

### China Key Facts

- Population of 1.3 Billion
- City Tier System (Unofficial)
  - Indicator of population, consumer sophistication, income levels, and business opportunities
  - Tier 1: Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen
  - There are 300 Tier 3 cities with populations of 1 to 3 million

### **Chinese Peanut Industry**

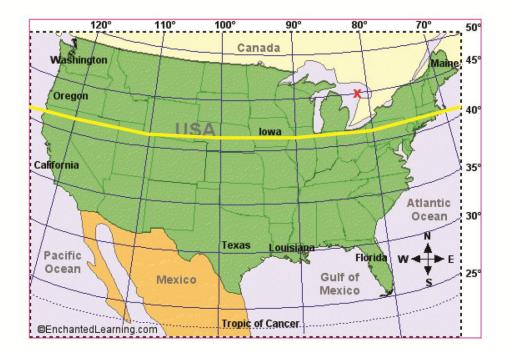
- Production of 12 to 14 million metric tons
- 20 million peanut farmers
- Internally, 65% consumed as oil; 35% edible
- Production not keeping pace with demand
   Land and labor costs
- Edible oil outlook bearish; peanut oil stable
- Chinese peanut quality poor due to handling, low OL ratios and PV, low consumer expectations

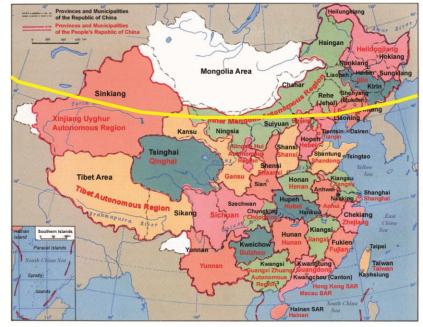


Map 1: Agroecological zones of peanut production in China



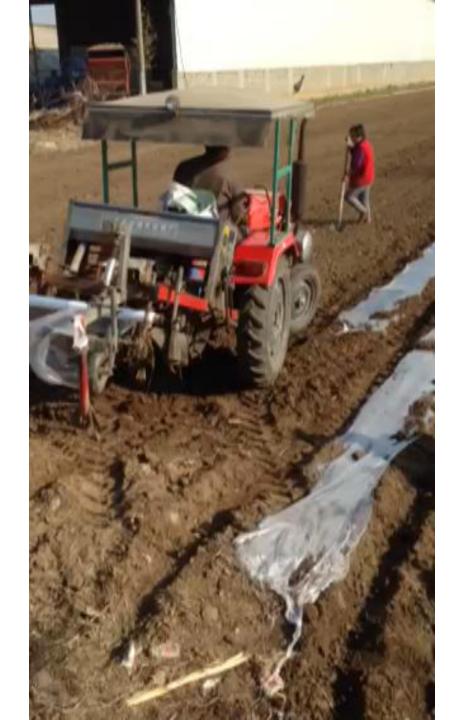
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### U.S. Opportunities

- Raw peanut sales
- U.S. branded products

### **Raw Peanuts**

- Challenges
  - Price will always be an issue
  - Import duties add further price pressure
    - The Chinese Chamber said to not expect relief
    - The consensus was the "gray market" wasn't worth it
  - Competition
    - Internal market
    - Other origins- India and Argentina primarily
  - Consumers and industry
    - Don't recognize that peanuts are as healthy as other nuts
    - Accustomed to getting product that is not fresh
      - Maybe why peanuts are considered inferior

## Raw (cont.)

- Opportunities
  - As the world's low cost producer, Chinese buyers see the U.S. as a potentially reliable, costcompetitive supplier
  - They see potential benefits to having a supply that is fresh (Low PV, FFA)
  - Support the shellers where requested and then stay out of their way

#### Your next great market?



### Getting U.S. Brands to China

- How can we connect U.S. brands to Chinese consumers?
- Over 600 million Chinese are online
- Over 300 million shop online
  Over half use a smart phone to shop
- 10% of retail sales online; 20% by 2017
- Can B2B or B2C Platforms take away logistical challenges, currency and credit risks
  - Alibaba's Tmall, JD.com, Amazon

#### Costco 'shocked' by one-day sales of \$3.5M on Alibaba's Tmall site

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Costco will expand more heavily into China after it sold \$3.5 million worth of goods over a 24-hour period with the help of Alibaba.



In other countries, e-commerce is a way to shop, in China it is a lifestyle.

-Jack Ma, Alibaba founder













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