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## **AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY COULD STABILIZE POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA, ACCORDING TO WORLD BANK**

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World Bank experts announced that the agricultural sector could help the five countries of Central Asia to stabilize their economies during and after the pandemic.

Though the pandemic did not destabilize global food supply chains, its consequences can still undermine food security, agriculture, and trade in agriculture products in Central Asia, said World Bank's Senior Agricultural Economist Sergiy Zorya in a recent online briefing for Central Asian media. Experts have explored food security concerns and started analyzing emergency measures that countries in the region can take to curb the potentially disastrous consequences of the lockdown.

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