Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) drafts and implements policies and strategies on three main issues: agriculture, rural areas, and farmers. Policies involve agriculture-related fiscal and taxation, pricing, storage, financial insurance, and import-export issues. Regarding rural affairs, MARA is responsible for social development, public services, infrastructure, and governance. MARA also oversees rural living improvements, as well as culture and safety.

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| Tang Renjian  
唐仁健  
(Minister, Party Secretary, Office of the Central Leading Group for Rural Work Director) |

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<th>Vice Ministers and Other Senior Officials</th>
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| **Liu Huanxin 刘焕鑫**  
(Vice Minister, Party Group Member)  
Responsible for development and fiscal planning; rural industry and social development; farmland construction; and departmental logistics. |
| **Zhang Taolin 张桃林**  
(Vice Minister)  
Responsible for international cooperation, agricultural science and technology, as well as rural energy and environmental protection; also, oversees planting, farmland reclamation, seeding, and agricultural mechanization. |
| **Liao Xiyuan 廖西元**  
(Party Group Member, Department of Human Resources [Office of the Leading Group of Party Inspection Work] Director General) |
| **Wu Qinghai 吴清海**  
(Discipline Inspection Head, Party Group Member)  
Responsible for party governance and anticorruption probes. |
| **Yu Kangzhen 于康震**  
(Vice Minister, Party Group Member)  
Responsible for market and informatization; agricultural product inspections; animal husbandry; veterinary services; and fisheries. |
| **Li Jinxiang 李金祥**  
(Chief Veterinarian)  
Responsible for veterinarian affairs, as well as international veterinarian work with the World Organization for Animal Health. |
**Tang Huajun 唐华俊**  
(Party Group Member, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences President)  
Responsible for the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

**Wu Hongyao 吴宏耀**  
(Party Group Member, Office of the Central Leading Group for Rural Work Secretary)  
Assists with the Office of the Central Leading Group for Rural Work’s daily agenda, as well as rural social development work.

**Guang Defu 广德福**  
(Chief Agronomist, General Office [Office of Taiwan Agricultural Affairs] Director General)

**Wei Baigang 魏百刚**  
(Chef Economist, Department of Development and Planning Director General)

**Ma Youxiang 马有祥**  
(Chief Animal Husbandry Head)  
Assists with animal husbandry work.

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| **General Office (Office of Taiwan Agricultural Affairs) (办公厅，对台湾农业事务办公室)**  
**Director General: Guang Defu 广德福**  
Responsible for daily operations, information, security, confidential affairs, petitions, government transparency, and public affairs. Also, oversees agricultural affairs related to Taiwan, departmental coordination, and agricultural work safety. |

| **Department of Human Resources (人事司)**  
**Director General: Liao Xiyuan 廖西元**  
Responsible for human resources, staffing, salary, training, and talent cultivation. |

| **Department of Laws and Regulation (法规司)**  
Responsible for drafting agricultural and rural laws, legislation, and regulations, as well as monitoring enforcement; oversees relevant administrative and legal issues; reviews legality of documents; and organizes administrative lawsuits and propaganda work. |

| **Department of Policy and Reform (政策与改革司)**  
Responsible for reform and business policies; guides development of new agricultural businesses in rural areas; responsible for reform and management of farmers’ contracted lands, as well as system reform of village residences and collective property rights. |

| **Department of Development and Planning (发展规划司)**  
**Director General: Wei Baigang 魏百刚**  
Formulates policy recommendations on rural revitalization and economic development in agricultural and rural areas; promotes green development in agriculture; manages resource delineation; guides agricultural regional cooperation; recommends policies on major agricultural products, means of production, and import-export tariffs; also, responsible for poverty alleviation in agriculture. |

| **Department of Budget and Finance (计划财务司)**  
Proposes fiscal policies and projects in support of agriculture and rural areas; makes recommendations on investment; manages and reports on MARA’s budget; formulates policies on rural finance and agricultural insurance; oversees supervisory department’s budget, assets, and government procurement work; organizes internal audits. |
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<th>Department of Rural Industries (乡村产业发展司)</th>
<th>Department of Rural Social Services (农村社会事业促进司)</th>
<th>Department of Rural Cooperative Economy (农村合作经济指导司)</th>
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<td>Promotes rural industry and its integrated development, as well as village industry. Drafts policies on promoting rural specialty products, agricultural processing, agricultural leisure, and township industries. Also, proposes policies to industrialize agriculture and encourage rural entrepreneurship and innovation.</td>
<td>Responsible for rural living improvement and village renovation; promotes social development, public services, infrastructure, and rural culture.</td>
<td>Responsible for rural governance, alleviation of farming burdens, and village fundraising; manages rural collective assets and fiscal management, farmer economic cooperatives, and socialized agricultural services; drafts laws and policies on homestead allocation, use, and arbitration, as well as land use standards and illegal land use investigations; and supervises leisure homesteads and idle rural home use.</td>
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**Department of Market and Informatization (市场与信息化司)**
Responsible for drafting plans on agricultural and rural economic information, informatization work, and statistics; manages the agricultural products market; and oversees agricultural brand building, as well as the supply and demand, price analysis, and monitoring of agricultural products and materials.

