

 <p>МІНІСТЕРСТВО АГРАРНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ТА ПРОДОВОЛЬСТВА УКРАЇНИ</p>	 <p>Проект фінансується Європейським Союзом</p>	 <p>Проект впроваджується консорціумом на чолі з WYG International</p>
<p><i>Implementation of Ukrainian's Commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural sector EuropeAid/126205/C/SER/UA</i></p>		

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WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich and Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou discussed in detail the development of trade and economic cooperation which will include joint investment projects in energy, alternative energy and agriculture.

Both parties noted a significant intensification of trade and economic cooperation between Ukraine and Greece in the last and current years.

The Presidential Press Service 06.10.2011

The working groups met in Kyiv as part of the 18th round of the FTA talks between Ukraine and the EU.

The Government Commissioner for European Integration Valery Pyatnitsky said that issues related to liberalization of market access for goods and services and trade aspects of energy cooperation were discussed. The two parties assessed as positive the 18th round of negotiations which resulted in reaching agreements on such crucial issues as protection of geographical indications, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, competition and state aid, the increase of agricultural tariff quotas, and non-use of agricultural export subsidies in bilateral trade.

The Ministry of Economic Development Press Service, 07.10.2011

October 10, Ukrainian delegation headed by the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysyzhnyuk paid a working visit to Hungary. Mr. Prysyzhnyuk met with the Deputy Prime Minister of Hungary Zsolt Semjen and the Minister of National Development of Hungary Tamas Fellegi. The Ukrainian minister noted a significant increase in trade and economic relations in agriculture between the two countries. "The total agricultural turnover between Ukraine and Hungary in 8 months of 2011 amounted to USD 131.1 million, which is USD 20.1 million more than in 2010. Ukraine exported to Hungary USD 31.1 million worth of food products and imported USD 100 million worth of food products", he said. Mr. Prysyzhnyuk also informed that four intergovernmental working groups, including that on agriculture, will meet soon.

The MAPF Press Service, 10.10.2011

Food Safety

The Cabinet amended its resolution № 704 from June 22, 2011 (On State Target Programmes) so as to make Ukrainian agricultural products more competitive, provide Ukrainian consumers with safe food and facilitate the export of animal food to the EU and the Customs Union Member States.

Ukrainian animal products will be exported in accordance with the residue monitoring plans

approved by the European Commission. Implementing the State Target Economic Programme for Monitoring of Veterinary Drug Residues and Contaminants in Live Animals, Animal Products and Feeds for 2010-2015 will also contribute to facilitating the export of Ukrainian animal products.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 06.10.2011

The State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service reports that, according to the International Epizootic Bureau:

- cases of plague were recorded among small ruminants in Israel. The decision № 15-2-23/8676 from 06.10.11 prohibits imports of live animals susceptible to plague and products thereof from Israel;
- cases of equine influenza were recorded in Mongolia. The decision № 15-2-23/8675 from 06.10.11 prohibits imports of Mongolian horses and products thereof;
- cases of FMD were recorded among cattle in Uruguay. The decision № 15-2-23/8674 from 06.10.11 prohibits imports of live animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease and products thereof from Uruguay;
- cases of glanders disease were recorded among horses in Afghanistan. The decision № 15-2-23/8673 from 06.10.11 prohibits imports of Afghanistan horses and products thereof;
- cases of Newcastle disease were recorded among birds in Nicaragua. The decision № 15-2-23/8672 from 06.10.11 prohibits imports of Nicaraguan poultry and products thereof;
- cases of contagious metritis were recorded among horses in the State of Arizona (US). The decision № 15-2-23/8671 from 06.10.11 prohibits imports of Arizona horses and products thereof.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 06.10.2011

Market infrastructure

October 6, the President of the Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation Leonid Kozachenko met with the CEO of Merrill Lynch's investment bank Gary Vinokur to discuss the peculiarities of Ukraine's investment climate and compare them with global trends and priorities, the UAC press service reports.

