

《“蒜你狠”在中国卷土重来》

导读:大蒜的价格又开始居高不下了,中国的蒜农和蒜商对这种“过山车”行情并不陌生。



The Dutch had Tulip mania in the 17th century, but the Chinese are grappling with a bubble in a bulb of a more pungent sort: garlic.

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Prices have almost doubled in the past year to a record as poor weather and a surge of interest from speculative buyers has turbocharged the market. Given China accounts for more than 80 per cent of the world's garlic exports, importers are struggling.

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“I’ve just come back from China and you can’t buy [any garlic] now,” said Joey Dean of Denimpex, a fruit and vegetable trader in Amsterdam, “Big speculators with big amounts of money have bought quite a lot of volume.”

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There no garlic futures in China, but the renminbi price for the physical product started to rally in late 2015 after

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China accounts for almost 90 per cent of the world's dried garlic exports that are mainly used in food manufacturing. The Chinese supply shortage has coincided with a shortfall in the crop in the US, another leading supplier.

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Traders expect prices to remain firm in the near term.

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"If the next harvest is normal you are going to see this rollercoaster come down by the end the second quarter next year, said Mr Narain.

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