



WHAT IS IN STORE IN 2019

The year 2019 is designated as S10R12 (己亥) – Yin Earth and Yin Water and the sound consonant is Wood. Its Gua is 8, which is the Earth element. Based on the year's five cycles and six forces (五运六气), the element for 2019 is also Earth.

Basic information:

- Year Stem : S10 (己Earth)
- Year Root : R12 (亥Water)
- Sound Consonant : Wood
- Year Gua : 8 (Earth)
- Hexagram : **IOOIII** (Gua 25th “Wu-wang”无妄)
- 5 Cycle 6 Forces : Earth
- Animal Zodiac : Boar

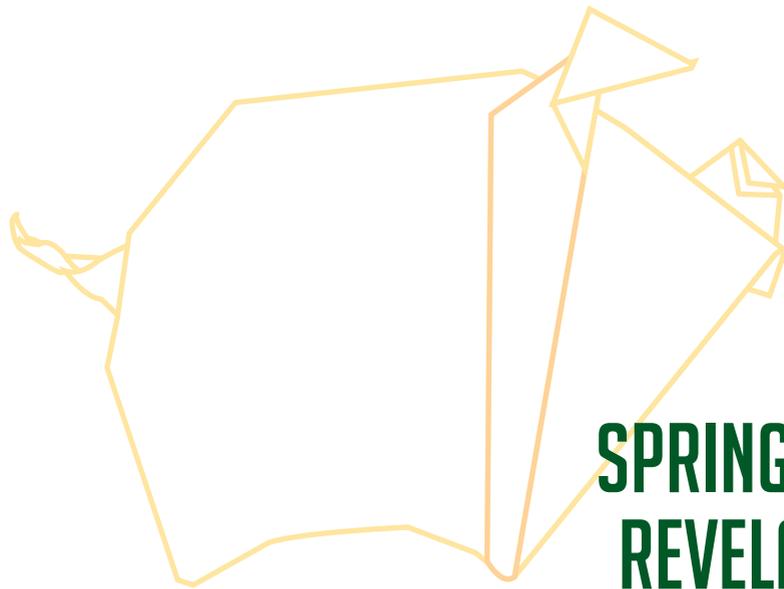
5 cycle 6 forces is used for forecasting weather. Based on ancient calculation, the Earth element for 2019 is a weak Earth yet Yin Wood (Wind) and Yang Fire are strong. Therefore the weather in 2019 will be very hot.

The hexagram **IOOIII** is made up by 2 trigrams – **IOO** (雷) and **III** (乾); **IOO** (雷) being thunder and wood; and **III** (乾) is heaven and metal.

There is thunder in the heavens which can be interpreted as sky. When the sky roars, humans will be alarmed and may be frozen into a state of inaction. Those who adhere to the right ways to move ahead will advance gainfully and avoid misfortunes.

There is a combination of auspicious and ominous phenomena in “Wu-wang” gua (无妄); and there are more ominous phenomena than auspicious ones. Do not have too much expectations in gaining; illegal activities/trading should be strictly prohibited to avoid bad endings.

The information can be used to predict weather, economic conditions, epidemics, natural catastrophes and political status in a country.



SPRING COW REVELATION

During the Zhou Dynasty, the government directed all provincial authorities to construct earthen cows (known as Spring Cows 春牛) outside the gates of their forts. These cows were a visual calendar for the agrarian and mostly illiterate populace. The colours and design of the cow and its cowherd contain essential information about the year's weather conditions and festive seasons.

Even after printed calendars were available, people still preferred the visual simplicity of the Spring Cow. Modern day Chinese calendars continue to feature a multi-coloured

Spring Cow (春牛) on their cover even though the practice of interpreting the Spring Cow (春牛) has faded into obscurity. The main purpose is about paying homage to tradition rather than for practical use.



To keep this information alive and enable the general public to understand the layers of information hidden in the picture, I would like to present pertinent information deciphered from the symbolic representations of the Spring Cow of 2019.



