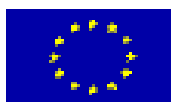




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▪ WTO and Neighborhood Policy

September 28-29 Ukrainian delegation led by the Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Yuriy Melnyk visited Moscow (Russian Federation), where fifth meeting of the Subcommittee on Agro-Industrial Complex of the Committee on Economic Cooperation of the Russian-Ukrainian interstate commission was held.

Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation Elena Skrynnik and Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Yuriy Melnyk were co-chairmen of the meeting. Members of the Russian and Ukrainian parts of the Subcommittee on agriculture and staff of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Russian Federation took part in the meeting.

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In the X International exhibition-fair "Kyiv Autumn 2009", October 1 at 13-30 in the hall of "Chubynske" Fairgrounds, seed industry professionals will gather at a round table discussion on: "Ukrainian-French cooperation in seed growing: achievements and prospects ". Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, Yuriy Melnyk and Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of France in Ukraine, Jacques Faure will open the forum.

The participants will discuss prospects of development of relationships and cooperation between Ukraine and France, particularly in seed industry.

Following the meeting the Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, Yuriy Melnyk and Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of France in Ukraine, Jacques Faure will hold joint press conference.

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Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko met with Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Jacques Dufau in New York. Parties discussed the issues of overcoming consequences of the global economic crisis and food security in the world. In this connection the President of Ukraine expressed its support for the initiatives of FAO aimed at supporting that part of humanity, which suffers from hunger.

Yushchenko also proposed to use mechanisms of cooperation with FAO to extend the representation of Ukrainian agricultural products on world food market. Parties also discussed the negative impacts of climate change on the development of agricultural sector. Yushchenko emphasized the need to consolidate efforts of the international community to counter the negative impact of these phenomena, in particular, implement measures of the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. Issues of FAO reforming, further ways of cooperation between Ukraine and the Organization, in particular, holding meetings at various levels in the near future and projects of FAO technical assistance to Ukraine were also discussed.

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Preliminary talks on free trade have begun between Canada and Ukraine. Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko believes that economic cooperation between Ukraine and Canada will become effective after the signing of an intergovernmental agreement on free trade zone. She stated this during a meeting with Canadian Minister of International Trade Stokvell Day. Prime Minister considers the most promising cooperation in the field of nuclear energy, agriculture, health care and establishing of a space communication.

In turn, Canada's trade minister S. Day said that during his visit he met with representatives of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and agreements on real projects, particularly in the aerospace sector and agriculture were reached. Agreement on free trade with Ukraine can continue to promote new markets for Canadian exports of machinery, equipment, pharmaceutical goods, agricultural products and seafood.

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Ukrainian buckwheat honey was recognized as Best Honey of Peace and received the grand prize at the World Congress on beekeeping in France - a gold medal for quality. In addition, Ukraine has won the right to host 43-th Congress "Apimondia" in 2013. More than half of the delegations (93 votes out of 165 possible) voted for Ukraine. Our rivals were Turkey, Spain, Italy, Hungary and Bulgaria.

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▪ **Food Safety**

Regulation of the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine prohibited from September 25, 2009 import of raw materials of animal origin - frozen chicken meat of mechanical boning produced by «Kipco-Damaco» (Belgium), «Trinity GMBH» (Germany) and frozen pork sides produced by «Zakłady Miesne Konskowola» (Poland).

The reason for barring the import of raw meat from these manufacturers is the results of laboratory studies. Thus, in meat chicken produced by «Kipco-Damaco» (Belgium) bacteria of intestinal bacillus group and *Listeria monocitogenes* were found. In frozen pork sides produced by «Zakłady Miesne Konskowola» (Poland) *S. typhimurium* and mesophilic aerobic and facultative anaerobic microorganisms that exceed permissible limits were found. Frozen chicken meat of mechanical boning produced by «Trinity GMBH» (Germany) contained *Listeria monocitogenes* and bacteria of intestinal bacillus group.

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Ukrainian Government adopted Resolution № 1085 from September 3 "On the strengthening of control over the implementation of phytosanitary measures and over limits of quarantine zones". This Resolution introduces a quarantine regime in areas where crops and oilseeds are cultivated, within the respective administrative region, if elevators and granaries are placed in a quarantine zone.

MAP is tasked to develop and provide within one month to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine the draft Law of Ukraine "On amending the Law of Ukraine "On Plant Quarantine".

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▪ **Market Infrastructure**

Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine published on its website draft CMU resolution "On some issues of state support for basic dairy agricultural service cooperatives".

According to draft resolution it is proposed to approve a list of 20 basic dairy agricultural service

cooperatives. In turn, the acquisition of machinery and equipment for these cooperatives is proposed to be made without application of Cabinet № 921 Resolution from October 17, 2008 "On procurement of goods, activities and services utilizing public funds". Financial support for acquisition of 20 milk tankers for cooperatives is provided at a level of 100%. The cost of tax and customs duties, registration of vehicles, mandatory insurance, contributions to the Pension Fund and other payments relating to registration of milk tankers shall be made directly by agricultural service cooperatives.

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Due to weather conditions prevailing in most regions of Ukraine as a result of prolonged drought, winter rape crops are in a critical condition. As of September 23, 2009 in the western regions of Ukraine only 15-20% of the norm of winter rape crops sprouted and in southern and central regions up to 40% of the norm, was reported in "Ukrainian club of agrarian business" association (UCAB).

According to the UCAB President Alex Lissytsya, low-grade planting material and the continued drought led to the fact that even with improved weather conditions in the most optimistic expectations only about 60% of winter rape crops will overwinter.

Given that in Ukraine in general it is planned to sow 1.2 million ha with winter rape, it means that in spring rape will remain at best on the area of 800 thousands ha.

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- **Rural Development**

Ministry of Agricultural Policy promulgated the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine draft decree "On approval of State Target Program of livestock breeding development until 2015". As marked on the official website of the Ministry, the adoption of the draft decree provides for food security through development of competitive livestock breeding and increase in its export potential. This will be achieved due to concentration of public resources to priority areas of development, formation of an effective pricing, financial, credit and fiscal policies to ensure production of food of animal origin in quantities that meet state food security standards and extend its export possibilities.

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Bill # 5173 "On amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On agricultural extension activities"" is registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine September 25, 2009. The initiator of the bill is Yulia Tymoshenko, Premier Minister of Ukraine.

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