



Miluo Zongzi

汨罗粽子

According to Miluo City records, in the Jianwu period of the Eastern Han Dynasty, on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month, people living along the Miluo River threw rice dumplings wrapped with Ruo leaves into the Miluo River, which precipitated and evolved into a unique Dragon Boat Festival custom along the Miluo River. Zongzi also became a unique food for the Dragon Boat Festival.

As the source of Dragon Boat Festival culture, the history of making zongzi is more than 2000 years in Miluo City of Hunan Province. The angle of the Miluo Zongzi is like a cow's horn, and the surface of the rice dumplings is glossy. The rice used is local "sweet scented osmanthus glutinous rice", which is a high-quality glutinous rice variety inherited from the traditional planting area of Miluo. The amylopectin content is more than 99%. The Ruo leaves used are from the local wild grass plant Ruo bamboo, with fragrant smell.

Up to now, the annual output of Miluo Zongzi is nearly 40 million, and the annual output value is nearly 80 million yuan. Glutinous rice, zongzi leaves and stuffing constitute the three main raw materials of the rice dumpling, which are related to the quality of Zongzi. Miluo City has built three major glutinous rice planting bases in Changle, Sanjiang and Luojiang, with an area of more than 34,000 Mu and an annual output of nearly 28,000 tons of high-quality glutinous rice. At the same time, high-quality Zongzi leaves planting bases have been established in Miluo Baitang, Quzici, taolinsi and other townships, covering an area of nearly 100,000 mu. (Courtesy of the IP Protection Department of CNIPA)

据《汨罗市志》记载，东汉建武年间，每年农历五月初五的屈原忌日，汨罗江两岸人民投箬叶裹黍米的粽子于汨罗江，由此沉淀和演变成汨罗江两岸人民独特的端午习俗，粽子也成为了独具特色的端午节食品。

作为端午文化源头，湖南省汨罗市包粽子的历史长达2000多年。汨罗粽子粽角呈牛角状，粽体表面有光泽。所用稻米是本地“桂花糯”，是汨罗糯稻传统种植区域历史传承下来的优质糯稻品种，支链淀粉含量达99%以上。所用箬叶采自本地野生禾本植物箬竹，气味芬芳。

截至目前，汨罗粽子生产规模年产量近4000万个，年产值近8000万元。糯米、粽叶、馅料，构成一只粽子的三大原料，关系到粽子的品质。汨罗市已建成长乐、三江、罗江三大糯稻种植基地，糯米种植面积3.4万亩以上，年产优质糯谷近2.8万吨。同时，在汨罗白塘、屈子祠、桃林寺等乡镇，建立优质粽叶种植基地，种植面积近十万亩。

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