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Ukraine



Expert: Cooperation with the EurAsEC can give Ukraine USD 48 billion

Cooperation with the EurAsEC can give Ukraine USD 48 billion according to the Deputy Director of the Institute of Economic Forecasting under Russian Academy of Sciences Marat Uzyakov.

He says that this effect will be achieved if Ukraine joins Customs Union and if it enters into EEC. These accessions will lead to increase in exports of Ukraine.

Marat Uzyakov notes that taking into account that Ukraine has not yet entered into a free trade zone with the EU, as well as Customs Union, Ukraine's GDP will fall in the next ten years. Moreover, within the framework of a free trade zone with the EU, the Ukrainian economy could lose annually up to 1.5 percent of GDP.

As a reminder, earlier the Head of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Nikolai Azarov made a statement that Ukraine can join the Customs Union.

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Ukraine extends licensing of poultry meat imports

Cabinet of Ministers has extended licensing of imports of fresh, chilled or frozen poultry meat



in 2012, which was introduced in April 2011. The corresponding Government Decision as of December 26, 2011 was made public on December 29.

The document provides that imports of lard without lean parts, pork fat and poultry fat must undergo licensing in 2012 as well.

According to the Ukrainian State Statistics Agency in January-October 2011 imports of fresh, chilled or frozen poultry meat totaled 48,340 MT worth USD 48.3 million, while exports reached 45,710 MT worth USD 72.3 million.

Imports of lard without lean parts, pork fat and poultry fat amounted to 23,220 MT for USD 19.9 million, while exports - 30 MT worth USD 60,000.

In 2010 imports of fresh, chilled or frozen poultry meat amounted to 154,620 MT worth USD 176.6 million, whereas exports - 32,460 MT worth USD 41.3 million. Imports of lard without lean parts, pork fat and poultry fat totaled 42,030 MT worth USD 36.4 million, and exports - 20 MT worth USD 40,000.

*Source: IA MeatInfo (www.meatinfo.ru)
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Veterinary service: System of control over retail sale of meat in Russia poses threat to Ukraine's epizootic welfare

The State Veterinary Service of Ukraine has reported that the system of control over the retail sale of meat in Russia poses a threat to Ukraine's epizootic welfare.

The State Veterinary Service announced this in a statement after a meeting between its Head, Ivan Bisiuk, and Deputy Head of the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary

Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor) Evgeny Nepoklonov.

“According to Ukrainian experts, such situation creates conditions for the further spread of the disease across Russian territory, thus posing a threat to the epizootic welfare of neighboring countries”, the statement reads.

In particular, Ukrainian veterinarians are concerned that Russia does not have unified system of control over the turnover of food products, which includes safety control during pre-sale storage, control over the sale conditions in trade networks, as well as control over food waste recycling.

In addition, I.Bisyuk noted that his agency, which is currently being reorganized, would provide effective controls throughout the production and processing chain - from the fields to final consumers. He also proposed that E.Nepoklonov send a group of Russian experts to Ukraine to examine the peculiarities of the work of the updated State Veterinary Service.

As a reminder, on January 8, 2012 Chief Veterinarian of Russia Gennady Onishchenko announced that Russia could restrict imports of agricultural products from Ukraine.

*Source: IA Blackseagrain
(www.blackseagrain.net)*

MHP plans to increase poultry production by 2.6-4 percent in 2012

Миронівський Хлібопродукт One of the largest poultry producers of Ukraine, Mironovsky Hliboproduct plans to increase poultry meat production by 2.6-4 percent up to 390,000-395,000 MT in 2012, the press service of the company reports. MHP plans to further increase poultry meat production.

In 2012 MHP will launch a new poultry plant in a test mode (located in Ladyzhyn city, Vinnytsia region), which will add another 10,000-15,000 MT to the whole poultry production. In 2013 the new complex will

operate in a normal mode, and by the year 2015 the first production line with a total capacity of 220,000 MT of poultry meat per year will be gradually launched.