**Department of International Cooperation (国际合作司)**
Responsible for external agricultural affairs, trade, and negotiations; inspects industry damages; implements foreign agricultural aid projects and international treaties; and manages international cooperation on agricultural issues.

**Department of Science, Technology, and Education (GMO Biosafety Office) (科技教育司，农业转基因生物安全管理办公室)**
Responsible for promoting agricultural science and technology reform; scientific research; and importing technology. Supervises biosafety of GMO agricultural products and the environmental protection of land use, biological species, and production areas. Oversees agricultural renewable resources, energy conservation, carbon emission reduction, clean production, and recycling. Also, manages non-native species, as well as agricultural education and farming vocational training.

**Agro-product Safety and Quality (农产品质量安全监管局)**
Oversees agricultural product quality and safety; responsible for inspection, testing, and credit systems; and manages quality and safety standards, tracing, and risk assessment.

**Department of Crop Production (Department of Agrochemical Management)**
(种植业管理司，农药管理司)
Drafts crop production policies and plans; oversees industry structure, layout, standardized production, and related information dissemination. Responsible for water conservation and disaster-relief work, as well as fertilizer supervision, production, quality, and use. Also, oversees domestic and entry-exit plant quarantining, as well as major crop disease and pest prevention.

**Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services (畜牧兽医局)**
Responsible for drafting policies and plans on animal husbandry, feed, livestock and poultry slaughtering, and the veterinary industry. Oversees veterinarian medical administration, drugs, equipment, and resource utilization of livestock and poultry waste; supervises animal slaughtering, feed, and additives, as well as fresh milk production and procurement. In charge of domestic animal quarantine, international veterinary affairs, veterinarian biological product safety, and related entry-exit animal quarantining work.
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<td>Responsible for drafting policies on plans on the fishing industry; oversees protection and use of fishery resources, as well as aquatic product processing, cultivation, and disease prevention of aquatic animals and plants. In charge of major foreign fishery dispute resolutions and protecting national ocean and freshwater jurisdictional fishing rights; manages ecological protection of fishery waters, as well as aquatic animals and plants; supervises implementation of international fishery treaties, deep-sea fisheries, as well as fishery administration and ports; also, guides related work safety.</td>
<td>Responsible for drafting economic strategies, policies, and plans on agricultural reclamation; oversees agricultural reclamation reform and modernization work; as well as ensuring reclamation areas complete state-assigned economic and political tasks. Coordinates the external relations of reclamation areas; also, drafts crop development plans for tropical and subtropical regions and resource exploitation.</td>
<td>Drafts policies and plans on developing crops, livestock, and poultry seed industries; manages and protects crop germplasm resources, as well as animal genetic resources; supervises crop seeds and seedlings, as well as seed storage and allocation for disaster relief; responsible for protecting new varieties of agricultural plants.</td>
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<td>Agricultural Mechanization (农业机械化管理司)</td>
<td>Farmland Management (农田建设管理司)</td>
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<td>Formulates policies and plans on agricultural mechanization, as well as machine specifications and technical standards; promotes agricultural mechanization tech use; conducts investigations into specific types of agricultural machinery products.</td>
<td>Proposes recommendations on farmland construction projects; manages quality of cultivated land; participates in the protection of permanent basic farmland; oversees comprehensive agricultural development, rectification, and farmland water conservancy projects.</td>
<td>Oversees retired cadres affairs.</td>
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<td>Party-related Affairs (机关党委)</td>
<td>Yangtze River Fisheries (长江流域渔政监督管理办公室)</td>
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<td>Manages party affairs within MARA and subordinate units.</td>
<td>Responsible for fishery administration and aquatic biological resource conservation in border and water areas south of the Yellow River basin.</td>
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