According to Mr. Kozachenko, food investments has now become as liquid as energy investments. 10 Ukrainian agri-holdings have capitalization of some \$ 7 billion, a fact which reflects the agricultural sector's high competitiveness and investment appeal. "Ukraine's agriculture sector needs more than \$60 billion of investments and Merrill Lynch's bank may potentially participate in this process", the UAC president said.

APK-Inform, 06.10.2011

The Parliament adopted the law On Adoption of Export Duty Rates for Certain Types of Crops abolishing export duties for wheat and maize, and extending those for barley until January 1, 2012 at the rate of 14% but not less than 23 euros per tonne.

www.unian.net, 07.10.2011

During the Second International Black Sea Economic Forum the Ukrainian Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysyzhnyuk proposed the Black Sea countries to set up a centre for monitoring and analysing the dynamics of agricultural production and consumption.

The MAPF Press Service, 10.10.2011

The Turkish Union of Seed Producers (TSUAB) signed a memorandum of long-term partnership with Ukrainian ministries, so as to develop seed markets of both countries and implement mutually beneficial projects.

In 2012 Turkey plans to export \$150 million worth of vegetable seeds to Ukraine, while Ukraine plans to export \$ 10 million worth of wheat seeds to Turkey.

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The EU technical assistance programme to support Ukrainian wine sector will start to be developed in November, the president of the Ukrainian Wine and Grape Bureau Ivan Plachkov said, referring to the words the head of the European Union to Ukraine Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira said during his visit to Bessarabia. According to Mr. Plachkov, the heads of diplomatic missions of several of the European Community countries visited the wine factories in Bessarabia at the invitation of the Ukrainian Wine and Grape Bureau on 1-2 of October, and appreciated the excellent quality of local wine. The diplomats named unsolved land issues, bureaucracy and uncertain investment policies among impediments to the development of Ukrainian wine sector.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 10.10.2011

Rural Development

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October 27, the Organic Processing and Trade Conference will take place as part of the World Food Ukraine 2011 exhibition. The event will be supported by the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL, Switzerland), BIOLan Ukraine, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Grimco Trade Holland and the World Food exhibition. Experts from the Netherlands, France and the Czech Republic are invited to participate in the conference to share their experience and knowledge of organic production.

<http://www.biolan.org.ua/>, 06.10.2011

The head of the Competitive Kherson Region international project Mr. Pidvysotskij and the head of Zelenivka village council Mr. Semchyshyn agreed to implement the Competitive Zelenivka project to facilitate the social and economic development of the village of Zelenivka. The village council will in two weeks provide the project managers with the information about the village's social facilities, active and completed development projects, and free investment platforms for business development. It will also adopt directions of village's development and the first concrete measures to improve its competitiveness.

<http://regionews.com.ua/>, 06.10.2011

The Government has decided to conduct in 2014 the first nationwide agricultural census, the press service of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade reports.

A test census will be carried out in 2012 in Bashtanka rayon of Mykolayiv oblast. Ukraine will in this way fulfil the FAO requirements considering the ninth round of global agricultural census 2010, which is to be carried out within the period from 2005 to 2014. More than 126,000 temporary employees are needed to carry out the census. The census results will be used to develop economic and social policies, analyse the structure of the agricultural sector, make agricultural forecasts, develop and implement agricultural policies at central and regional levels.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 10.10.2011

Some UAH 94 million (9.6% of anticipated funding levels) has been allocated for regional land use and land protection programmes in 2011, the press service of the State Agency for Land Resources reports.

UAH 14.1 million (15.1%) were allocated for land protection, UAH 21.5 million (23.4%) for setting up the land inventory, UAH 5.5 million (5.9%) for separation of state lands from municipal lands, UAH 14.7 million (15.7%) for monetary land assessment, UAH 37.9 million (40.4%) for

other activities.

The land related activities in Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Mykolaiv and Sumy oblasts have not been funded at all.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 11.10.2011