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Abstracts

Crop Farming China News provides you with real-time intelligence on China's agricultural commodities markets.

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Chinese agriculture is undergoing rapid reform as China attempts to increase yields while also reducing pollution and mitigating the impact of the country's rapid urbanization on land availability.

There are also signs of a gradual shift in the government's priorities as previous concerns over self-sufficiency are weighed against the possible benefits of market liberalization. Any change in policy could have far-reaching effects on commodities markets not just in China but across the world.

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interviews with insiders at leading Chinese companies, associations and government organizations

HEADLINE

In mid-Oct., despite the weak demand for fungicide TC, most fungicide manufacturers in China have maintained normal production, and some even increased their operating rates. It's time for the producers to get their goods ready again. Most of them have implemented policies to keep the price unchanged, which will contribute to more deals.

After the National Day holiday, domestic insecticide TC producers maintained normal production as that before the holiday. However, the operating rate was low on the whole. Specifically, producers of organophosphorus insecticide TC ran normally with low operating rate; producers of nicotinamide insecticide TC actively adjusted operating rate according to sales; Producers of pyrethroid insecticide TC were not so enthusiastic about production because of poor sales of most of products.

Domestic enterprises gradually start producing compound fertilisers for the winter market, which will increase demands for MAP. MAP prices are expected to remain stable while showing a tendency to edge up.

In the morning of 11 Oct., an unmanned operation demonstration was carried out at the pilot demonstration site of Jiangsanjiang Unmanned Farm, the world's first unmanned farm of over 10,000 mu jointly built by Country Garden and Beidahuang. In the demonstration, more than 40 most-advanced agricultural implements and machineries in the world were used in the whole process including farming, planting, managing, harvesting and transporting of rice, corn and soybean. This demonstration not only indicates that important progress has been made in the pilot demonstration project of unmanned farm jointly built by Country Garden and Beidahuang, but makes solid foundation for exploring systematic solution for whole-process unmanned operation for the next step.

According to the office of the leading team of chemical industry safety and environmental protection rectification and upgrading of Xiangshui County, Yancheng City, Jiangsu Province, Xiangshui Zhongshan's application for work resumption of 8 production lines including 30,000 t/a atrazine, 3000 t/a mesotrione, 3,000 t/a bentazone, 10,000 t/a ametryn, 8,000 t/a prometryn, 3,000 t/a terbutryn, 2,000 t/a simetryn and 26,769 t/a sodium thiomethoxide has passed first review of the Management Committee

of Xiangshui Ecological Chemical Park and county-level acceptance, and it is qualified to be submitted for municipal review. Whether these 8 production lines can resume operation depends on if they can pass municipal review.

In early-Oct., FAO officially issued the updated standard for 2,4-D TC. This new standard was updated by Jiangxi Tianyu, Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data of the US and 2,4-D Annex III Task Force of EU, and the joint application for updating passed the assessment of FAO's experts. Jiangxi Tianyu's participation in making the new FAO standard for 2,4-D TC changes China's manufacturer from a follower to a leader in international market and helps improve the quality level of China's 2,4-D industry.

Based on its estimation of the market and the needs for long-term development, Nanjing Weixun has established Guangxi Weixun as wholly-owned subsidiary in the Petrochemical Industrial Park, Tiandong County, Baise City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and will build a new production base over there. The subsidiary will be responsible for the implementation of the production base project, and will further build TC and intermediate capacity in the production base.

Chongqing Shurong, a leading enterprise in pesticide formulation in China, plans to launch a 126,000 t/a pesticide formulation project to construct pesticide formulation production workshops that are domestically-advanced and highly-intelligent in environmental protection and intelligentization as well as to expand the production scale of pesticide formulation products, so as to continuously improve its core competitiveness in the field of pesticide formulation and consolidate its leading position in China's terminal formulation industry of glyphosate.

In 2020, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China keeps emphasizing on speeding up the formation of the new development pattern which takes greater economic circulation at home as mainstay, supplemented by mutual promotion of double economic circulations at home and abroad. Under the tough economic situation with huge uncertainties currently, this new development pattern is put forward in line with China's development stage, environment and condition, and it is a new strategic choice for China to rebuild new advantages in international cooperation and competitiveness. In the case of new development strategy, it is urgent for China's pesticide industry to develop toward high quality. Therefore, industrial structure should be kept optimized, transformation of driving force for innovative development of the industry should be sped up and open-up of the industry should continuously be expanded.

In early Oct., NATESC, as required by the Department of Crop Production, MOA, brought together an expert panel to help promote wheat seed dressing prior to autumn sowing and keep wheat pests and diseases during autumn and winter at bay. The expert panel, based on the occurrence of wheat pests and diseases in reality in recent years, formulated the 2020 Instructions on the Prevention and Control of Wheat Pests and Diseases in Autumn and Winter.

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