

China has its worst spell of acid rain

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China had its worst spell of acid rain in August with Beijing among the hardest hit, the China Meteorological Administration said Friday.

The CMA report said 19 of the 155 acid-rain monitoring stations across China recorded acid rain every rainy day last month. Beijing had 80 percent acid-rain days, the news service Xinhua reported.

Acid rain erodes most building materials as well as crops, leading eventually to human consumption.

Rain traditionally slacks off from September on.

China is the world's biggest sulfur dioxide polluter, with 25.49 million tons discharged in 2005, up 27 percent from 2000.

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