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Ukraine



Imports of meat to Ukraine during January-June 2009 increased by 56%

According to the data of the State Statistics Committee during January-June 2009 imports of meat and food by-products to Ukraine increased by 55.9% compared to the same period in 2008 and amounted to 294,705.4 thousand USD.

The volume of imported meat totaled 212 thousand tons, according to Bogdan Danylyshin, Economy Minister of Ukraine. At the same time, during January-June 2009 exports of meat and food by-products (in the amount of 30,225 thousand USD) decreased by 28.8%.

Note: In the first half of 2008, imports of meat and meat products to Ukraine amounted to 160 thousand tons. Last year imports of meat totaled 530 thousand tons.

The Ministry of Agrarian Policy expected that this year the import of meat would go down to 250-280 thousand tons, and the Ministry of Economy predicted its reduction up to 300 thousand tons.

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Meat and milk output is falling while egg production is growing in Ukraine

The output of meat (the sale of cattle and poultry for slaughter in live weight) and milk in Ukraine has fallen by 1.5% to 1.472 million tons in January-July 2009 year-over-year, while egg production has grown by 3.3% to 9.498 billion eggs.

Cherkasy is the leading region producing meat in Ukraine with 180.1 thousand tons of meat. Kyiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions are following it with 150.6 tons and 138.2 tons of produced meat respectively.

Kiev region is the leading producer of eggs with 1,156.3 million pieces produced during reported period. Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Vinnytsa regions are also among other major producers with 901.3, 551.5, 528.2 and 436.8 million pieces of eggs respectively.

The output of these products at farm enterprises increased, while the output (apart from egg production) at private farms dropped, according to the State Statistics Committee.

- Source: *State Statistics Committee of Ukraine; Ukrinform News Agency*
(www.ukrstat.gov.ua; www.ukrinform.ua)

Poultry meat production in Ukraine will increase by 3% in 2009 despite crisis

Despite a decline in purchasing power of population meat production in Ukraine can increase by 5% - up to 1,625 thousand tons compared to 2008 (in slaughter weight, according to the estimations of the Association Ukrainian Agribusiness Club (AUAC)).

“The growth of production in live weight will be slightly lower. The reasons are as follows: the increase in meat production is the result of increase in poultry meat production in specialized farms that have a higher yield of meat than the yield of poultry in private households, and also is the result of increase in the production of bacon-type and meat-type pigs,” - Elizabeth Svyatkivskaya, the expert of the Association Ukrainian Agribusiness Club said.

According to E. Svyatkivskaya prognosis for poultry meat production in 2009 was not revised. "It is expected that poultry production will increase by 3% compared to the last year and will amount to 775 thousand tons in slaughter weight", she said. "Besides, prognosis of pork production was revised, according to it the production of pork will grow by 35 thousand tons compared to the last year - up to 520 thousand tons in slaughter weight", she added.

The AUAC experts predict the reduction in consumption and production of meat sausages in 2009 by 20-25%, whereas at the beginning of the year they predicted a decline in production to be at 10%. Besides, the share of beef in the industrial processing will be significantly reduced. Processing of pork will be slightly increased compared to the predictions made at the beginning of the year.

- Source: *Apk-Inform News Agency*
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Head Veterinarian of Ukraine suggests to import only carcasses, parted carcasses, quarters and block meat to Ukraine

The State Veterinary Medicine Committee of Ukraine intends to clarify the list of meat products permitted for imports to Ukraine, according to the Head of the Committee, P. Verbitsky.

"We want to specify in veterinary requirements the products that can be imported into the country. They are: carcasses, parted carcasses, quarters and block meat" - he said. P. Verbitsky also said that the committee has already prepared the corresponding order and sent it for consideration to the State Committee for Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship.

According to P. Verbitsky, such clarification is necessary in order to make it impossible to import low-quality raw materials to Ukraine. It should be noted that over the last year, government inspectors of Veterinary Medicine Committee of Ukraine carried out more than 200 thousand inspections of the facilities that are subject to control, including: 5,823 slaughter and meat processing enterprises, 645 refrigerators and fridge plants; 46,846 farms of different ownership forms, and 146 thousand of other facilities.

In particular, imports of the following products are not allowed/returned or destroyed: 446 heads of animals and birds, 967 tons of meat, 271 tons of milk and dairy products, 466 tons of fish and fish products.

Since the beginning of this year the State Veterinary Medicine Committee along with other control services have withdrawn from circulation 922 tons of doubtful quality products of animal origin and destroyed 442 tons. About 4 thousand tons of dangerous products are under custody now.

- Source: *ProAgro News Agency*
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Veterinary Medicine Committee will grant permissions to Ukrainian companies for exports of goods to EU

The State Veterinary Medicine Committee of Ukraine will be able to give permissions to Ukrainian enterprises for exports of goods to the EU countries, Head Veterinarian Peter Verbitsky announced.

"We are now in a serious dialogue with the EU Standing Veterinary Committee in Brussels, which is to decide on providing a relevant agency of Ukraine, namely our committee, with the right to assign European numbers, i.e. permissions, to particular processing enterprises of Ukraine so that they could supply the European markets with animal products without hindrance," the official said.

