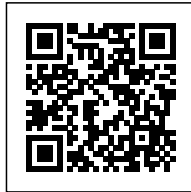


# MONGOLIA TO INVEST AND FINANCE MNT 1.7 TRILLION IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS

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Mongolia has decided to invest and finance MNT 1.7 trillion in the food and agriculture sector over the next five years. Out of this, about MNT 223 billion will be provided to the food and agriculture sector this year, which is budgetary support that has not been provided to the sector in the last 30 years.

Food safety is an important issue in Mongolia, especially in rural areas where food processing and hygiene standards may not be as strictly enforced as in urban areas. Some of the main challenges to ensuring food safety in Mongolia include inadequate infrastructure, a lack of education and awareness, and limited resources for inspection and enforcement.

One of the most common food safety concerns in Mongolia is the consumption of raw or undercooked meat, particularly mutton, which is a staple of the Mongolian diet. This can lead to the transmission of foodborne illnesses such as E. coli, Salmonella, and brucellosis. To address this issue, the government has implemented a number of measures, such as requiring meat to be inspected and certified before it can be sold, and promoting the use of cooking thermometers to ensure that meat is cooked to a safe temperature.

Another challenge is the widespread use of informal food markets, where food safety regulations may not be enforced, and where food may be sold by unlicensed vendors. To address this issue, the government has been working to improve food safety regulations and standards, and to promote better hygiene and sanitation practices in informal markets.

Overall, ensuring food safety in Mongolia is a complex and ongoing process that requires the cooperation of

government agencies, food producers, and consumers. While progress has been made in recent years, there is still work to be done to ensure that all Mongolians have access to safe and nutritious food.