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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TRIP TO CHINA  
DIARY, 1979**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1978, the Chinese Communist Party initiated a series of economic reforms that were designed to change state-owned farms and businesses to private ownership. In December of that year, the government instituted a series of policies that encouraged foreign trade and investment with the capitalistic powers.

As a result of this thawing, the Indiana Department of Agriculture sent a delegation to China. In the 1978 census of agriculture, Indiana ranked eighth in number of farms and seventh in value of crops sold. Indiana currently ranks eleventh in overall agricultural production with the top areas being the growing of corn for grain and soybeans. Eighty-four percent of the state is either in farms or woodlands.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The item in this collection is a personal account kept by one of the participants of the 1979 Indiana Department of Agriculture trip to China. It contains information about places visited and a detailed account of agricultural production and operation in China, 30 September–21 October 1979.

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