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Overview of the Latest Rural Developments

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- WTO and Neighborhood Policy**

It is mentioned by the European Commission that the free trade area with Ukraine is not possible without signing the Association Agreement. That was stressed by the EC representative Philippe Cuisson in his speech at the Committee of Regions where the investment opportunities of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast were presented - the Radio Freedom says.

“As far as an agreement on the comprehensive free trade area is a part of the Association Agreement that means it is not a plan B for Ukraine - the EC representative said. Mr. Cuisson stressed that the only way for Ukraine to take advantage of economic integration assumed by the free trade area agreement is to move towards signing the Association Agreement.

RBK-Ukraine, 12.04.2012

The Ukraine – Austria political consultations took place in Vienna, between the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Head of the Ministry’s Apparatus Mr. Pavlo Klimkin and Secretary General of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria Mr. Johannes Kirle.

During the consultations the parties discussed the wide range of issues of the Ukrainian – Austrian relations, particularly, in political, commercial, economic, and cultural-humanitarian areas, and implementation of the European integration policy of Ukraine.

The parties confirmed the importance of the elaboration and implementation of the investment and infrastructure projects within the frameworks the EU Strategy for Danube Region, including the EU supported ones. The Austrian party confirmed its position on support of the European integration desires of Ukraine, specifically, on the signing and following ratification of the Agreement on the EU – Ukraine Association.

MFA of Ukraine, 13.04.2012

As an outcome of the visit of the Ukrainian delegation leading by Victor Yanukovich, the President of Ukraine to the Jordan Kingdom, it was agreed to increase the cooperation in the agrarian sector. It was said by Mykola Prysyzhnyuk, The Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine: “The number of agreements was signed, particularly, on the grain elevator capacities that allow us to increase the shipping of grain to this country, as well as to the neighboring ones; we agreed on the increase of meat, poultry and by-products”.

He added that it was achieved the cooperation agreement between research centers of the countries, the cooperation agreement in plant quarantine was signed.

Press Service of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, 17.04.2012

- Food Safety**

State Inspection on plant quarantine in Volyn Oblast completed its activities on dissemination of the Nematode-resistant brands of potato among rural population, within the frameworks of the “Programme of dissemination of the Nematode-Cancer and Phytophthora resistant potato seeds on 2008-2017”. During the last 4 years, rural dwellers were given free of charge 46 tones of Nematode-resistant brands of potato in order to eliminate areas of dangerous parasites - *Heterodera rostochiensis* Woll.

“In 2012, within the frameworks of the Programme, 41,2 tones of Nematode-resistant brands of potato were purchased by the Volyn Institute for Agribusiness Production due to give it for free to the land plot owners, where the Potato Nematode contagion areas were revealed” – said in the State Inspection on plant quarantine in Volyn Oblast.

The Potato Nematode was revealed in the Volyn region for the first time in 1968, in Kovel district. By the 1st January, 2012, the Potato Nematode contagion areas are registered at the area of 1034 Ha.

<http://agroua.net>, 12.04.2012

During the meeting of the Inter-Governmental Board for Agribusiness Issues NIS, Mr. Serhiy Trigubenko, Head of the State Inspection for Agriculture of Ukraine met his Colleague from Kazakhstan, Mr. Saktash Khasenov, Head Committee of State Inspection in Agribusiness and Expert of the Administration of Investment Policies and Finance of the Department of Investment Policies.

During the meeting, the quality and quantity control of grain by the State Inspection for Agriculture of Ukraine was highly appreciated by the Kazakh representatives. They learned this information at the State Centre for Certification and Expertise of Agricultural Produce and expressed a desire for training their specialists at this Centre.

Mr. Serhiy Trigubenko noted that the issue of laboratory tests is a high priority for the State Inspection for Agriculture of Ukraine, and mentioned that now new control-laboratory network is set up where each laboratory will do tests according to the Ukrainian and European Standards that will secure the quality of agrarian produce at local and global market alike.

Government Portal, 12.04.2012

Ukraine requested the inspection of the Ukrainian enterprises (dairy and meet processing) interested in export to the countries of the Customs Union. It was announced on the 13th April, 2012 by the Rossilgospnaglyad Press-Service.

The bid expressed in the letter from Mr. Ivan Bisyuk, Head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine to Mr. Sergey Dankwert, Rossilgospnaglyad.

“Ivan Bisyuk informs that the Ukrainian part is ready to accept the veterinary service representatives of the Customs Union countries on the second part of May. The bid of the State Veterinary Service will be considered by the heads of veterinary services of Russia, Kazakhstan, and Belarus” – said in the message.

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According to the agreement between Ukraine and the Netherlands on cooperation in animal health issues and support to the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service due to overcome the Aujeszki disease of pigs project, the training workshop on monitoring and sample collection took place in Vinnitsya.

The experts from the Netherlands illuminated the ways and measures for elimination of the Aujeszki disease in the Netherlands and getting the status of secured country regarding this disease.

