

A Short Review of the Hybrid Rice Seed Industry in China by YAN Weibin, CEO LPHT

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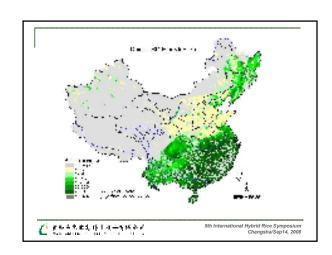
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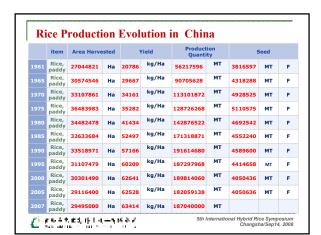
- General Review of the History

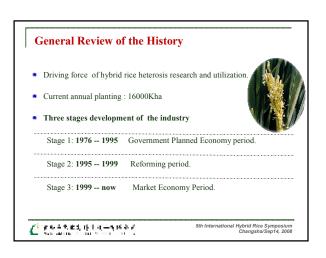
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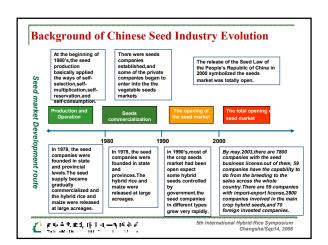
- Development Trend

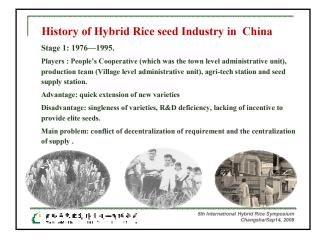
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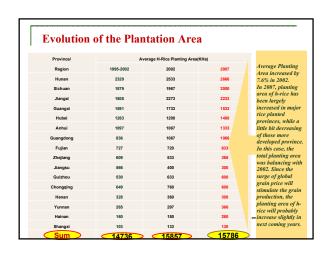


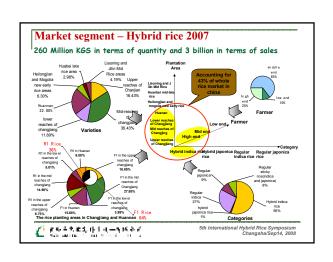












Analysis of Current Situation

- Supply has been always much over the Requirement in the recent years

Hybrid rice seed production data from 2004 to 2007

Year	Hybrid rice seed production area (KHa)	Quantity (KMT)	Seed Inventory in the past year (KMT)	Quantity of the supply in the market (KMT)
2004	96	260	70	330
2005	104	265	60	325
2006	100	270	80	350
2007	76	215	120	335

Note: Because of the over-anticipation of the market, the supply of hybrid rice seeds has been more than the demand in recent years. The quantity of remained seed storage is more than \$0,000 ton every year, and this condition can't be changed within short period.

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Analysis of Current Situation - Too much same-level varieties has been released in recent years. The extension area of the main hybrid rice varieties in 2006 The percentage occupying the total rice No. of Variety Planting area sowing area 2,583KHa More than 333kha 8.8% 12 More than 133kha 2.228KHa 7.6% More than 67kha 2.605KHa 8.9% More than 33kha 2 736 KHa 9 3% only s varieties of extension area more than 333,000ha, and the sowing area occupied 15% of the total hybrid rice sowing area In recent years, there are more than 100 new varieties pass the national or provincial-level approval. In 2007, there were more than 50 new varieties passed the national-level release approval, and more than 1000 varieties were under commercial promotion in the market. 5th International Hybrid Rice Symposium Changsha/Sep14, 2008

The Main Policies in China for the Industry

- Access to the industry:
- 1997 Regulation for Foreign Companies to Invest in Crop Seed Industry
- FDI Industry Category Guidebook ,2007 Revised Version
- Law:
- 《Regulation of the protection to new plant varieties》 released in Mar.1997
- 《Seed Law》 was released on July 08 2000
- Department Regulation
- Seed administration Regulation
- Measures for the implementation of crop variety certification
- Agro-product safety management

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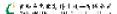
IP Policies in China

- China has implemented all necessary tools for an efficient IP policy
 - China is a member of UPOV since April 1999 and has developed UPOV 78-like regulation to protect plant varieties
 - $\,\,\Box\,\,$ Chinese patent law exists since 1984 and has been revised in 1992 and 2000
 - Specific provisions exist regarding copyright, unfair competition, biological deposit, etc.
 - Historical and recent cases show that IP enforcement is efficient in all Chinese regions

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Analysis of Current Situation

- Industry concentration level is still low although it has risen in recent years, and administrative forces still play a great important role in the market.
- -The top 5 seed companies in Hunan, Sichuang and Jiangxi got more than half of market shares based on market researches in each of the above three provinces.
- -Up to now no company has got an annual seed sales revenue of above one billion RMB .
- -The limited business scale and low profitability of the operation became a big pressure for the seed companies to invest in their R&D, human resources and facility improvement.
- -"Elite Seed Subsidize Program" and other favorite policies to promote the growers to choose elite seed.
- -It is a must to change the way of thinking as well as the behavior of the agriculture administration agencies.

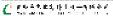


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Analysis of Current Situation We are locating at primary stage of seed industry while the international seed companies stepping in the senior stage. Fourth Stage CR3 First Stage Third Stage Balance and Union Stage Start Assemble Maximum Seed Industry Minimum Core competitive ability (Capital efficiency Structure efficiency Structure efficiency Management efficiency The homoplasy and coherence become the main facts in competitions to the world wide seed 5th International Hybrid Rice Symposium Changsha/Sep14, 2008 ② 資本年代企業件1項→有限各項 →有限各項 →有限

Main Restraints and Concerns to the Development

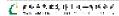
- -The history of seed business development is short, the industrialization was launched in 1990's.
- -Small size and capabilities of further investment is very limited.
- -Low input on R&D, lack of professional R&D talents.
- -Weakness in competitions in overseas market since the lack of experience.
- -Not ready for GMO



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Trend of Hybrid Rice Seed Industry Development

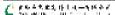
- -Generally speaking, hybrid rice seed industry is stepping into an upgrading period.
- -Competition transfers from product and price to the value of the supply and service.
- -Companies started their research programs with own property
- -Step into the international markets.



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Conclusion

After 30 years development, the business model of Chinese Hybrid Rice Industry has been greatly changed and improved. As time goes-by, China is turning to a free market economy, seeding companies, even is not big right now, must become major players in the market. "Let hybrid rice make greater contributions to people all over the world" is not only the great desire of Prof. Yuan $Longping, \ but \ also \ the \ ideal \ of \ LHPT, of \ myself.$ Let's try our best to do something for that!



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Thank You!

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