

July 31, 2006



ПРОДУКТЫ ПИТАНИЯ, НАПИТКИ  
**WorldFood**  
KAZAKHSTAN  
FOODSTUFF AND DRINKS

### Dear USAPEEC Members!

On November 1 – 4, 2006 the biggest food show in Central Asia “World Food Kazakhstan 2006” will take place in Almaty.

USAPEEC will have a separate pavilion and members can obtain booth space directly through USAPEEC at a considerable discount.

USAPEEC members are encouraged to send an e-mail to [bella\\_usapeec@yahoo.com](mailto:bella_usapeec@yahoo.com) by August 15, 2006 so that we can determine the amount of space needed for the pavilion.

All additional info on the trade show can be found at [www.worldfood.kz/en](http://www.worldfood.kz/en)

### Kazakhstan



#### NMA participates in trade mission to Kazakhstan

On July 21, 2006, NMA Director of Communications and Government Relations Jeremy Russell headed to Kazakhstan on a U.S. agribusiness trade and investment mission. A mission was held in Astana and Almaty on July 23 – 28, 2006. The goal of the mission was to promote trade and investment, particularly in agricultural commodities, food products, agricultural machinery, agricultural inputs, livestock genetics and food processing equipment.

“The United States is already the largest investor in the Kazakhstani economy, and we expect this trade and investment mission to strengthen bonds between our two countries and open new opportunities for U.S. businesses,” Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said before the trip.

The delegation, led by Johanns, included representatives from ABS Global, Agribusiness Management Company, Amity Technology, Case New Holland, Dow AgroSciences, FoodPro International, Inc., FoodSource Inc., Globex International, Intervision Foods,

John Deere, Midamar Corporation, Sweetwater International, U.S. Rice Producers Association, U.S.-Kazakhstan Business Association, Valmont Irrigations, Inc., World Wide Sires, Ltd., The Wornick Company and National Meat Association.

During the mission, delegates were meeting with agribusiness and government officials, and had the opportunity to form partnerships with local entrepreneurs. - *Source: [www.cattlenetwork.com](http://www.cattlenetwork.com)*

#### Kazakhstan confirms two people infected with Anthrax

Kazakhstan’s Emergency Ministry confirmed July 21 that two people hospitalized in the West-Kazakhstan region had been infected with anthrax. Two people became ill after eating meat from a calf they bought at a local market. The Emergency Ministry said the calf had died of anthrax and had been sold at the market by the owner. A criminal investigation by the police is under way and veterinary authorities are taking measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

The authorities fear further outbreaks, mostly due to uncontrolled sales and consumption of diseased animals’ meat. A woman died

Also a 94 MT consignment of pork, infected with anthrax, was seized by the police in the city of Semipalatinsk in the East of Kazakhstan April 22. - *Source: www.cattlenetwork.com*

### **Croatia backs Kazakhstan's bid to join WTO**

Croatia signed a transportation agreement with Kazakhstan and also indicated it will support Kazakhstan's bid to join the World Trade Organization (WTO). Croatian President Stjepan Mesic said his country is especially interested in transporting Kazakh oil. - *Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty*

### **Kazakh-Bulgarian talks on WTO's accession over**

On July 24, 2006 in the presence of Premier of Kazakhstan Daniyal Akhmetov and his Bulgarian counterpart Sergei Stanishev there has been signed a Protocol on amendments to Agreement between Kazakh and Bulgarian Governments on stimulation and protection of investments. The document was inked by special representative of Kazakhstan at negotiations on Kazakhstan's accession to WTO Zhanar Aitzhanova and Economy and Energy Minister of Bulgaria Rumens Ovcharov.

At a press conference D. Akhmetov stressed it took Kazakhstan about three years to settle all controversial issues concerning entry into the World Trade Organization. "Recently our experts completed discussing questions connected with customs policy", he said. "And finally this process is over". - *Source: Kazinform*

### **Inflation and prices in Kazakhstan in June 2006**

According to Kazakh Statistics Agency, in June 2006 inflation made 0.3 %, from the beginning of the year – 4.8 %. Price for beef grew by 1.1 %, mutton - by 0.5 %, horse flesh and pork - by 0.3 %, fowl - decreased by 0.5 %.

Fruit-and-vegetable production rose by 0.4 %, carrots - by 8.4 %, potato – 4.7 %, beet – 3.7 %. Cabbage price fell by 11.6 %, onion – 5.1 %. Prices for bakeries and groats increased by 0.3 %.

Dairy products fell by 1.6 %, eggs – 3.3 %, sugar- 1.7% .In Kazakhstan in January - June 2006 inflation on all goods and services in relation to the similar period of the last year made 8.7 %, by June 2005 – 8.9 %. - *Source: Kazakhstan Today*

### **Kazakhstan, USA ratified memorandum of mutual understanding**

The President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev signed the law "On Ratification of Memorandum of Mutual Understanding between Kazakh and American Governments on Kazakh-American Economic Development Program". The arrangement on the program realization of economic development between Kazakhstan and the USA was reached during the official visit of the President Nursultan Nazarbayev to the USA in December. The program budget makes \$40 million and is intended for four-year period. The program will be financed by the governments of Kazakhstan and the USA, thus the contribution of the USA will make \$24.5 million, Kazakhstan - \$15.5 million. - *Source: Kazakhstan Today*

### **USA supports Kazakhstan's accession to WTO - US Secretary of Agriculture**

The USA supports Kazakhstan's wish to become a member of the WTO. Mike Johanns, US Secretary of Agriculture, has stated this on July 25, during a business forum "US Investments into Agriculture of Kazakhstan."

