The History and Prospects of Russian-Chinese Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture in the Far Eastern Federal District (Summary)

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The subject of this article is the prospects for cooperation between China and the Far Eastern regions of Russia in the field of agriculture. An analysis of the political and economic aspects of ensuring food security in China leads the authors to conclude that cooperation with Russia is now a necessary link for China on this issue. In the article, the authors describe the basic climatic conditions and possibilities for the Russian Far East, also analyzing the agricultural production during the USSR period. As a result, a conclusion is drawn about the significant potential of the Far Eastern regions in organizing joint agricultural production with the aim of further exporting agricultural products to the Asia-Pacific markets, including China. The article also briefly describes the main problems that hinder the implementation of these plans and highlights the negative experience of cooperation in the field of agriculture in the 1990s and early 2000s. Analyzing all of this, in conclusion, the authors propose a number of steps that would allow to avoid past mistakes and would contribute to a more successful realization of the existing potential.

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