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## Overview of Latest Rural Developments

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### WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich met with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Petros Eftimiu. Mr. Yanukovich noted that Ukraine considers the OSCE as an important platform for dialogue on the Common European Security Space. "We believe the parliamentary dimension of the OSCE activities to be effective and useful", he said.

Mr. Yanukovich stressed the important role the Parliamentary Assembly plays in strengthening the democratic standards of the OSCE members. "The Assembly members traditionally play an important role in monitoring the course of elections in the OSCE area", he said, adding that Ukraine always gives special attention to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly resolutions. "We are ready to cooperate and further improve democratic principles and standards in Ukraine", he said.

The Presidential Press Service 15.09.2011

The Head of the World Bank for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova Martin Reiser met with the Ukrainian Prime Minister Mykola Azarov to present a new partnership strategy for 2012-15.

The new strategy includes four priorities: the second phase of the project to improve roads and traffic safety; the project to finance urban infrastructure; the second phase of the project to upgrade Ukrainian gas transport system (in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and European Investment Bank) and the project to upgrade the social assistance system. According to Mr. Reiser the World Bank is also prepared to develop together with the Ukrainian Government a number of other projects. In his turn, Mr. Azarov emphasized the need for adopting the new partnership strategy.

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Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich met with the European Union Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Stefan Fuele, Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt and the member of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs Elmar Brok.

In welcoming the guests of the 8th Yalta Annual Meeting Mr. Yanukovich noted that this event offers broad opportunities for a constructive exchange of views on various topical issues. In his turn, Stefan Fuele also praised the opportunities the Yalta Annual Meeting provides for communication, he called it "a very useful and unique event." Speaking of relations between Ukraine and the EU, Stefan Fuele said: "I think the most important is that the quality of Ukraine-EU relations depends not only on the progress during negotiations on the Association Agreement. However, a lot has been achieved already during these negotiations."

The Presidential Press Service, 16.09.2011

Ukraine's integration with the European Union countries is not only the main political vector of its foreign policy but first of all an incentive for conducting serious economic and structural reforms, the First Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Economic Development and Trade Andriy Klyuyev said during his speech at the 8th Yalta Annual Meeting "Ukraine and The World: Common Challenges, Common Future."

Mr. Klyuyev also said that a recent poll showed that two thirds of Ukrainians support Ukraine's European aspirations. He exhorted his EU colleagues to also move towards Ukraine "with an open heart and soul".

The Press Service of the Ministry of Economic Development, 16.09.2011

Ukraine will send its proposals to revise certain stipulations of trade and economic cooperation agreements concluded with certain WTO countries in a letter to the World Trade Organization, the Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said while meeting in Yalta with the EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Stefan Fuele.

Mr. Azarov noted that none of the stipulations which Ukraine offers to review concerns the EU, and this will in no way change Ukraine's position in negotiations on FTA with the EU.

In his turn, Mr. Fuele said that the Prime Minister's position will be delivered to the EU leaders and be taken into account in talks with the First Vice Prime Minister Andriy Klyuyev which are to be held next week in Brussels.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 17.09.2011

The Ukrainian Parliament ratified the Protocol to the Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between Ukraine and EU entitled "On the Framework Agreement Between Ukraine and EU On General Principles of Ukraine's Participation in Community Programmes."

<http://news.mail.ru>, 21.09.2011

## **Food Safety**

Since cases of classical swine fever were registered in Vladimir region of the Russian Federation, Ukrainian State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service instructed its regional offices:

- to strengthen veterinary and sanitary control and supervision of measures to prevent ASF and CSF pathogens entering into Ukraine;
- to vaccinate all pigs against CSF;
- to ensure the unconditional implementation of all directives and orders issued by the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine to prevent ASF and CSF pathogens entering into Ukraine.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 16.09.2011

While checking catering establishments in Kyiv, veterinary police officers suspended the activities of five kiosks which were manufacturing and selling meat dishes. The kiosk operated without proper permits and in unhygienic conditions. Meat production equipment and 60 kg of low quality products were seized.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 19.09.2011

A workshop to study the EU requirements for official monitoring of veterinary residues and contaminants in live animals and unprocessed animal products is carried out in the State Research Institute for Laboratory Diagnostics and Veterinary-Sanitary Examination. The workshop is organized by the European Commission Directorate General for Trade, supported by the Ukrainian State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service and conducted by international experts: Denehar Martin (Dublin, Ireland) and Bjorn Berendsen (Wageningen, Netherlands).

