

## China allocates \$181 Mn for crop pest control

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China has recently earmarked its first round of funding this year to protect agricultural production from pests and diseases, according to the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

The MOF and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs jointly allocated these funds to about 1.25 billion yuan (about \$181.8 million).

The MOF said the fund will be used to purchase pesticides and other tools needed for the prevention and control of crop pests and diseases, adding that the funds will also help subsidise related operations and services.

According to this year's government work report, China aims to keep its grain output over 650 million tonnes in 2023.

Spring sowing and ploughing, usually spanning from February to May across the country, plays a pivotal role in grain production every year.