



## Jinxiang Garlic

### 金乡大蒜

Jinxiang County is under the jurisdiction of Jining City of Shandong Province, and it is well known as the "home of the Chinese garlic". According to the county records, Jinxiang has a history of more than 2000 years in garlic cultivation since the early Eastern Han Dynasty. With a warm temperate semi-humid and semi-arid monsoon continental climate, Jinxiang located in the alluvial flatlands by the Yellow River. High content of soil organic matter is suitable for garlic cultivation.

In the specific ecological environment of Jinxiang, after long-term natural selection and artificial cultivation, Jinxiang garlic features large size and white skin and is solid, flavorful, juicy and nutritious with more than 20 kinds of nutrients, including selenium, iron, potassium and others.

Since the implementation of the protection of geographical indication products, the garlic planting area in Jinxiang has reached 700,000 mu, with an average annual output of 800,000 tons. Through the EU-SINO pilot project of mutual recognition and mutual protection of 10+10 geographical indication products, Jinxiang garlic has been officially registered by the European Union. The export of Jinxiang garlic accounts for more than 70% of the total export of similar products in China. The products are exported to 168 countries and regions. Jinxiang garlic has gained the appreciation of consumers and high reputation in the market.

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金乡县隶属山东省济宁市，是中国著名的“大蒜之乡”。据县志记载，东汉初年金乡县开始种植大蒜，距今已有 2000 余年历史。金乡县属于暖温带半湿润、半干旱季风大陆性气候，位于黄河流域冲积平原，土壤有机质含量高，适合大蒜的种植。

在金乡县特定生态环境条件下，经过长期的自然选择和人工培育，金乡大蒜不仅个大皮白，坚实饱满、汁鲜味浓，而且富含人体所需的硒、铁、钾等 20 多种营养元素。

实施地理标志产品保护以来，金乡大蒜种植面积达 70 万亩，年均产量 80 万吨。通过中欧“10+10”地理标志互认互保试点项目，金乡大蒜获得欧盟正式保护注册，金乡大蒜出口占全国同类产品出口总量的 70% 以上，产品出口到 168 个国家和地区，深受消费者青睐，市场知名度高。

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