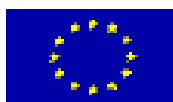




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▪ **WTO and Neighborhood Policy**

Ukrainian delegation led by Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Oleksandr Shevchenko took part in the 11th Russian agri-industrial exhibition "Golden Autumn 2009" and machinery exhibition "Agrotech Russia ", held on October 9-12 in the All-Russia Exhibition Centre (Moscow, Russian Federation).

A series of meetings and talks with heads of foreign delegations, including meeting with the Minister of Agriculture of Russia Elena Skrynnik, were held. Ukrainian delegation participated in numerous AgriForums, conferences, seminars, round tables, workshops.

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October 13, 2009 workshop on "Sectoral approach and estimation of medium-term expenditure in rural development planning" took place in the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine within the EU project «Implementation of Ukrainian's Commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural sector". The event was attended by specialists from the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, Ukrainian and international experts, academics and NGO representatives.

October 12, 2009 training for a team of experts from the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine began. It is held in the framework of the Component "Institutional development" of the EU project "Implementation of Ukrainian's Commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural sector". The training program is designed for one year and includes a number of thematic blocks, such as: "Agriculture under the WTO and the EU", "Analysis of world markets of agricultural products", "Management and business skills" etc. Training will be conducted by international and Ukrainian experts and trainers.

The Government approved the Maritime Doctrine of Ukraine for the period till 2035. Relevant resolution was adopted at the meeting of October 7, 2009. The doctrine defines Ukrainian interests in the field of maritime activity, task of state maritime policy and ways of their fulfilment.

Implementation of the Marine doctrine will promote sustainable development of Ukraine as a sea power, protect and secure its national interests at the Azov and Black Seas, Kerch Strait and other areas of the world ocean and raise its international prestige. The adopted resolution foresees development of measures for its implementation in three month period.

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▪ **Food Safety**

According to official notification of the International Office of Epizootics cases of scrapie

among animals were registered in the Republic of Bulgaria (region Lovek). Imports of sheep, goats and food and raw materials from them to Ukraine from the territory of Bulgaria are prohibited. Imports of other agricultural products and raw materials from this country shall be considered according to veterinary requirements for imports into Ukraine of items that fall under state veterinary and sanitary control and supervision.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>

Parliamentary Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations approved the recommendations of parliamentary hearings on: "Food quality and safety: how to ensure the needs of Ukrainian domestic market". Members of the hearings recommended to Cabinet to develop and submit to Verkhovna Rada draft law "On State Program of domestic organic baby food production in Ukraine till 2015".

In the opinion of hearing participants, special areas in different regions of Ukraine shall be selected for organic agricultural products cultivation for baby food production. Moreover, HACCP systems shall be introduced and certified on food enterprises till May 1, 2012 and till January 1, 2011 on baby food enterprises.

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October 6-8, 2009 the second international scientific conference "Genetically modified (biotech) plants: prospects and challenges of biosafety" was held in the Institute of Agrarian Sciences for Sugar Beet.

The purpose of this conference was to exchange scientific information and research results related to creation, testing, usage, identification and legal regulation of genetically modified organisms and biotechnological plants, as well as to consider informational and educational aspects of biosafety issues and perceptions of society. The conference was attended by about 150 people, including biotechnology experts from Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, Ukrainian State Research and Production Centre for Standardization, Metrology, Certification and Consumer Protection, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and others.

<http://www.uaan.gov.ua>

▪ **Market Infrastructure**

The Government proposes to amend CMU resolution №153 and №199 from February 26 "On compensation on interest rates for loans taken by agricultural enterprises in 2009". This is stated in resolution №1056 from October 7, 2009. The text of resolution is published on CMU official website. The document proposes to introduce changes to the procedure of using budget costs in 2009-2013 that are aimed at supporting agricultural enterprises by reducing interest rate.

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Ukraine left negotiations on creating a pool of grain between Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan of whose rapid creation these three countries announced in June at the World Grain Forum, said at a press conference in RIA Novosti chairman of the Russian Grain Union, Arkadij Zlochewskiy. "Ukraine has now departed from the original intent" - he said. According to him it was done "under the pressure from the European Union".

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

Verkhovna Rada Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations recommended to the Parliament to adopt as a basis draft law that provides for state support for insurance of

agricultural production and agricultural producers income. Draft law №5063 is proposed to regulate relations in the field of agricultural insurance, which comes under public financial support, to protect the property interests of agricultural producers. Moreover, as MPs emphasized, the draft law proposes to create State agency for agricultural risk management.

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According to the forecast of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) production of sunflower oil in Ukraine dropped by almost 8%, or by 191 thousands tonnes to 2.23 million tonnes against 2.42 million tonnes produced last season..

In the current season export of oil from Ukraine will decrease by 19% to 1.7 million tonnes against 2.1 million tonnes. However, according to USDA forecast, domestic consumption of sunflower oil in Ukraine increased by 30.3% to 504 thousand tons against 351 thousand tons.

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- **Rural Development**

A workshop on functioning of agricultural service cooperatives and state support for farmers was held in Kyiv.

Discussions on ways of practical implementation of government initiatives for rural development were attended by Roman Schmidt, Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, MPs, representatives of MAP, academic institutions and NGOs.

Participants noted that development of cooperation is a logical step in building of an agricultural market system and one of the ways of integrated development of rural areas. Issues of state support for creation and functioning of agricultural service cooperatives (ASC), development of new approaches to relationship of state and local budgets in 2010, advisory support for creation and functioning of ASC etc. were discussed during the workshop.

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Official website of the State Committee on Land Resources of Ukraine reported that on Saturday, October 10, 2009, Chairman of the State Committee Oleg Kulynych met with heads of Republic Committee on Land Resources of Crimea, main offices of State Committee on Land Resources in oblasts and cities, regional affiliates of the Centre of state land cadastre and land administration institutes to consider implementation of tasks determined by the CMU resolution dated August 5, 2009 № 844 “Some issues of land ownership by Ukrainian citizens in 2009”. The Chairman announced the following information: Citizens of Ukraine submitted 164 thousand applications for free registration of civil acts and only 841 acts were registered and issued.

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Starting from October 9, 2009 20 Bukovynian villages will receive specially trained financial advisors. Within four weeks, twenty people of various villages of Bukovina were trained under the project “Cross-border cooperation in investment development of rural regions”. Special centres where financial advisers will explain to local people how to earn and spend money will be established in the villages.

The main task of financial advisers in the villages is to communicate with people. They have to tell the rural inhabitants about credit opportunities that now exist in Ukraine, about deposits, securities etc. In addition, consultants have to convey to people the essence of government programs aimed at supporting rural areas, which operate today. Such programs do exist, but few people know about them. Project participants, who received certificates of course completion, assure that they are willing to teach financial literacy to villagers.

Chernivtsi Channel

The first meeting of the Ukrainian Association of Rural and Village councils was held, where documents of state registration of this organization were considered.

As the Deputy Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers Pavlo Kondyk noted, the Government pins great hopes on efficient cooperation with the newly created Association. According to him, the cooperation will consist joint work of Government and association in development and adoption of various regulations. In addition, on behalf of the Prime Minister, he welcomed the meeting participants. "The government pins great hopes on efficiency of newly-created All-Ukraine Association" - said Pavlo Kondyk.

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