



## Kazakhstan



### Meat production in Kazakhstan

According to the State Statistics Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan, production of meat products increased by 3.8%.

1,280 thousand MT of meat were produced in Kazakhstan during January-November (1,229 in January-November 2006). At the same time 2433 million pcs of eggs were produced (2313 million pcs in January-November 2006).

The livestock increased as follows (December 1, 2007 to December 1, 2006 comparison):

- cattle – 6117 thousand heads (+2.9%)
- sheep and goats – 17000 thousand heads (+5.8%)
- pigs (+4.3%) - *Source: APK-Inform; Translated & edited by: usapec.kz*

### Customs service of Kazakhstan modernized

World Customs Organization (WCO) and the Customs Committee of the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan are working on modernization of customs service of Kazakhstan. Vice President of Customs Committee of the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan Serzhan Duysebayev said at the briefing during the 58th session of WCO Political Commission.

“WCO conducted diagnostic mission in regards to the condition of customs service today and prospects of its development in the future. The recommendations, which have been included to the program of modernization of customs service of Kazakhstan, have been developed,” S. Duysebayev informed.

According to the WCO Secretary General Michel Dane, Kazakhstan is one of the leaders of the program Columbus created

in connection with September 11 events, 2001. “After the events on September, 11 we decided to secure trade. We developed frame agreements with the information on how to secure trading communication, M. Dane explained. The 58th session of WCO Political Commission has taken place in Kazakhstan for the first time. This fact, according to the session participants, “testifies positive estimation of the policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan and its customs service within the limits of WCO and the role of the country in the region.”

- *Source: Kazakhstan Today*

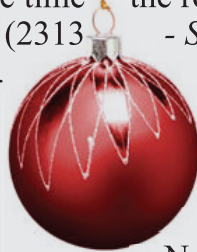
### Nazarbayev hopes Kazakhstan to end talks on WTO accession early 2008

President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev hopes that at the beginning of 2008 the country will strike deals on joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) with the US, Australia, India and Mongolia.

Process of the economic reforms, improvement of the legislation with the aim of liberalizing the key sectors of economy in full measure promotes Kazakhstans accession to the WTO, the Kazakh leader said at a meeting with the heads of the diplomatic corps, accredited in Kazakhstan on December 10.

President Nazarbayev especially noted that Kazakhstan strived to enter the WTO on conditions of mutual benefit that would conform to the strategic and economic interests of the country. He thanked those present for constructive approach and support with which the country had completed the WTO negotiations.

- *Source: KazInform Agency*



## Kazakhstan government lowered GDP forecast for 2008 up to 5 - 7 %

By 2015 Kazakhstan will increase GDP threefold, President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev said on December 7th. During the previous five years Kazakhstan has demonstrated annual economic growth of 10%. High rates of economic development enable to forecast double increase of GDP in 2008. And by 2015 this index may raise threefold, Mr. Nazarbayev emphasized. - *Source: Kazakhstan Today; Edited by: usapeec.kz*

## Kyrgyzstan

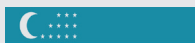


### Kyrgyzstan's veterinarians control bird flu in the country

According to the Head State Veterinary Inspector of Bishkek Kadyrakun Anvarbekov, vets of Kyrgyzstan have introduced a strict control on preventing bird flu in the country.

Specialists always keep their eye on the situation with bird flu, which develop in neighbor countries. Veterinarians carry out daily monitoring at battery farms and houses. 4 regional veterinary clinics and 27 licensed veterinary doctors are involved in fighting with the virus. - *Source: Kyrgyz National News Agency*

## Uzbekistan



### The production of meat and eggs increases in Uzbekistan during January-September 2007

According to the State statistics Committee of Republic of Uzbekistan, 46.8 million pcs. of eggs were produced during January – September 2007 increasing by 31.9% in comparison with the same period of last year. The production of meat constituted 18,800 MT (+ 9.4%). - *Source: AgroPerspectiva; Translated & edited by: usapeec.kz*

## Issues of customs control covered in draft Customs Code discussed

On November 30th, joint project of United Nations Development Programme and State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan “Improving the System of Customs Administration in the Republic of Uzbekistan” organized a meeting of Expert Council to discuss issues of customs control covered in the draft Customs Code.

The objective of the Expert Council meeting was to continue constructive policy dialogue among the Government, private sector and other involved parties on joint discussion of the clauses of the draft document regulating issues of customs control.

Among the issues discussed during the course of event were such issues as necessity of examination of goods only in customs control zones; specification of actions which might be considered as an intention of export of goods; revision of list of persons obliged to provide customs bodies with commercial documents necessary for customs control; specification of criteria according to which customs bodies make decisions on extension of period of customs registration (from three to ten workdays) and others. - *Source: UzReport; Edited by: usapeec.kz*

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