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 20.09.2011

The Central Laboratory for Processed Vegetable Products, Potatoes and Grapes, which has recently been incorporated to the State Inspectorate for Agriculture, is now responsible for control over product quality and over the way in which sanitary standards and regulations and technological regimes are complied with by food enterprises.

BukovynaProduct, a company engaged in fruits and vegetable processing, has been inspected recently. The representatives of the Central Laboratory checked whether company's employees do follow relevant standards and technological and health regimes, how they organize the quality control process, whether all necessary laboratory equipment and chemical reagents are available and whether all checklists are filled in. The inspection results showed that all products are fully compliant with the relevant standards.

The State Inspectorate for Agriculture Press Service, 20.09.2011

Ukraine plans to stimulate the production of clean food, Victor Yanukovich said in a speech at a high-level UN General Assembly for prevention and control of non-communicable diseases which was held in New York.

According to Mr. Yanukovich, in the near future Ukraine will generate more affordable exports of clean food. "We have a great potential for production of clean food. This will be Ukraine's contribution to improving the quality of food in the world", he said.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 21.09.2011

## Market infrastructure

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich requested the governors to create regional public grain reserves to prevent the growth of bread prices. As he said at the meeting of the Council of Regions, which was held in Kiev on September 15: "Despite the fact that there was a considerable grain harvest this year, not all regions have yet bought sufficient quantities of grain".

Among such regions are the city of Kyiv, Khmelnytskyi oblast and the city of Sevastopol. "Your inaction can lead to undue price increases for bread", Mr. Yanukovich said, addressing to the heads of the three regions.

Interfax-Ukraine, 15.09.2011

According to the State Statistics Service, as of 01.09.11 the number of cattle amounted to 5.168 million heads, which is 3.2% less than in the same period in 2010.

The number of cows decreased by 3.3% to 2.649 million heads, that of pigs decreased by 3.2% to 8.102 million heads and that of sheep and goats decreased by 0.4% to 2.104 million heads. At the same time, the number of poultry increased by 0.6% and amounted to almost 235 million heads.

APK-Inform, 15.09.2011

According to the State Statistics Committee, in August 2011 the average price of cheese bought from manufacturers increased by 7.6% compared to July and by 6.7% compared to January and totalled 42,739.57 UAH/ton. At the same time, the average price of processed liquid milk rose to 5245.65 UAH/ton (2.2%), that of milk and dry creams increased to 25543.03 UAH/ton (+3.3%), that of butter (with 85% fat content) increased to 43279.47 UAH/ton (+3.6%), that of unflavoured yogurt - to 5867.76 UAH/ton (+3.4%) and that of unflavoured sour cream increased to 14,334.82 UAH/ton (+1.4%).

BIZ.liga.net, 16.09.2011

Instruments for long-term land lease have to be created for investments to flow into Ukrainian agriculture, the Agricultural Advisor to the Credit Agricole Bank, academician of Academies of

Agrarian Sciences in France, Russia and Ukraine and former adviser to the Ukrainian Government Jean-Jacques Herve said. "Investments will not come to Ukraine if there will be no sufficiently stable and transparent investment environment. So I think there is no need to right away start selling land since special market instruments need to be developed first", he said.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 19.09.2011

Kiev 20 of September - The Cabinet of Ministers signed the Memorandum on The Need To Stabilize Consumer Market Prices with the representatives of food manufacturers and retail businesses. On behalf of the Government the document was signed by the First Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Economic Development and Trade Andriy Klyuev.

In the memorandum food manufacturers oblige themselves to prevent undue increase in wholesale prices for socially important food products. Mr. Klyuev said that the Government will monitor the implementation of the memorandum. He also stressed that only civilized cooperation between the Government and the market participants will create transparent business environment, which will be beneficial both to consumers, retailers and manufacturers.

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## **Rural Development**

Ukraine loses its fertile soils due, among other reasons, to ignorance of agricultural science, the head of the Ukrainian Environmental League Tatiana Tymochko said at a press conference held at the UNN Media Hall.

"There is a serious threat to Ukrainian soils, since, not having received special agricultural training, rural residents haphazardly use toxic substances to protect their crops", Ms. Tymochko said.

<http://agroua.net>, 20.09.2011

480 billion UAH are needed to modernize Ukrainian countryside, the Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said during a conversation with the students of the Kyiv National Economic University. "20-30 billion UAH are annually allocated from the State budget to support the rural areas," Mr. Azarov said. While answering Prime's question as to what funds are needed to modernize Ukrainian countryside, one of the students proposed the figure of 60 billion dollars. Azarov agreed with these estimates and said that in hryvna this figure will be 480 billion.

RBC-Ukraine, 21.09.2011