep.of Korea

China

ASEAN

Japan





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