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Research and Development Current Situation of Potato Harvest Technology

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1 Profile of potato in China

- Potato is main food crops in China, its planting area, total output and exports are the highest in the world. Potato is one of important sources of foreign exchange income in China.

- Compared with other food crops, the level of mechanization technology is low.
1 Profile of potato in China

- Potato harvester is mainly piecewise (respectively) harvester or half mechanization harvester at present.
- Potato combine harvest mechanization technology is not mature, low efficiency, poor reliability, and failed to widespread popularization and application.
2 Potato planting patterns and harvest machinery

2.1 Potato planting patterns

- Complex terrain in China
- Different cultivation system of potato

Advantage region distribution as shown below.
2.1 Potato planting patterns

- northeast and north China
- northwest china
- southwest china
- central plains
- southern china

**Represented by shandong**

- Large geographical span, lot size medium
- Multiple cropping patterns
- Low level of mechanization
- small and medium size machine is required
2. Potato planting patterns and harvest machinery

2.1 Potato planting patterns

Planting characteristics in Shandong province

Ridge width 80~90 cm

Ridge height 15~25 cm

Plant spacing 15~20 cm
2 Potato planting patterns and harvest machinery

2.1 Potato planting patterns

potato harvest process

Preparation → Harvesting → Post-processing

vined cutting → digging → carrying → collecting → cleaning → Processing → Storing
2.2 Commonly Potato harvest machinery

Southwest intercropping area such as Yunnan, Guizhou and southern China such as Hunan, Hubei, Guangdong, Guangxi and other areas, mainly use small potato harvester because of well-known reasons.
2.2 Commonly Potato harvest machinery

Central plains including Henan, Shandong and other areas, using piecewise harvester for the special planting patterns and agronomic requirements.
2.2 Commonly Potato harvest machinery

Northern China such as Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and other areas. Due to vast land, there is high demand for large combine harvester.
3 Main research results

3.1 Research Projects

National 11th Five-year-plan Key Technology R&D Program
“Research and Demonstration of mechanized digging and harvesting Technology”

Special Fund for Agro-scientific Research in the Public Welfare Industry (Agriculture)
“Research on Key Technologies of production mechanization and equipment optimization of root crops”
“Research and demonstration of technology of hilly small farm machinery”

National Natural Science Foundation of China
“Mechanical characteristics of root crops in mechanical mining”
3 Main research results

3.2 Cooperation

Zhongji Meinuo Technology Co., Ltd
Qingdao Hongzhu Agriculture Machinery Co., Ltd
3 Main research results

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Since 2006, Zhongji Meinuo Technology Co., Ltd has been working with Qingdao Agricultural University, completed the national science and technology support project, special funds for agro-scientific research in public welfare industry (agriculture) and other projects.
3.2 Cooperation

http://menoble.com/
3 Main research results

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Since 2009, Qingdao Hongzhu Agriculture Machinery Co., Ltd with Qingdao agricultural university has been undertaking jointly the special funds for agro-scientific research in public welfare industry (agriculture) and provincial scientific research project, etc.
3 Main research results

3.2 Cooperation

http://www.hznyjx.com/
3 Main research results

3.3 Main research points

- Soil properties research
- Planting environment research
- Planting patterns research
- Sowing depth, seeding uniformity survey
3 Main research results

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Physical properties analysis and model simulation
3 Main research results

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Key technology and components of potato field mechanization are analyzed in mechanical properties, and optimize the related parameters.
3 Main research results

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- Unit still
- Proportion of dial tooth and speed is greater than 1
- Proportion of dial tooth and speed is equal to 1
- Proportion of dial tooth and speed is less than 1
3 Main research results

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Optimal parameter: Running Speed: 1.3m/s, stir roller speed: 1.8r/s, Height of raising: 175mm

\[ Y_{\text{min}}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = Y(1.3, 1.8, 175) = 82.143 \]

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3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.1 4UD-2 vibration potato harvester