1. The Spring Cow (春牛) is usually erected on the first R5 (辰) day after the winter solstice. It is then placed at an auspicious location determined by the year's calculation. The body of the earthen cow is made from clay and the bones from mulberry wood.
2. The cow is four feet tall (representing the four seasons) and eight feet long from nose-tip to tail-end (representing eight periods).
3. The head represents the year's Stem (天干). The cow's head, painted in yellow, shows that 2019's Stem is S10 (己) and its element is Earth.
4. The cow's body represents the year's Roots (地支). From the cow's black body, one can tell that 2019's Root could be R12 (亥) or R1 (子); this is further narrowed down by examining other parts of the cow.
5. The cow's belly represents the sound consonant (纳音) of the Stem (天干) and Root (地支). From the green stomach, 2019's sound consonant is Wood.
6. The first day of Spring – the "Established Spring" day (立春) – is represented by the colour of the cow's horns, ears, tail (for the Stem 天干) and legs (for the Root 地支). From the black horns, ears and tail, and the white legs, we can tell that 2019's Established Spring Day is S1R9 (壬申).



7. The cow's hooves represent the sound consonant of the Established Spring Day (立春). The white hooves indicate that the Established Spring Day's (立春) sound consonant in 2019 is Metal.
8. The cow's tail is 14 inches long and represents the 12 months of the year. If it swishes to the left, it is a Yang year; to the right, it's a Yin year. As the tail swings to the right, 2019 is a Yin year.
9. The cow's mouth also indicates that the year 2019 is Yin (closed-mouthed), rather than Yang (open-mouthed).
10. The rope tied around the cow's neck denotes the year's Root (地支). The jute rope narrows down 2019's Root to R3 (寅), R6 (巳), R9 (申) and R12 (亥). The ring in the original earthen cow was made from mulberry wood. Its colour (similar to 3 above), indicates the year's Stem (天干).
11. The cow steps on a door panel; stepping on the left panel indicates a Yang year, and on the right indicates a Yin year. Since the 2019 cow is stepping on a right door panel, 2019 is a Yin year.
12. The cowherd – also known as the Cow God or Spring God (芒神) – stands at 3 feet 6.5 inches, representing the 365 days in a year. His age indicates the year's Root. The old man in 2019 indicates the year to be R12 (亥).



13. The cowherd's attire denotes the year's Root's contrasting (相克) and producing (相生) effects in relation to the Established Spring Day (立春). His black vest and white belt indicates that 2019's Root is R9 (申).
14. The cowherd's hair bun indicates the sound consonant of the Established Spring Day (立春). Both of the buns are in front of the ear at the same height, indicating that the sound consonant for the Established Spring Day is Metal.
15. The cowherd's ears and arms indicate the time of the Established Spring Day (立春). Both ears are covered and left arm is raised, 2019's Established Spring Day begins at R7 (午) time.
16. The cowherd's pants and shoes indicate the sound consonant of the Established Spring Day (立春). As his attire consists of long pants and shoes with his string belt hanging on the left of his waist, the sound consonant of 2019's Established Spring Day (立春) is Metal.
17. The cowherd's standing position also has special meaning. His position is alongside the cow indicating that the Established Spring Day (立春) is less than five days before or after the first day of the Lunar 1st month; the Established Spring Day in 2019 falls on the 30th day of the 12th Lunar month, corresponding to 4th February, 2019.



18. If the cowherd stands on the left of the cow, it is a Yang year; on the right, it is Yin. As the cowherd is depicted standing on the right of the cow, 2019 is a Yin year.

The Chinese poem on both sides of the Spring Cow picture reveals that in 2019, people will experience a series of unexpected disasters that causes hardship.

Seeds sowed in spring will not grow well in summer, with stalks of grain drying up during the autumn and winter months. This is a sign of unusual weather whereby there won't be much rainfall in spring and autumn, and the weather is too hot for the grain to be fully developed.

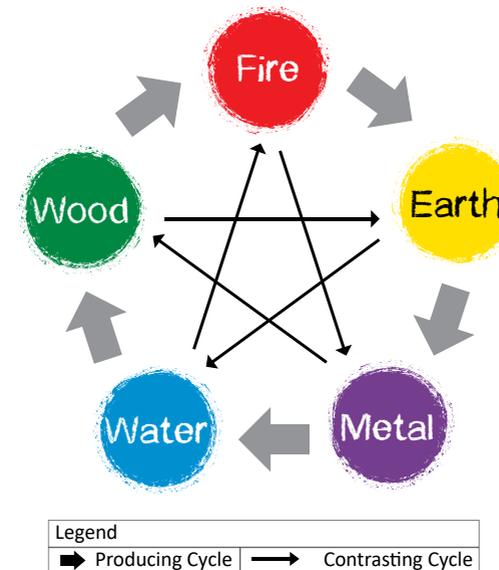
The eastern locations will experience good harvest of beans and wheat, but there will be a lack of mulberry leaves for silk worms to produce silk. Therefore the price of silk will be expensive. Farmers will be kept busy at their rice fields while facing uncertainties and cowherds will need to look for work/jobs.



