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## Overview of Latest Rural Developments

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### ▪ WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich made partial amendments to the Decree of President of Ukraine from February 5, 2007 "On appointment of Ukrainian delegates to talks with the European Union to conclude new enhanced agreement between Ukraine and the European Union", the presidential press service said.

In particular, the delegation was renamed into "Ukraine's delegation to negotiations with the European Union to conclude the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union" and new delegates appointed.

<http://presscenter.ukrinform.ua>, 10.08.10

Economics Minister Vasyl Tsushko met with Ambassador of Australia to Ukraine Michael Potts. The sides discussed the current state and prospect of bilateral economic cooperation. In particular, they talked about cooperation in agriculture, construction industry and opportunities for Australian companies wishing to invest into infrastructural projects. Special attention was paid to expand the legal framework for bilateral trade relations.

Press Service of the Ministry of Economy, 10/08/2010

During the international conference "Fruit Forecast – 2010" the Board of Directors of the World Apples and Pears Association (WAPA) agreed on Ukraine's membership in this organization, the president of Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation (UAC) Leonid Kozachenko said.

According to him, Ukraine is among the 15 largest world fruit producers. "However, our production rates are very low and existing capacities underused. The productivity in Ukrainian fruit sector is about 7 tons per hectare, while in the neighbouring Poland this figure reaches up to 60 tonnes / ha", the UAC president said.

Kozachenko argues that Ukraine's membership in WAPA will contribute to the quality control process and facilitate introduction of international experience of fruit marketing. He also noted that Ukraine is a substantial supplier of apple juice concentrates in the world market.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 09.08.2010

### ▪ Food Safety

Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Viktor Slauta met with the President of the Regional Commission of the World Organisation for Animal Health in Europe Nicola Byelyev. The meeting was also attended by the Head of State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine Ivan Bisyuk. The parties discussed global and local epizootic situation. Nicola Byelyev

said that the EU regards the organizational structure of Ukrainian veterinary service as a model for its member-countries. The distinguished guest also confirmed that the World Health Organization is ready to support Ukraine in implementing measures to prevent the spread of African swine fever and launch joint WHO-EU animal rabies-control program, which provides for a buffer zone against rabies to be established in Ukraine.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 05.08.2010

"GMO-free" labels on salt and drinking water packages may become redundant", chairman of the Consumer Standard Committee Dmytro Povolotskij said. "These products do not contain GMOs a priori and there is no need to put "GMO free" label on them. Relevant legislative initiatives are now pending in Verkhovna Rada", he said.

Povolotskij also said that the Committee together with the Ministry of Health is developing the list of products that may contain GMOs. "Consumer Guide" is planned to be published in September 2010, where the list of products containing or possibly containing GMOs will be given.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 06.08.2010

The number of rabies cases in animals has sharply increased in Ukraine. Since the beginning this year cases of this deadly disease were discovered already in 883 settlements, as against a mere 332 cases in the same period last year. The State Committee of Veterinary Medicine recommends to carefully treat any bites and scratches received from both wild and non-grafted animals and avoid contact with their saliva.

The Committee explains such a sharp increase by the fact that it was not able to fully carry out comprehensive immunization of wild animals this year (rabies is mainly carried by the fox).

Only Donetsk and Luhansk oblast were fully supplied with vaccine. 586,000 doses were distributed there, while 14 million doses of vaccine are needed annually to inoculate animals throughout Ukraine.

"Today, 08/06/2010

State Committee of Ukraine for Technical Regulation and Consumer Policy intends to strengthen the verification system to ensure compliance with the GMO labelling requirements for food products. Inspections are to be conducted at least once a month. According to the procedure for labelling of food products containing GMOs or produced from raw materials containing GMOs approved by the Cabinet companies shall prove their "GMO free" claims by showing relevant test reports issued by a properly accredited testing laboratory.

AIC-Inform, 08/09/2010

## ▪ **Market Infrastructure**

In 2010 the production of summer fruits increased by 20-25% compared to last year, an independent agricultural expert, the head of AIC-Inform: Vegetables and Fruits "Andriy Yarmak said.

"The harvest of cherries, peaches, apricots, etc already exceeds by 20-25% the last year's figures", the expert said.

He also said that although the production of table grapes will grow by 20-25%, it still is not enough to replace imports. "Today table grapes rank among the most profitable segments of agribusiness. Profitability of their production is more than 100%", the expert said.

RBC-Ukraine, 06.08.2010

Vice-Prime Minister Viktor Slauta instructed the Ministry of Economy to carry an analysis of current grain prices and provide price forecasts. Such an order Slauta gave during the meeting

were issues related to food markets stability and ways to prevent unreasonable increases in food prices were discussed.

"In order to prevent arbitrary price increases in the domestic food market, Deputy Prime Minister has instructed the Ministry of Economy to conduct meeting on food prices and provide forecasts for the current year", reads the statement.

The meeting was attended by officials from MAP and Ministry of Economy, NGOs, bakery businesses. They discussed issues related to establishing a public intervention fund and its regional grain resources and supplying the livestock sector with feed grain.

<http://www.unian.net/>, 09.08.2010

Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, Ukrainian Agri Fund and international trading companies have agreed to jointly implement measures aimed at stabilizing the grain market, the Deputy Director General of Agri Fund Olexander Lavrinchuk said.

"The sides agreed to cooperate and include all possible measures and plans into memorandum", said Lavrinchuk.

He also said that Agri Fund and MAP agreed with traders that Agri Fund would purchase 1 million tons of grain for an average market price. "Grain traders have promised to temporarily reduce their procurement activities, so that Agri Fund can enter the market efficiently and effectively".

Liga Business Inform, 08/10/2010

## ▪ **Rural Development**

Vice-Premier Minister of Ukraine Viktor Slauta conducted the meeting of Governmental Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations.

Members of the Governmental Committee approved draft decree of the Cabinet "On amendments to paragraph 11 of Regulation on the State Committee of Ukraine on Land Resources", which proposes to include in accordance with the general regulation on appointments to panels of central and local administrations, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from October 2, 2003, № 1569, the representatives of local government associations to the panel of the State Committee on Land Resources. The purpose of the document is to involve the representatives of local government associations into the process of land reform.

[www.kmu.gov.ua](http://www.kmu.gov.ua), 09.08.2010