


## 54,43 million tons! The country's first South African feed corn arrives in the Mayong port area of Dongguan Port

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At about 1:00 p.m. on May 4, the "Hera" ship (English name MV DARYA HEERA) from South Africa carried 54,300 tons of feed corn and successfully docked in the Mayong port area of Dongguan Port, marking the smooth arrival of feed corn imported from South Africa by China's first ship.



As a grain variety for both grain and feeding, corn accounts for more than 60% of the feed consumption and about 30% of the industrial consumption. On April 18, according to the data of the China Feed Industry Association, the national industrial feed output in March was 25.11 million tons, an increase of 10.4% month-on-month and a year-on-year increase of 5.5%. The proportion of corn in the combined feed produced by feed enterprises was 38.1%, a year-on-year increase of 1.3 percentage points, and the demand for corn feed was stable. There is a rise.

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The feed-grade yellow corn produced in South Africa, with low moisture, low impurities and excellent quality, is an important source of high-quality feed corn in the world. COFCO closely follows the international and South African corn market situation, actively communicates with South African government departments, and successfully promotes the bulk ship import of feed-grade yellow corn from South Africa. This is the first ship of feed corn imported by our country from South Africa, which is a new achievement of further deepening economic and trade cooperation between China and South Africa, and has opened up a new space for mutual benefit and win-win agricultural cooperation between countries and regions along the Belt and Road Initiative. After this batch of corn arrived in Hong Kong smoothly today and has undergone strict inspection and quarantine, we will quickly supply it to domestic feed enterprises to meet the demand of the feed market. Chen Tao, Secretary of the Party Committee and General Manager of COFCO Trade Coastal Region, told reporters.



It is reported that the maritime department ensures the safe and rapid entry of feed corn from South Africa on the first ship by opening green channels, strengthening intelligent control, and strengthening the safety management of the ship port interface. As a member of the youth commando team, I and other team members take the initiative to contact pilots, ships, docks and other subjects to formulate escort plans according to the actual situation of the ship's loading of goods and navigation. Feng Weichen of the Xinsha South Sea Patrol and Law Enforcement Brigade of the Mayong Maritime Department in Dongguan said.





In recent years, in accordance with the national decision-making and deployment, relevant departments have actively and orderly promoted the work related to grain imports, vigorously expanded diversified grain import channels, continuously optimized the structure of grain import varieties, and increased the supply of domestic corn, barley, sorghum and other feed grain through various measures. Under the background of relatively stable supply and demand of rations, special attention is paid to ensuring food security with feed food. The import of feed corn from South Africa has injected long-term impetus into China's food security, strengthening agricultural cooperation with South Africa, and promoting the interconnection of industrial chain supply chains between the two countries.



Mayong Town, Dongguan is the largest grain and oil industry agglomeration area in South China and one of the three major grain and oil processing bases in China. It brings together top grain merchants at home and abroad, such as COFCO International, with a storage capacity of more than 6 million tons in the whole region. It undertakes the country's import of corn, wheat and other grain transportation and logistics services to Guangdong Province and many provinces around Guangdong. The combined transportation mode of grain public iron and water, Haijiang River has been continuously developed, and the modern grain logistics system has been basically formed. COFCO said that it will integrate all resources, actively explore new models, continuously expand new businesses, better serve the country, serve the people's livelihood, and make every effort to contribute.



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