The auspicious colour depends on the producing element of the sound consonant (纳音) of the year's stem (天干) and root (地支). Since the year stem of 2019 is S10 (Ying Earth 己) and root is R12 (Boar 亥), the sound consonant (纳音) is Yin **Wood**. Therefore, the colour is dark green.

According to the 5 elements producing cycle, fire produces earth; earth produces metal; metal produces water; water produces wood and wood produces fire. Below is the 5 elements producing and contrasting cycle with the innate colour of each element to explain auspicious colours, and colours to avoid in 2019.

AUSPICIOUS COLOURS

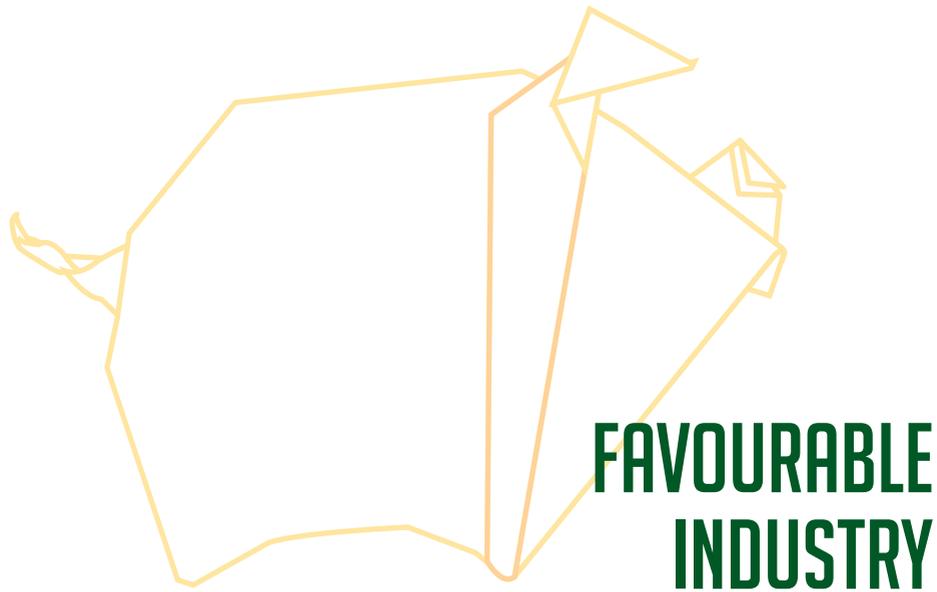


Since the sound consonant for 2019 is Yin Wood and its colour Dark Green, and based on the producing cycle, **Red** is the most auspicious colour, followed by **Green** and **Blue**. It will be best to avoid **Yellow** and **Purple**.

Application of Auspicious Colours

Use the auspicious colours in your clothing and accessories such as scarf, neck tie, socks and shoes if these are suitable colours for you based on your bazi. However, these colours may not be suitable for those born in the summer months. Therefore, please use discretion.

Another way you can use colours to enhance your life is to buy gifts with those auspicious colours for your family members and friends.



Investors are always on the look-out to maximize profits through choosing the industries that will perform well. In 2019, what industry should investors focus on?

The sound consonance of year stem and root is S10 (Yin Earth 己) and R12 (Boar 亥) respectively. In the producing cycle, fire produces earth; earth produces metal; metal produces water; water produces wood and wood produces fire. Therefore, in 2019, the most favourable industry is **Fire**-related; followed by **Wood** and **Water**-related industry.

Fire-related industry comprises businesses involved in paint,

arms and ammunitions, food and beverage, telecommunication, I.T., electrical appliances, petroleum and chemical, and their related products and services.

