

 <p>МІНІСТЕРСТВО АГРАРНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ТА ПРОДОВОЛЬСТВА УКРАЇНИ</p>	 <p>Проект фінансується Європейським Союзом</p>	 <p>Проект впроваджується консорціумом на чолі з WYG International</p>
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## Overview of Latest Rural Developments

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### WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich assessed as positive the European Parliament's resolution on Ukraine where it is said that the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU should be initialled by the end of 2011.

"This is a good news for Ukraine. It is important that EU accession prospects for Ukraine are fixed in accordance with the Lisbon Treaty and Ukraine's current problems are identified. We do know well about them, and are working to rectify them as soon as possible", Mr. Yanukovich said.

Presidential Press Service, 01.12.2011

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry welcomes European Parliament's recommendations to the EU Council on Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU. The recommendations were adopted on December 1 in Brussels. The Ministry's statement reads as follows: "We are grateful for European Parliament's support to Ukraine's European aspirations and for the recognition of the fact that Ukraine is a European state entitled to apply for EU membership in accordance with Article 49 of the Lisbon Treaty. We hope that this encouraging signal will be taken into account by other EU institutions, and EU member-states".

Press Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 01.12.2011

Ukraine is interested in deepening cooperation with France, Deputy Prime Minister/Minister of Social Policy Serhij Tihipko said during the sixth meeting of the Joint Ukrainian-French Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation. Mr. Tihipko mentioned the following areas as most promising for cooperation: agriculture, energy, industry, transport, tourism and education.

Press Service of Vice Prime Minister/Social Policy Minister, 02.12.2011

The Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysiachniuk will participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dialogue on Agricultural Issues Ukraine-EU during his working visit to Belgium.

Mr. Prysiachniuk will meet with the representatives of the European Business Association to discuss agricultural reforms in Ukraine and the process of integration of Ukraine's agricultural sector into the EU. He will also meet with the Director-General for Health and Consumer Protection (SANCO) Paola Testori Coggi and the European Commission member responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development Dacian Ciolos.

MAPF Press Service, 05.12.2011

During his working visit to Brussels the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola

Prysiashnyiuk participated in a roundtable organized by the European Business Association. The round-table participants discussed agricultural reforms in Ukraine and Ukraine's potential on the global food markets. "Ukraine is currently in the process of reforms which include the land reform. Improved legislation, high-tech equipment and innovative technologies should be among the main levers accelerating our economic development. A new ideology of economic growth is needed for us to enhance our cooperation with the European Union and expand economic ties with our traditional partners", Mr. Prysiashnyiuk said in his speech.

MAPF Press Service, 06.12.2011

## **Food Safety**

Ukraine may impose phytosanitary sanctions on Moldova, since this country has systematically violated Ukrainian and international phytosanitary requirements when importing its agricultural goods to Ukraine. Ukrainian State Plant Quarantine Service sent several notifications and an official letter to Moldova outlining its concerns about the number of registered cases of pest plants entering Ukraine from Moldova.

During the first three quarters of 2011 quarantine weed seeds were detected in 407 cases when sunflower and corn shipments destined to Odessa from Moldova were checked. Shipments were accompanied by certificates issued by Moldavian official inspectors. 196 notifications were sent to Moldova. Moldavian authorities assured the Ukrainian side that they would take measures to prevent pests entering into shipments destined to Ukraine. Nevertheless, in October pest plants were found in 45 cases. Ukrainian State Plant Quarantine Inspection will start to return infested shipments to Moldova when further violations of phytosanitary requirements will be found.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 01.12.2011

Last week veterinary police officials found illegal animal food processing plants in three regions of Ukraine. 12 tons of low-quality products were seized.

An illegal plant for smoking fish was closed in Ternopil oblast, 8 tons of frozen fish without proper documents were found in Novoazovsk, Donetsk oblast, and 3 tons of meat without proper documents were found in Lviv oblast. 207 violations were discovered during the last week and fines amounting to UAH 30.1 thousand were issued.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 05.12.2011

## **Market infrastructure**

The MAPF estimates losses from bad harvest of winter crops at UAH 2 billion on the area of 2 million hectares. "We think that one third of crops is in very poor condition and will need to be resown", the director of MAPF's Economic Development and Agricultural Markets Department Sergiy Kvasha said.

