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<p><i>Implementation of Ukrainian's Commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural sector EuropeAid/126205/C/SER/UA</i></p>		

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▪ **WTO and Neighborhood Policy**

During the official visit of President of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko to Turkmenistan ceremony of signing bilateral documents was held. In particular the package of intergovernmental documents was signed which include agreement between the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkmenistan on cooperation in testing and protection of plant varieties.

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The Government of Ukraine adopted the decision on full membership and cooperation with the International Grains Council (IGC), told the President of Ukrainian Grain Association (UGA), Vladimir Klimenko. Currently, Ukraine has officially become a full member of the IGC and fully paid all dues, including dues for 2009/10.

As of June 2009 such exporting countries as Argentina, Australia, Canada, EU, India, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Ukraine and the United States and importing countries as Algeria, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia, Vatican are members of IGC.

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On 1-2 October IX Lviv International Economic Forum "Investment, Innovations, Competitiveness - how regions of Ukrainian can tackle the global economic crisis?" will take place in Truskawetz. Among the main topics of the forum are: "impact of global economic crisis on regional economy" and "regional development strategy as a precondition for economic growth of regions".

The forum is organized by Lviv Regional State Administration and Lviv Regional Council in partnership with specialized unit of Financial Times Ltd fDi Intelligence and analytical support from the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting.

It is expected that representatives of authoritative international organizations such as the World Economic Forum, IFC, EBRD, European Investment Bank, USAID, UNDP will visit the forum.
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▪ **Food Safety**

The Ministry of Justice of Ukraine registered the Regulation of the State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine from 10.08.2009, № 268 "On amendments to the border crossing procedure for cargo which comes under the control of the Service of veterinary medicine". According to amendments proposed the customs authority responsible for clearance

of goods which come under control of State Veterinary Service and are moved beyond the state shall be provided with the international veterinary certificates issued by state inspectors of veterinary medicine or authorized (official) doctors of veterinary medicine. Experts from veterinary control points shall attest the international veterinary certificate with number stamp, personal signature and "Export allowed" stamp at the state border and in transport system. In case when goods are exported to the CIS countries clearance is based on the veterinary certificate (international veterinary certificate) and the obligatory marks of a doctor of veterinary medicine from veterinary control points at the state border and in the transport system in form of numbered stamp, "Export allowed" stamp and personal signature.

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The European Commission continues to inspect Ukrainian milk producers. The inspection deals with veterinary and sanitary control of raw materials and finished products. If the inspection report is successful, Ukraine will be able to export its dairy products to EU. Currently, plants in Sumy region are inspected and there are plans to visit enterprises in Rivne, Chernihiv and Kiev regions. Europeans consider the quality of raw milk in Ukraine to be still too low. Only 20% of total product meets their standards. After the visit, on September 18, EU representatives will tell whether Europe is ready to drink Ukrainian milk.

Olga Mozhova, milk market analyst, commented on the situation for UBR: "We must be realistic. Unfortunately our products can occupy very small niche on the European market. Our niche will be small - less than 1% - but we need to go to European markets".

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- **Market Infrastructure**

In coming years, Ukrainian tomato paste will be recognized on the European market, said president of Ukrainian Agrarian Holding "Agrofusion" Serhij Sypko on the meeting with German delegation, which took place on one of the factories of "Organic Systems", which is part of the holding, reports press center of "Ukrainian club of agrarian business" (UCAB). According to the President of UCAB Alex Lissitsa, Ukraine is ready to deliver required volume of quality products to Europe in order to satisfy the most capricious needs of European consumers.

The president of the holding believes that "Agrofusion" has capacity to expand its presence on the European market: its own high quality raw materials - tomatoes, two high-tech processing plants, modern equipment from European manufacturers. According to S. Sypko, holding is able to supply the European market with 10 thousand tons of high quality tomato paste under the brand "Inagro". "The main thing right now is to get a quota from the European Union" - said the president of the holding.

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During the first 8 months of 2009 Ukraine increased imports of palm oil from Malaysia by 28% up to 415 thousand tons compared with 297 tones imported in the same period in 2008, reports the Malaysian Chamber of palm oil (MCPO).

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During the period of time from January to July of 2009 exports of fish and crustaceans from Ukraine increased by 206% compared with the same period in 2008, says the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine.

During the same time from January to July of 2009 imports of fish and crustaceans to Ukraine dropped by 27.4%. In addition, in January-July 2009 exports of meat and meat offal dropped by

16% compared to same period in 2008 and imports of meat and offal rose by 12.8%. At the same time exports of milk and dairy products fell by 48.7% and imports of these products during 7 months of 2009 decreased by 2.6%.

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According to the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine during January-August 2009 production of all types of meat (live weight) decreased by 0.8% to 1.67 million tons compared to same period in 2008, production of all types of milk decreased by 1 % to 8.16 million tons and production of eggs increased by 4.2% to 10.9 billions of eggs, total livestock production increased by 3.1% compared with the corresponding period in 2008. On agricultural enterprises it increased by 9.6%, on households –by 1.0%.

The total output of agricultural products on all categories of farms during 8 months of 2009 increased by 0.4%. On agricultural enterprises it fell by 3.6% and on households increased by 3.8%.

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▪ **Rural Development**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine estimated the cost of issuing 6.4 million acts on land ownership at 507 mln. hr. told the Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko on September 11, 2009 at the meeting devoted to issues of land titling with the representatives of the State Committee on Land Resources and the Center of State Land Cadastre.

Tymoshenko said that the Finance Ministry has transferred the amount required for issuance of acts on land ownership in September to the State Committee on Land Resources. "Entire sum required for the issuance of acts on land ownership is planned to be paid every month exactly on the day appointed..."

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Official web-portal of the Supreme Council of Ukraine reported that the Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations recommends to adopt as a basis the bill "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine" (concerning the powers of state authorities in the field of land relations). The proposed bill (registered number 3378), if enacted, would amend the Law "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" and bring its provisions into conformity with the norms of the Land Code and laws "On state registration of real rights on immovable property and restrictions of these" and "On the leasing of land".

According to the bill registration of property rights to land, land use rights, lease of land contracts, issuance of documents proving ownership and land use rights shall be done by one body - the central body of executive power on land issues and not by local authorities.

In the Committee's opinion the bill will facilitate the completion of land reform, ensure establishment, functioning and dynamic development of land market and strengthen state control over land use and protection of lands.

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