"We believe that it will be useful for farmers and agricultural industry of Kazakhstan, and we positively perceive the fact that Kazakhstan has asked technical aid from the WTO secretariat to carry out reforms of its agricultural sector," - the Secretary said.

Mr. Johanns has observed that the USA regards Kazakhstan as a leader in the Central Asian region and its main strategic partner. "We have arrived here with representatives of US companies that want to sell their products in Kazakhstan, but there are also persons

among us, who would like to purchase agricultural products in your republic and realize their investment potential here. Therefore we would like to understand problems that the Kazakhstani business encounters during the export of products to the USA,” - US Secretary of Agriculture has explained. According to him, the USA is now the biggest investor in Kazakhstan, the total volume of the US investments in Kazakhstan amounts to \$12 billion. He has stressed that the US government realizes “that we cannot expect favorable conditions for the access to their markets if we do not make efforts ourselves for realizing the difficulties encountered by these countries in their access to the US market.” - *Source: gazeta.kz*

## Uzbekistan



### **Uzbekistan Justice Ministry requests closure of Tashkent office of American NGO Winrock International**

The Justice Ministry of Uzbekistan has declared a violation in the activities of Winrock International, an American NGO.

A declaration has been made by the Tashkent City Court for Civil Affairs on the liquidation of the office of American NGO Winrock International in Uzbekistan.

The ruling was due to the declared fact of activities of the office that were clearly unconnected to its stated purpose.

Winrock International is an American NGO with a head office in Arkansas, USA. The NGO has been working in Uzbekistan since 1994.

- *Source: Interfax*

### **Court rejects appeal of CAFE, decision on closure in force**

Board of the Tashkent city court on civil affairs considered appeal of Central Asian Free Exchange (CAFE), a US non-governmental organization, on liquidation of office of organization in Uzbekistan. Tashkent city court on civil affairs ruled out on 15 June to shut down office of CAFE in Uzbekistan due to violations of legislation of the country.

The source in Uzbek court said head of CAFE office in Uzbekistan Robert Graves and lawyer Lyudmila Niderkvel did not deny that the organization broke Uzbek legislation and its staff carried out missionary activity. They asked the court to suspend work of the organization for six months with mandatory elimination of all violations.

Uzbek Justice Ministry reported its arguments to court. After pleadings, the judges decided reject appeal of CAFE and do not change decision of Tashkent city court on civil affairs from 15 June on liquidation of CAFE office in Uzbekistan. - *Source: Press-Uz News Agency*

## Tajikistan



### **Tajikistan`s inflation rate to form 8%**

According to the head of Tajik Central Bank Murodali Alimardonov in the second quarter of this year, the country's inflation rate has formed 6.6%. He said the growth of inflation is directly connected with the country's trade deficit and increase in prices for foodstuffs.

Import of goods exceeds export of domestic products.

According to forecasts, inflation will form 8% by the end of this year, he said.

He pointed that prices have basically raised for domestically produced agricultural products – potato, onion and other vegetables.

- *Source: SNGnews.ru*

## Kyrgyzstan



### **Sanitary-epidemiological station of Kyrgyzstan is on leading positions in CIS**

The state center of Sanitary-epidemiological station of Kyrgyzstan is on one of the leading positions in CIS and covers immune prophylaxis of the population completely. Ludmila Shteinke, Deputy Health Minister,

conference. According to her words, such infectious diseases as poliomyelitis, diphtheria, measles, German measles is liquidated in Kyrgyzstan by forces of public health services. "Immunization of the population of the republic makes 95 %", L. Shteinke emphasized.

The state center of Sanitary-epidemiological station is prepared properly for possible threat of bird flu there are necessary means of preventive maintenance of the population and poultry. It is necessary to note, that the World Bank has allocated 5 million \$ US for preventive measures of bird flu in Kyrgyzstan. - *Source: Kyrgyz National News Agency*

**Want to know more?**

**Click below!**

**[www.usapeec.kz](http://www.usapeec.kz)**

### **K.Bakiyev: Kyrgyzstan will not turn from the way of market economy and democracy**

Kyrgyzstan will not turn from the way of market economy and democratic development. President of Kyrgyzstan Kurmanbek Bakiyev said during the meeting with World Bank Country Director Christ Lovelace.

He noted that all efforts of the government of Kyrgyzstan would be directed in order to citizens of the country live worthy and there would be no poor people in the Republic. In this connection the head of state said that he has signed a decree on increasing salaries of teachers and doctors by 20% starting from July 1, 2006.

At the end of the meeting K.Bakiyev handed over honorary diploma of the Kyrgyz Republic to Chris Lovelace for his contribution in economic development of the country. *Source: - Source: Kyrgyz National News Agency*