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Grain is the key, sweep away everything else

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During China's Great Leap Forward, there was a government slogan: "The key link of agriculture is grain and the key link of industry is steel." In order to achieve agricultural production targets, the central government allowed local officials to enforce the policy brutally, often forcing farmers to grow only grain rather than cash crops, regardless of the suitability of the land.

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