The second favorable industry is **Wood**-related and includes media, publication, printing, education, textile, fashion design, broadcasting, accounting, toys and food items for children, pottery, performing arts, advertising, midwifery, baby-sitting, handicraft, antique, animal and animal husbandry, interior design, make-up/beauty saloon, arts, photography, survey and religious paraphernalia.

Water-related industry covers companies involved in insurance, finance, banking, shares-trading, goods trading, night-life entertainment, food and beverage, laundry, spa / gym, fishing, sea-freight and marine.

Earth and **Metal**-related industries are under incubation; these two sectors will fly when the time is right. The businesses listed under these industries are stated below for your reference.

Earth-related industry – agriculture, property management, construction, plant nursery, land survey; and companies dealing with land-related products and services.

Metal-related industry – legal, optical, government, mineral-related businesses, gas and petroleum, mining, automobile, road and rail transportation, aerospace and airline services, sporting goods, machinery, defense and security, mailing, tourism and manufacturing.



The scientific term for the Governing planet (太岁) is Jupiter; in Chinese classical literature, the Governing planet (太岁) is also referred to as Yearly God (岁星/宿星).

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun and the largest in the solar system; its magnetic field is fourteen times stronger than that of Earth. It takes 11.86 years to complete an orbit around the Sun. During the orbit, it lodges at a particular angle every year and this angle is related to the animal sign of the respective year.

Jupiter will negatively impact those born in the animal sign of the year; and those whose house/office entrance and/or

sitting location are within its magnetic field. Since the animal sign for 2019 is the pig, those born in the pig year are likely to be afflicted with illnesses, be involved in accidents or receive traffic summons.

Jupiter is lodged at the Northwest sector at the angle between 322.5° and 337.5° . Therefore, those whose house/office entrance or sitting location is in this sector are likely to encounter unexpected teething problems and hindrances such as arguments within the family or among colleagues, break-ins, endless defects of household or office equipment and other inconveniences.

To defuse or minimize these problems, choose one of the following methods:

Method A

Attach a strip of wood or metal piece to the top part of the door frame.

There are auspicious dates to put up the wood strip or metal piece, look out for the corresponding phenomena below within 24 hours after the placement. These phenomena can be sighted from sources including public places, TV, newspapers. If you have done the placement correctly, you should be able to observe at least 50% of the phenomena listed.



Date	4 January 2019	6 January 2019	10 February 2019
Time	11.30am-1.30pm	5.30pm – 7.30pm	7.30pm – 9.30pm
Phenomena	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People in yellow attire. 2. Wind and rain. 3. Lady in red skirt holding a bottle of alcohol OR snake lying across the road. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People in yellow clothes. 2. Monk and nun holding incense sticks or holding lighted incense or joss paper. 3. Sound of bells in the Northern direction. 4. Letter/email from overseas. 5. Dog approaching the house/office. 6. Boy clapping hands and laughing at dog which has a yellow coat. 7. Girl playing in the garden/park/backyard. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People yelling at a thief in the South. 2. Dog barking without any reason.

Method B

Place a piece of clear quartz (white crystal) or a pot of living plant at the Northeast (52.5° - 67.5°) on Winter Solstice Day of 2018 i.e. 22 December 2018. This is especially effective for those born in the year of the pig. Alternatively, place a pot of living plant at the abovementioned sector at the living hall or room.

For those whose house/office entrance is in the Northwest (322.5°-337.5°) sector, stand at the centre of the house/office to determine the Northeast (52.5° to 67.5°) sector and then place a pot of living plant there; or stick a small piece of clear quartz (white crystal) on the wall in the aforementioned Northeast sector.

When should the wood strip or metal piece and crystal be removed? Scientifically and astronomically, winter solstice is the first day of a new year; the position of Jupiter shifts on this day. Therefore, the date to remove clear quartz, wood strip or metal piece is on winter solstice which falls on 22 December 2019.

Note: *The location of the main entrance of a property should be determined from the centre of a property which is the intersection point of two diagonal lines drawn across the four corners of your house. However, if your property is irregularly shaped (i.e. not a complete square or rectangle), you will need to 'square up' the property before drawing the diagonal lines. This can be done by extending imaginary lines to the narrower width and length of the property so that it completes a square or rectangle with the widest and longest parts; the centre point is where the diagonal lines intersect. Hint: you can use the layout plan of the property to do this.*