A Brief Introduction to Mountair Farming in Guizhou of China



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Profile of Guizhe

 Guizhou is located in southwestern China, of east longitude 103 ° 36 '~ 109 ° 35' and north latitude 24 ° 37 '~ 29 ° 13. The province's total land area is 176,167 square kilometers, accounting for 1.8% of China's total area.



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 The province's landscape can be broadly divided into three basic types of plateau mountains, hills and basins, in which 92.5% is the former two with the elevation of 148 to 2901. Karst area is 109,084 square kilometers, accounting for 61.9% of Guizhou's total land area.



Kast landscape



 Guizhou's average annual temperature is 15°C, that in January is usually 3°C ~ 6°C while 22°C ~ 25°C in July. **Annual precipitation is from** 688 mm to 1,480 millimeters unevenly distributed across province. There are over 150 cloudy days in a year.









 Guizhou's soil area is 159 square kilometers, accounting for 90.4% of the total land area, in which only 83.7% can be used for agriculture, forestry and animal with typical stereo characteristics based on various ecological conditions.







The Constraints of Mour Farming in Guizhou

 The sunrays, temperature and rainfall in Guizhou can theoretically meet most local crops' requirement in whole growth period. However, the crops often suffer from flood and

• drought seasonally and regionally due to insufficient irrigation facilities. As a consequence, crop's yield is decreased and soil erosion is increased by flash flood down slope, which severely reduces the sustainability of mountain farming.

Major crops in Guizhe

Items	Sown area (1000 ha)	Irrigat ed (%)	Rain fed (%)	Potential yield irrigated (t/ha)	Potential yield rain-fed (t/ha)	Potential yield average (t/ha)	Potential output (1000 t)
Rice	1139.1	79.0	21.0	7.3	7.3	7.3	8315.4
Wheat	571.8	9.9	90.1	8.0	8.0	8.0	4574.4
Maize	918.5	0	100	5.0	5.0	5.0	4592.5
Potato	360.2	0	100	6.1	5.3	5.3	1909.1
Soybean	175.6	0	100	2.8	2.8	2.8	491.7
Rapeseed	580.8	0	100	2.9	2.9	2.9	1684.3









CONCLUSION

In conclusion, improving sustainability of mountain farming in Guizhou province of China basically relies on the construction of infrastructure focusing on irrigation facilities of farming land....