State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine, 16.04.2012

Mr. Petro Poroshenko, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, after negotiations in Moscow with Mr. Gennadiy Onishchenko, Head of the Rosspozhyvnaglyad, announced that Russian and Ukraine agreed that 3 Ukrainian enterprises after successful pass of

the inspection of Rosspozhyvnaglyad, to start cheese shipment to Russian market.

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• Market Infrastructure

Ukraine's joining two schemes of the seed variety certification of the Organization for the Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), accreditation of the laboratory of Ukrainian State Seed Inspection in the international organization on definition of sowing qualities of seeds – ICTA made possible for local producers to receive international certificates and market seeds in 70 countries of the world. More than 4.5 thousand tons of seeds were exported to EU countries since the beginning of this year, as it was said by the press service of the Inspection.

We would remind, that export of goods to EU countries comprised \$17969,9 in 2011 and it increased in comparison to 2010 for 37,7%, import - accordingly \$25750,6 mln and for 34,8%. Negative balance formed \$7780,7 mln (minus \$6049,3 mln in 2010). Ratio of coverage the import by export formed 0,70 (in 2010 - 0,68).

In total volume of export, share of EU countries formed 26,3%, import - 31,2% (in 2010 accordingly 25,4% and 31,4%). Main partners both in export and import of commodities remain Germany (respectively \$1765,1 mln and \$6865,7 mln), Poland (\$2794,1 mln and \$3183,3 mln), Italy (\$3039,5 mln and \$2005,7 mln) and Hungary (\$1340,7 mln and \$1326,1 mln).

LIGABusinessInform, 12.04.2012

Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine has an intention to develop within 2 years the food production-consumption balance of agricultural products and to harmonize it with EU standards. This was said to UNIAN by press service of the Ministry referring to the words of Mykola Prysiazhniuk, the Minister of MAPF.

«Seasonal fluctuation in price for agricultural products induces the government and MAPF together with the Ministry of Economy to develop consumption, production and export potential projection balances. During two years by mutual efforts we can achieve civilized projection balances and define pricing policy and, accordingly, incomes of agricultural producer», - the Minister said. Besides, immediate standardization of agricultural production and harmonization of the standards according to EU requirements is necessary for development of production-consumption balance.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 13.04.2012

State Land (mortgage) Bank will be set up as a separate institution with statutory capital of 120 mln UAH. This was said by National Bank of Ukraine in the response to the request of RBK-Ukraine.

"Many times when considering establishment of State Land Bank, its future model of functioning and while weighing all positive and negative sides for establishment of this bank, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and National Bank of Ukraine with active participation of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food and NAS of Ukraine arrived at a conclusion that such bank should be set up separately and not on the basis of recapitalized state bank. Such decision is correct just because this bank has to be specialized from the point of client segment, its specialization - crediting and servicing agricultural commodity producers. Accordingly, bank's standing does not foresee inheriting the debts of former owner. Thus, establishment of new state bank, from the very beginning is a correct decision", - said in the letter of National Bank.

The regulator also mentioned that 120 mln UAH of funds is budgeted in the state budget -2012 to be allocated for registration and opening of the bank.

RBC-Ukraine, 18.04.2012

- **Rural development**

Verkhovna Rada Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations made a decision to recommend the Parliament to adopt the Draft Law «On introduction of changes to the Land Code (regarding the procedure to conduct the land sales in the form of auctions) as a basis». This was informed by the State Agency of Land Resources.

By the Draft Law (№10231-3) it is proposed to regulate general issues of land sales, issues related to selection of land plots of state or communal property, and preparation of LOTS for sale at land sales, procedure for preparation and conduct of the auctions; issues connected with establishment of auction results, procedure for publication of the results of land sales.

Besides regulation of the above-mentioned issues, this draft law will allow to considerably increase the income to the state and local budgets, will add more transparency and openness to solving the land issues.

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The filling of State Land Cadastre will be fully completed by 2020. This was informed by the Chairman of the State Agency of Land Resources Serhiy Tymchenko during the meeting "On introduction of the automated system of the State Land Cadastre" as was informed to UNIAN in the press-service of Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food.

It is informed that currently, the State Agency of Land Resources is conducted software development and filling of the State Land Cadastre which will be fully completed by 2020.

"We have already practically completed the formation of base cartographic Cadastre. So, there has been completed aerial photography of the whole territory of Ukraine, final stage and developing software and hardware complex of a cadastral registration system. And at the moment, the trial operation of the pilot version of the software passes in the Kharkiv region and city of Sevastopol," said Serhiy Tymchenko.

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A working meeting with agrarians from Canada was hold in the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food on the 13th April. During the meeting there were discussed further cooperation and exchange of experience in agriculture. This was informed by Mykola Bezugliy, First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, as it informs press-service of MAPF.

«International experience on cooperative development of small-scale agricultural producers and agrarian market infrastructure development, considering its requirements is very important for us. And here, the assistance of Canada is invaluable», - said Mykola Bezugliy.

According to his words, main direction of cooperation between the countries concerns the support of our country by The Canadian Agency for International Development.

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