According to P. Verbitsky, the next round of talks with the European Union will be held in September-October 2009.

If the outcome is positive, Ukrainian enterprises will be able to export eggs, milk products, fish and seafood, honey, poultry meat and beef to European Union.

- Source: *Ukrinform News Agency*
(www.ukrinform.ua)

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“Mironovsky Hliboprodukt” obtained refinancing

The largest producer of chilled poultry meat in Ukraine, “Mironovsky Hliboprodukt” reached an agreement with Unicredit Bank on refinancing the credit line amounting to USD 30 million until October 1, 2010.

The amount of debt that the “Mironovsky Hliboprodukt” owes to the Bank as of June 30 totaled USD 190.1 million. USD 130.24 million out of it the “Mironovsky Hliboprodukt” must repay next year. Total debt of the company at the end of June to all creditors amounted to USD 504 million. The Company notes that the export revenues coming from the sale of sunflower, sunflower oil and rapeseed can fully service the debt. “Mironovsky Hliboprodukt” (the main trade marks: “Nasha Ryaba”, “Legko!”, “Fua Gra”, “Certifitsirovanny Angus”, “Drujba narodov” and “Baschinsky”) unites 19 companies. In H1 the net profit and revenues of the MHP decreased by 20% to USD 90 million and USD 304 million respectively, and EBITDA has decreased by 21% to USD 127 million.

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Moldova



Poultry Farmers Association is established in Moldova

More than 20 major enterprises joined the Poultry Farmers Association in Moldova.

The members of the Association intend to combine their efforts in order to produce competitive products and penetrate foreign markets, to supplant the imported poultry meat by domestically produced, as well as to increase the production of meat and eggs, create jobs and fully use the production capacity, which is currently hampered by the illegal import of poultry meat through Transnistria and to protect domestic producers against disloyal competition.

The founders of the Poultry Farmers Association has 7 poultry farms: “Avicola Sărătenii Vechi”, “Nina & ASN” (both from Telenesti), “Avicola Serbinica” (Piatra, Orhei region), “Orhideia Nani” (Cetroasa, Criuleni region), “Larsan Nor”(Truseni, Straseni region), “Vispas și Co” (Girbovet, Anenii Noi reigon) and “Lux-SP” (Abaklia, Basarabeasca region). The poultry farms members of the Poultry Farmers Association employs about 5 thousand people. They annually produce about 17 thousand tons of poultry meat and 131 million eggs. The production of poultry meat in Moldova exceeds 31 thousand tons, accounting for one third of the total output of meat per year.

The poultry farmers of Moldova are also ready to supply to Romania with 30-40 million eggs every year and to supply CIS market with 5-7 thousand tons of the poultry meat.

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Importers and exporters will make acquaintance with new integrated customs tariff

Moldovan economic entities, who deal with the foreign trade activities, will be able to make acquaintance with the new Integrated Customs Tariff (TARIM) with the help of the database of the customs service, according to Director General of this service Viorel Melnic.

He said that the integrated customs tariff database will become accessible on the site of the customs service until the beginning of 2010.

“The integrated customs tariff of the Republic of Moldova will cover all the range of products, which may be imported or exported, as well as measures of the tariff and non-tariff economic policy on each commodity code”, Melnic noted. According to him, the integrated customs tariff database is being worked out in cooperation with veterinary services.

- Source: *AllMoldova News Agency*
(www.allmoldova.com)

Sweden will provide Moldova with USD 6.65 million in order to take agricultural census

Sweden will provide Moldova with a non-refundable financial support worth 74.5 million lei (USD 6.65 million) to take a general agricultural census in 2010. This money will cover about 80 per cent of the census works costs, and the rest of the spending will be provided from state budget allocations.

The agricultural census in Moldova will allow getting comprehensive information on the situation in the agricultural sector, including: structure of agricultural producers, potential of human, land and technical resources in agriculture; farmland areas, the total number of animals and poultry, number of technical units, energy potential. In future this information will be considered a basis for new policies and programs of long-term development in agri-food and rural sectors.

The agricultural census will be organized by the National Statistics Bureau together with the Agriculture and Food Ministry, Local Public Administration Ministry, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

*Source: Oreanda Information Agency
(www.oreanda.md)*

Prices for agricultural products reduced almost twice in 2009

In H1 2009 the prices for agricultural products in Moldova decreased by 46% compared to H1 2008.

According to Moldova's National Bureau of Statistics, the most considerable price fall was registered for plant products. In particular, the prices for wheat dropped by 66.4%, for maize - by 62% , for sunflower - by 57.2%, vegetable - by 45.9%, fruits and berries - by 42.3%.

The price reduction of livestock products is less considerable and amounted to 12.1%, as for eggs the price fall made up 28.7% and prices for milk and chicken decreased by 13%.

At the same time, the prices for beef in live weight increased by 18.4%, for mutton - by 11.5% and prices for pork increased by 9.8%.

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