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Grain and Cotton Production

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1.
The total production of grain was 299,174,000,000 catties.¹ This was 14.6 percent increase over grain production in 1951. The total production of raw cotton was 26,686,000 piculs.² This was a 22 percent increase over raw cotton production in 1951.

Cotton Weaving Factory

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2. the North China Textile Bureau planned to begin construction of a cotton weaving factory at Shihchiachuang (N 39-02, E 114-28) about 1 April 1953. This factory was to begin production in 1954.
3. The Textile Bureau selected the Shihchiachuang site on the recommendation of five Soviet advisers attached to the factory building committee organized by the bureau in the winter of 1952. The five advisers recommended local use of the cotton produced in North China and determined the factory site in relation to the problems of communication, water supply, quality of the soil, and contour of the earth.
4. The Ching Wei (4842/4885) Weaving Machine Factory³ was to supply the Shihchiachuang factory with all necessary equipment. The initial equipment phase was to include 50,000 spindles and 2,500 looms.

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approximately two million piculs of grain available for export to Eastern
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- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The New China News Agency reported on 29 December 1952
that the estimated raw cotton production for 1952 was 25,840,000 piculs,
20 percent above the production for 1951.
25X1 [] Comment. One picul equals 110.23 pounds.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. [] the Ching Wei Weaving
25X1 Machine Factory is the First Textile Machine Factory of the Ministry of
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