LIHABusinessInform, 05.12.2011

Svizhenka-Milk dairy complex was launched in Chernivtsi oblast. The complex includes a farm for 200 dairy cows with a milking parlour equipped with up-to-date equipment. 124 breeding heifers were imported from Germany, and another 64 heads of cattle are planned to be imported by the end of 2011. The company also has 403 sheep. The complex consists of two cow barns, hay storage, silage pits, and transport facilities. The company leases 300 hectares of land for feed purposes.

Chernivtsi authorities strive to halt the decrease in livestock and Svizhenka-Milk dairy complex is a step in this direction. UAH 30 million were invested into its construction and another UAH 25 million are planned to be invested into construction of a dairy plant in 2012.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 05.12.2011

Ukraine should appear on the Chicago exchange with swap contracts for wheat, the President of the Ukrainian Grain Association Volodymyr Klimenko said during a teleconference between Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan. "Together we must introduce a Black Sea swap contract for wheat on the Chicago exchange. In the Black Sea region there is a need for a price indicator", Mr. Klimenko said.

He noted that there is no need to create an exchange in Ukraine, and swap contract should be established on the most liquid exchange in the world. "Grain traders and producers will then get significant support", he stressed.

RBC-Ukraine, 05.12.2011

Ukraine is interested in improving its position in the Doing Business ranking, which is prepared by the World Bank and International Finance Corporation, the Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade Volodymyr Bandurov said during a meeting with the Head of IFC regional office in Ukraine Rufat Alimardanov and IFC director in Ukraine Elena Voloshina. Mr. Bandurov noted that the Government has developed a number of regulations aimed at facilitating doing business in Ukraine. Most of them will take effect from the beginning 2012. It was agreed to develop an international agreement on cooperation between Ukraine and the International Finance Corporation.

Press Service of the Ministry of Economic Development, 06.12.2011

The Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysyzhnyuk hopes that import of Ukrainian agricultural products to Europe will be simplified after the Association Agreement will be signed. He told this in Brussels on December 5-6. "The date of initialling and signing the Agreement depends now on political decisions", Mr. Prysyzhnyuk said. He noted that Ukraine succeeded to fix its agricultural imports to the EU at substantial volumes and make the EU refuse to subsidize its agricultural exports to Ukraine, as is often done in case of third countries.

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## **Rural Development**

6.9 million people acquired titles to land plots as a result of land reforms in Ukraine. 6.8 million of them received land certificates. State land ownership acts were issued to 6.6 million citizens (97%). The following are the oblasts where state land ownership acts were issued to almost everyone willing to exchange his/her land certificate for the state land ownership act: Sumy oblast (100%), Vinnytsia oblast (99.9%), Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhya oblasts (99.5%), Crimea and Kirovohrad oblasts (99.3%), Odessa, Poltava and Cherkasy oblasts (99.2%). The following are the reasons why in some oblasts land certificates have not been yet exchanged for state land ownership: some 80 thousand citizens has not yet registered the land certificates they had inherited, some 90 thousand citizens are in the process of registering inherited land certificates, some 50 thousand citizens do not want to exchange their land certificates for land ownership acts and some 30 thousand citizens moved abroad. "The issuance of state land ownership acts to those willing to exchange their land certificates is almost completed", the head of the State Land Agency Serhiy Timchenko said.

Press Service of the State Agency of Land Resources, 01.12.2011

Free sale of agricultural land will be permitted in late 2012/early 2013, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysyzhnyuk said. "The draft law On Land Market has to pass the first and second reading in the Parliament. After that we will still need some time to complete the Land Registry and carry out land inventory. I think a fully fledged agricultural land market will

be launched in late 2012/early 2013", Mr. Prysyzhnyuk said. Let us remind the reader that on August 2, 2011 Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich signed the Law № 3613-VI "On State Land Cadastre" and that the moratorium on the sale of agricultural land will become invalid starting on January 1, 2012.

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