

China to reduce use of pesticide by 10%

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China to reduce the use of pesticides in the cultivation of vegetables and fruit by 10 per cent within three years, according to China's Ministry of Agriculture.

China is one of the largest users of pesticides, and overuse of pesticides can spoil the quality of the soil. Agriculture Ministry decided to cut the use of pesticides on rice, wheat and corn by 5 per cent and increase the use of organic fertilisers by 2025.

China is handling the problem since 2015 and started a campaign to decline the use of chemicals by 2020. Since then use of pesticides and fertilisers has dropped by 16.8 per cent and 13.8 per cent in 2021.

China will focus on the use of biopesticides by more than 55 per cent to protect crops from pests and disease by 2025.