Dryland Terrace System of Shexian County, Anhui Province

The dry farming of terraces in the She County are located in the semi-wet and arid areas of northern China, it belongs to warm temperate semi-arid continental monsoon climate. The average annual rainfall is 540 mm, the average annual evaporation is 1720 mm, and annual average temperature is 12.4°C.

In the limestone mountains with thin soil and little rainfall, the local people make full use of abundant traditional food resources with strong willpower and persistent spirit, through the farming and storage technology and the survival wisdom of the human. They dry store to make the farmland and collect rainwater to irrigate their fields. With over 700 years of history, the Dryland Terraces has provided valuable experience for nature-human collaborative development, soil erosion control, biodiversity conservation, and the development of circular agriculture. In 1996, the Dryland Terrace System of Shexian County was praised as "the World’s Great Wonder" and "the Second Great Wall of China" by FAO experts.