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Translation of American agriculture essay

Historically, American peasants have been better off than Chinese peasants. Even though American peasants are not counted as wealthy Americans, their lives cannot be counted as especially tough. America's land is very fertile; many different crops can be planted there. This way, there are very few instances in which Americans cannot eat and be full. In addition, America's society is more stable than China's society; thus, they are not often exploited and do not need to revolt. This way, they can focus on tilling the land. Even though American society is relatively stable, American agriculture's early stages are not the same as today's.

In the early stages of American history, almost all people were peasants. If they were not peasants, then they were landowners. Either way their work all had to do with agriculture. In these past few hundred years, America's development has been very fast. It has developed from an agriculture based society to an industrial society. As a result, fewer and fewer people were farmers, and people left the countryside to work in the cities. At the same time, there were also large developments in agriculture. Using machines, peasants no longer needed to spend so much energy or time to plant crops. Their harvests are also more successful.

American farmers use more and more machines, those who are farmers are fewer and fewer, which results in the state of contemporary agriculture. Now, America's big companies control most agriculture related business. Thus, there are fewer and fewer private farmers.