

Jiangxi hits pay dirt in poverty relief bid

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With the theme of “targeted poverty alleviation” being vigorously implemented since it was initiated by President Xi Jinping in 2013, Jiangxi Province has made enormous achievements in poverty alleviation by introducing a large number of classic cases adapted to local conditions.

Chongyi County, located in the eastern foothills of the Luoxiao Mountains, is among the nation’s first group of “ecologically civilized” pioneering counties. The county is more than 88 percent covered by forests with all types of plants, and flowers blossoming every season, creating an ideal environment for beekeeping.

Since 2015, Chongyi has relied on highly productive bees in the region to develop apiculture – an industry that has established itself as a special poverty alleviation business, with low investment and quick returns. The government provides funds for households to start the industry, with each box of bees costing 500 yuan and a maximum of 20 boxes. The authorities also offer regular training for households on beekeeping techniques.

Over the past three years, with the help of poverty alleviation policies, Chongyi County has produced about 10,500 boxes of honey, lifting some 1,122 households out of destitution.

Households can earn up to 200 yuan from each box of bees in the first year of operation, and 600

yuan from the second year. On average, each household could rake in between 2,000 yuan and 6,000 yuan annually, according to the Jiangxi Poverty Alleviation and Resettlement Office.

Anyuan County in Ganzhou city, Jiangxi Province, has a century-old history of planting sweet potatoes. Leveraging the unique soil and weather conditions, sweet potatoes grown in Anyuan are sweet and delicious. This year, the county aims to focus on the sweet potato industry with minimum techniques and easy management, that’s widely accepted by the public.

For a long time, sweet potatoes in Anyuan have been cultivated on a small scale and the trade is decentralized. To get rid of the pain points, the Anyuan E-commerce

Office set up e-commerce platforms, which opened up the market for the nutrient plants.

So far, 12 sweet-potato industry bases have been created in towns and villages around Anyuan. The spring harvest of sweet potatoes covered 4960.5 acres, helping 1,972 poor households.

Another industry to help alleviate poverty is the cultivation of mushrooms under the concept of green development. In Anle County, Jiangxi province, the local authorities have been promoting the “cooperative + base + poor household” concept.

The scheme focuses on planting mushrooms using the photovoltaic power generation system, supplemented by seedling flowers. The integrated shed can generate solar

photovoltaic power on the upper side to plant mushrooms, and produce organic food on the lower side.

With a total investment of 16.5 million yuan, the four green modern agriculture bases can accommodate 160,000 square meters of mushrooms with a gross output of 31.2 million yuan. It’s expected to help 173 poor households, providing each a net income of 1,200 yuan annually. As for the photovoltaic power generation, it aims to cover 179 poor households, giving each household an extra income of 3,000 yuan a year.

Jiangxi has big strides in recent years in lifting more counties and villagers out of poverty. The province aims to lift 400,000 people, 1,000 villages and 10 counties out of poverty within this year.



Farmers harvest lotus roots in Ganzhou City, Huichang County, Jiangxi Province. Jiangxi abounds with lotus roots, with ecological breeding cooperatives having been set up to optimize the lotus roots and loach industries.

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Farmers pick late-maturing tangerines at Yangliukeng tangerines base in Anyuan County, Jiangxi Province. Growing late-maturing tangerines is an upgraded industry for local farmers. The planting techniques make the fresh tangerines reserved on the trees until May in the second year. Missing the peak season of fresh fruits going into the market, the late-maturing tangerines are sold at prices three times higher than those of the original fruits, and are sold well abroad.

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Workers set up a greenhouse for the aquaponic system which integrates fish raising and soil-less growing of plants in Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province.

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