- Vibration digging shovel
- Breaking soil
- Reduce digging resistance
- Increase obvious rate of potato
- Reduce injury rate of potato
3 Main research results

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3.4.2 4U-90 potato harvester

- “S” type separation conveyor chain
- Reduce rate of broken skin
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.2 4U-90 potato harvester
### 3 Main research results

#### 3.4 Developed machine

**3.4.3 Star wheel type multi-function root crops harvester**

- **Star wheel type conveying and separating device**
- **Staggered arrangement**
- **Increase separation rate of potato and soil**
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.3 Star wheel multi-function root crops harvester
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.4 1710A potato combine harvester

- Hydraulic deep limiter
- Flexible separation device
- Hydraulic fruit collecting device
- Intelligent monitoring device
- Reduce loss
- Improve working efficiency
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.4 1710A potato combine harvester
3 Main research results

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- Hydraulic deep limiter

Focus on mechanical sensor combined with enclosed electro-hydraulic steering automatic control technology

To realize automatic combine operation of accompanying guidance
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.4 1710A potato combine harvester

Change connection mode and structure
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

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- Flexible separation device

  Electrohydraulic combined chain conveyor separation technology

  Control technology of vibration security separation
3. Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.4  1710A potato combine harvester

Floating shake soil vibration technology

Technology and device of vibration soil cleaning

Optimizing vibration cleaning mechanism

Adjustable vibration parameters

Improving the effect of soil cleaning and reducing the skin damage of potato
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

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Multistage transmission

To cope with the requirements of harvesting in different soil

The conveying chain can be adjust at different speed with the multi-step gear box
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3.4 Developed machine

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- Hydraulic fruit collecting device

Radar ranging induction control feedback

Accurate positioning, decrease injury rate of potato and realize switch quickly and accurately

HJRD83 radar material level meter
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.4 1710A potato combine harvester

- Further separation of potato and soil
- Hydraulic control, stable and reliable operation

Elevator loading parts

1. Side output
2. Hydraulic lifting folding structure
3. Elevator chain
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.4 1710A potato combine harvester

➢ Intelligent monitoring device

- Focus on research and development of intelligent control and equipment condition monitoring and control device
- Integrated data and information to achieve automatic control and precision processing in process of potato combined harvest

Intelligent monitoring device
3 Main research results

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Make up for current situation of less application of mechanical and electrical hydraulic integration technology in potato combine harvester
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3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.5 Round sieve type potato harvester

- Annular separation sieve
- Increase obvious rate of potato
- Reducing impurity rate
3 Main research results

3.4 Developed machine

3.4.5 Round sieve type potato harvester
3 Main research results

3.5 Demonstration and promotion

- Jiaozhou demonstration area in Shandong province has been established
- Demonstration area of 50 mu
- Address: Jiaozhou jiaolai town, Dazhaojia Village
3. Main research results

3.5 Demonstration and promotion

October 26-28, 2015, Qingdao Jimo international expo center, "China international agricultural machinery exhibition (2015)"
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October 26, 2015 afternoon, Qingdao jimo Dianji town, "Sowing and ploughing" agricultural mechanization solution demonstration activities.
3 Main research results

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June 30, 2015, Jiaozhou potato production mechanization demonstration base in Shandong province, Mechanized harvesting attendant.
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3.5 Demonstration and promotion

Scientific research results have been application in all over the country.
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Results have been successfully exported to Angola, Zimbabwe, Mongolia, Russia, Ukraine, Cuba, Brazil, Argentina and other countries.
4 Constraints and challenges

- Problems of collision injury are the most important: more than 40%.
- In some viscous soil areas, combine harvesters had been challenged, potato piece and soil cannot be separated.
4 Constraints and challenges

- Need to improving adaptability and reliability of key components.
- Low reliability, high failure rate, injury, high energy consumption and low work efficiency.
5 Advice and prospect

Based on experience of research on electronic potato in British, try to reducing the injury rate of potato.
Thank you for your attention!

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