

# *Newly designed rice harvesters will soon be operational in Cuba*

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Havana, August 27 (RHC)-- The first 10 self-propelled rice harvesters, with a capacity of seven tons each, are being built at the 26 of July Heroes agricultural implements factory in the eastern Cuban province of Holguin.

These machines are a result of a prototype created by Cuban specialists, who have had the help of a company from the People's Republic of China, according to Granma newspaper.

Engineer Julio Gallego Torres, a specialist in the mechanical company, announced that 60% of the components used in their production is imported, including engines, pumps and rolling elements.

He indicated that the rest of the parts and pieces are designed and manufactured in the Holguin Plant, of which the metallic structures corresponding to the chassis, the tanks, and platforms of support for the engines stand out.

Gallego pointed out that these harvesters were designed according to the requirements of rice and ideal for work in high humidity conditions, as it is the case of Cuba, where towed equipment is not operational.

The engineer explained that these are machines designed to increase productivity, which will receive the rice from the large harvesters and take it to the vehicles waiting next to the fields and thus avoid

interruptions in the cutting work.

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