

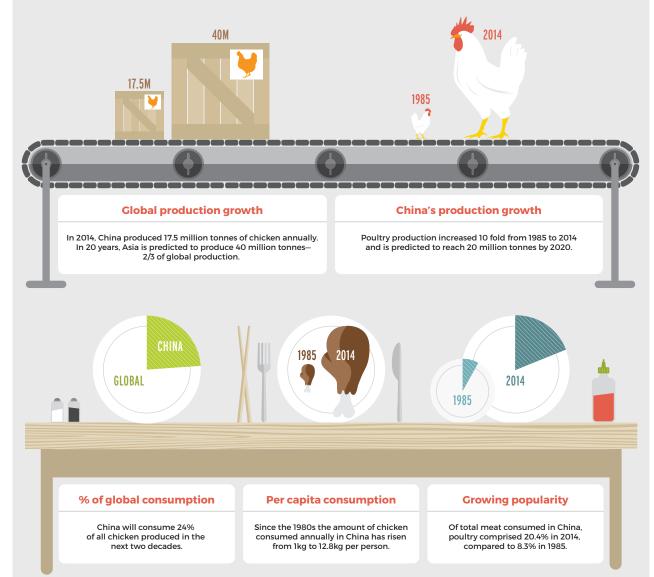
# **BEYOND SOUP & NUGGETS:** THE GLOBAL EFFECTS OF CHINA'S POULTRY INDUSTRY

Poultry production and consumption are growing at an unsustainable rate, especially as demand increases in places like China. Our collective action can reduce the pressure on Earth's resources and improve public health.

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China's poultry industry is the second largest in the world and growing rapidly.



## **RISING DEMAND DRIVES GLOBALIZATION**

Higher demand for poultry causes higher demand for feed. This need-for-feed causes environmental impacts elsewhere-like expansion of agriculture into natural habitat, an increase in global land conversion and additional water use.

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In July 2011, retail corn on average topped \$0.43 per kg compared to \$0.33 in July 2010. Feed costs account for 67.7% of production costs for some farmers.

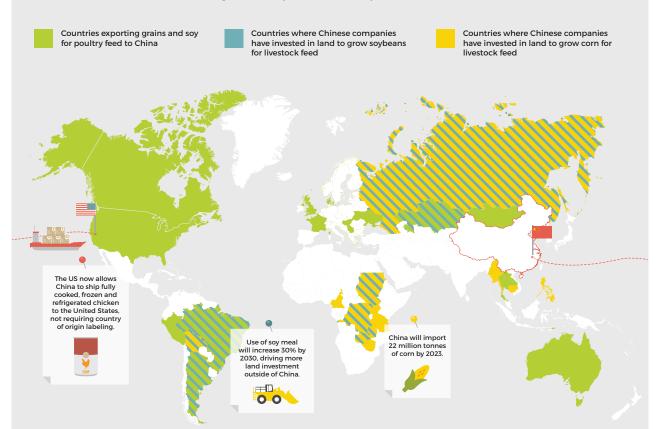
In 2011, shortages of chicken feedstocks in China, such as corn and soybeans, were estimated at around 60 million tons.

Rural and farm labor is becoming increasingly scarce due to opportunities in urban areas.

# **THE REACH IS GLOBAL**

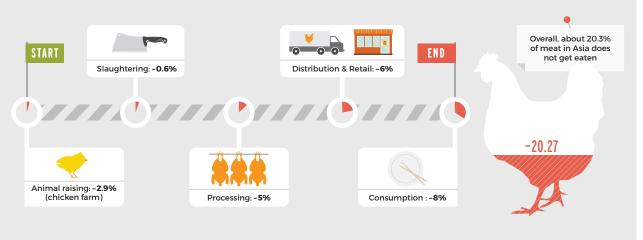
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China's rising chicken production impacts the whole world.



### WASTE OCCURS AT EVERY STAGE ¥

Food waste and loss exacerbates resource scarcity issues and environmental impact.



# **ONE CHICKEN, MANY RESOURCES**

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Chicken production consumes resources and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and water quality issues.

19.39 L WATER

**1.82 KWH ELECTRICITY** 

It takes .87 kg of coal to raise one chicken, enough to watch

ple facility upgrades and e improvements can redu enhouse gas emissions and water pollution.

The amount of feed to produce one

chicken takes 8.35 square meters to grow. That's about the size of an

average living room

TV for 18 hours.



**FOOD SECURITY IS A SERIOUS CHALLENGE** 

China faces limited resources in comparison to their population.



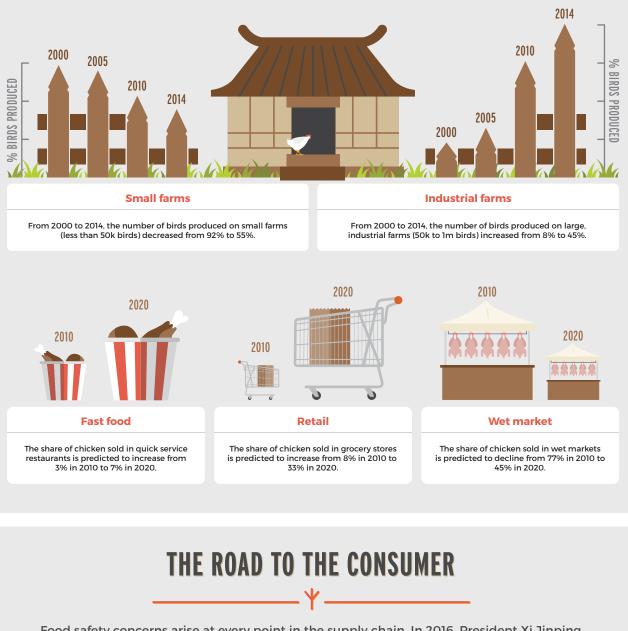
China's large population and relatively limited arable land resources make food security a serious concern. The effects of climate change will heighten these challenges.



Climate change is predicted to decrease crop productivity in China in the coming years, possibly leading to substantial decreases in staple crop harvests.

#### THE INDUSTRY IS SHIFTING

Industry changes are happening too rapidly for producers and regulators to keep up.



Food safety concerns arise at every point in the supply chain. In 2016, President Xi Jinping underscored the need to implement the "strictest" measures to ensure food safety. He said the strongest measures were needed, featuring rigorous standards, strict supervision, serious punishments and an authoritative accountability system.

