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▪ **WTO and Neighborhood Policy**

Ukraine and Belarus have enough capacity to expand economic relations and free trade, including sugar, said Ambassador of Ukraine to Belarus Igor Lihovy on 21 of August in Minsk. "Belarusian sugar is well-known in Ukraine. There are no barriers to free trade" - said Ukrainian diplomat. According to I. Lihovy, supplies of Belarusian sugar will depend on the sugar beet yield in Ukraine this year. "At the same time, the issue of cane sugar raises questions among Ukrainian sugar producers", said I. Lihovy.

Speaking about current trade and economic relations between countries Ukraine's ambassador said that as a result of financial and economic crisis bilateral trade volume dropped to the level of 2007. In the first half of 2009 commodity turnover between Ukraine and Belarus amounted to little more than \$ 1.2 billion and decreased compared with the same period last year by 52%, said Ivan Lihovy.

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From 18 to 20 of September 2009 for the first time Sorochynsky Fair will be held in Moscow. Ltd "Sorochynsky Fair" invites businesses from Poltava region and from all over Ukraine interested in cooperation with enterprises of the Russian Federation to participate in this event. In the cultural-artistic program of the Fair will participate the winner the National Sorochynsky Fair festival that was held on 19-23 August.

<http://www.yarmarok.poltava.ua/ukr/>

Poltava bakery is now negotiating with the Austrian company "Mecaterm" on the supply of bread and bakery products under the trademark "Live Bread" to Austria, Germany and France, the press service reported. According to their information, the Austrian market leader in specialized equipment - the company "Mecaterm" – had proposed JSC "Poltava bakery" to increase production of bread under the brand "Live Bread" to sell it in Austria, Germany and France. For the supply of bread, the foreign partner of "Poltava bakery" is going to make a pool of investors from these countries. Austrian representative convinced: Ukrainian bread has all chances to take its rightful place of leadership in the markets of Europe. In particular, for the preservation of healthy and nourishing properties of bread, it is proposed to expose bread to deep freezing when it is 95% ready. According to the company, negotiations are under way and agreements are reached on supplies of JSC "Poltava bakery" bread to Russia.

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▪ **Food Safety**

A laboratory of molecular genetic studies of GMOs in food and agricultural production was established in Lugansk region. GMO research lab is equipped with modern high-tech equipment and complies with European and international standards.

“Modern equipment from leading companies, professional training, test kits of high quality, reagents and materials for work with biological objects will allow to perform high-level tasks”, said director of the state enterprise “Lugansk Regional Research and Production Center of Standardization, Metrology and Certification” Viacheslav Shah.

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▪ **Market Infrastructure**

Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko believes that introduction of full-fledged land market and lifting of the moratorium is necessary for economic recovery of Ukraine. In his speech on the occasion of 18th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, he proposed a coherent plan for economic recovery of Ukraine, one of the key areas of which is creating and launching a full-fledged land market, lifting the moratorium and transformation of the agricultural sector into one of the foundations of the export potential of the state.

<http://www.myland.org.ua>

Agricultural Fund as of August 26 released into commercial networks 24.7 thousand tons of sugar for sale, said the Agrarian Policy Minister Yuriy Melnyk. He said that in total the Agrarian Fund had at its disposal 39.7 thousand tons of sugar. Furthermore, according to the order of the Government, 28 thousand tons of sugar should come into the market from State Reserve. J. Melnyk also said that already before 1 September (beginning of marketing year) 3 plants will begin processing sugar beets of new yield. It is expected that in total in 2009/2010 marketing year 64 factories will produce sugar in Ukraine.

The Minister also said that his department expects sugar production in Ukraine in 2009/2010 marketing year at a level of 1.5 million tons. "We have not reduced our forecast," he said.

RBC-Ukraine

Farms of different forms of ownership ordered through “Ukragroleasing” 10745 vehicles and equipment worth 862 million UHR in 2009, said Deputy Chairman of the Ukragroleasing Taras Semykopnyy.

According to him, for 2009 153 million were allocated for the company's leasing operations from the state budget. “Ukragroleasing” has drawn more than half of the funds provided for leasing operations in 2009”, - said T. Semykopnyy and added that with its respective regulations the government has allocated for purchase of agricultural equipment 393 million from the Stabilization Fund.

<http://economics.unian.net/>

On August 21 the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, which introduces the Procedure for issuing grain and products of grain processing quality certificate came into force. According to the Law "On Grain and Grain Market in Ukraine" export-import operations with grain and products of grain processing are carried out if there is adequate quality certificate. Thus, the above-mentioned resolution approves Procedure for issuing grain and grain processing quality certificate, excluding bread and pasta, for export-import operations, including shipment in stocks for further export, transit through the territory of Ukraine with transit reloading in port grain transshipment terminals and moving through the territory of Ukraine and determines ways of circulation of these certificates.

Certification of grain and products of grain processing includes inspection and issuance of the certificate at the place of inspection.

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Ukraine's first international conference on effective transportation and storage of agricultural

production "Agro logistic - 2009" will be held on September 17, 2009 in Kiev. The main idea of the conference is to improve the quality of transportation and storage of agricultural production in Ukraine through effective logistics solutions.

Conference is organized by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Ukraine.

<http://www.agroconf.org/>

▪ **Rural Development**

MP`s are going to reserve the right for farmers to sell their own agricultural products from the beginning of next year. This is stated in the bill "On amendments to article 35 of the Law of Ukraine "On the safety and quality of food" N5053, registered in the Verkhovna Rada on August 18, 2009. According to the authors of the bill, with the introduction, according to the Law of Ukraine "On safety and quality of food" on January 1, 2010, of the ban on placing on market cattle slaughtered by owner on his premises and dairy products produced in the private sector there will be an increase in prices for meat and other products.

It is assumed that the adoption of the proposed bill would reserve the right for farmers to sell their own agricultural products, as well as, the right of consumers to buy such products directly from producers, and not from resellers. Thus, the bill does not contest the necessity to test food to determine its fitness for human consumption and undergo veterinary and sanitary examination.

"Today there is state veterinary and sanitary control of food on markets. For each carcass of a slaughtered animal state veterinary laboratory issues veterinary documents that certify the sanitary condition of meat and other food products", remind the authors of the document.

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