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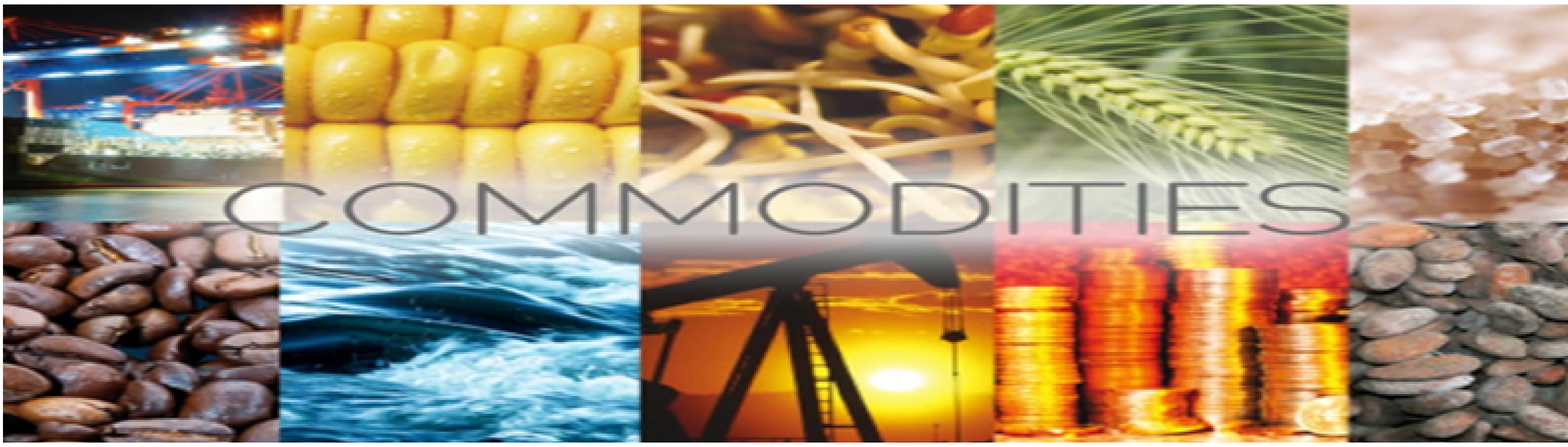

China's Wheat Purchases Exceed 90 Million Tonnes
China's grain market operators have purchased more than 90 million tonnes of wheat nationwide as the summer grain buying season reaches its peak. Since August, minimum purchase price programs have been activated for wheat in Henan and early indica rice in Jiangxi and Hunan, supporting farmer interests and helping stabilize market expectations. **(Xinhua)**

China's Chicken Exports Surge as Domestic Prices Strengthen
China's chicken market strengthened in August, with prices rising for two consecutive weeks to 22.45 yuan/rmb (about 3.13 USD) per kg. Poultry exports surged 59.5% year-on-year to 844,100 tonnes in the first half of 2026, while export value rose 37% to $1.865 billion. Rising prices and overseas demand improved prospects for producers. **(CCTV Finance)**

China's Early Rice Production Remains Stable In 2026
China's early rice output reached 28.29 million tonnes in 2026, down 0.8% year-on-year but remaining above 28 million tonnes for the sixth consecutive year. Sown area edged up 0.03%, while yields fell 0.8% amid typhoons and heavy rainfall. Despite weather disruptions, stable production provides a solid foundation for China's annual grain supply. **(Xinhua)**

China's Soybean Oil Market Faces Shifting Supply and Demand
China's soybean oil market remains well supplied in the near term, with inventories at elevated levels following strong soybean arrivals. However, procurement for early 2027 remains limited, while import costs are rising. Changes in U.S. soybean production, Brazilian supplies and global vegetable oil markets are reshaping China's supply conditions and could influence domestic market dynamics. **(Futures Daily)**

China's Steel Output Increases as Production Capacity Recovers
China's major steelmakers increased crude steel production in early August as blast furnaces resumed operations after maintenance. Average daily crude steel output reached 1.973 million tonnes, up 5.8% from late July. The sector is also seeing potential demand support from infrastructure projects and seasonal restocking by machinery and automotive manufacturers, pointing to steadier market activity. **(CCTV News)**