According to the press service of the company, in 2010 MHP produced 360,000 MT of poultry (exports – 5 percent), and in 2011 production reached 380,000 MT (exports – 10 percent).

“MHP” is the leading poultry producer in Ukraine. In addition to poultry, the company produces and sells finished frozen products, sunflower oil, fresh beef of premium class, foie gras, sausages, smoked meats and fruits. MHP also focuses on cultivation of corn, sunflower, wheat and rapeseed.

Mironivsky Hliboproduct produces under the trademarks “Nasha Ryaba”, “Legko”, Druzhba Narodov”, “Baschinsky”, “Europroduct”, “Certified Angus”, “Foie Gras”.

About 65 percent of company’s shares are owned by Yuri Kosyuk, the remaining 35 percent are free float on the London Stock Exchange.

*Source: IA Emeat (www.emeat.ru)
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Leading company launches halal chicken production line

The leading poultry producer of Ukraine “Nasha Ryaba” (belongs to Mironovsky Hliboproduct) became interested in producing products for Muslim consumers.

After receiving consultations from the Informational Analytical Agency “Alraid” and SMMU “Ummah” and couple of preliminary meetings they reached agreements that Muslims will provide authorized inspectors for checking up the process of chicken’s slaughtering and observance of Shariah requirements. The competent authorities will issue certificates for the halal products.



Halal chicken meat “Nasha Ryaba” can be distinguished easily from the other production of the company by the “Halal” label on the packing, written in the Arabic and Ukrainian languages.

These products will be denoted by a special code (23/07/32). This code shows that the product complies with the Shariah requirements and is suitable for consumption by Muslims.

Production of halal chicken meat was developed in 2008 by “Mironivsky Hliboproduct”. At that time two plants “Mironovskaya poultry plant” and “Druzhba Narodov Nova” started producing halal chicken meat.

Recently the demand for halal production has increased in Ukraine due to the growing number of Muslims in the country.

It is expected that in the future halal beef and mutton will be produced in Ukraine.

*Source: IA Islam (www.islam.com.ua)
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*Source: IA MeatTradeNews
(www.meatradenewsdaily.co.uk)*

Ukraine: Meat production increased by 3.5 percent in 2011

In January-December 2011 meat production in Ukraine increased by 3.5 percent compared to the same period last year and reached 3.2 million MT, according to the State Statistics Agency of Ukraine.

Eggs production in 2011 grew by 9.6 percent and totaled 18.7 billion pieces vs. 17 billion last year.

As a reminder, in 2010 meat production increased by 6.8 percent up to 2.9 million MT compared to the last year.

Livestock population as of January 1, 2012 reduced by 2.5 percent and totaled 4.8 million

heads. The number of poultry stock is 2.1 percent down and reached 199.5 million heads.

Source: IA RBC (www.rbc.com.ua)

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Meat imports into Ukraine decreased by 37 percent in 2011

Meat imports into Ukraine in 2011 decreased by 37 percent compared with the volumes imported in 2010.



In 2011 Ukraine imported 216,000 MT of meat, including pork – 83,000 MT, poultry – 60,800 MT, beef – 3,200 MT, according to the Ukrainian Club of Agrarian Business.

At the same time, in 2011 Ukraine exported 80,500 MT of meat, including pork – 12,500 MT, poultry – 50,000 MT, beef – 18,000 MT.

As a reminder, in 2010 Ukraine imported 342,100 MT of meat, including beef – 11,900 MT, pork – 179,800 MT and poultry meat – 150,400 MT.

Source: IA BizLigaNet (www.biz.liga.net)

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Ukraine: Meat prices will rise in the second half of 2012

Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine Anatoly Prisyazhnik prognoses rise in prices for meat and meat products throughout 2012.

“It is assumed that due to the seasonality prices for meat and meat products will increase slightly by 5 percent. Actually this index is within the predicted inflation calculated by the Government”, the Minister said.

As a reminder, according to the President of the Ukrainian Agribusiness Club Association Alex Lissitsa prices for grain and meat in Ukraine will rise in the second half of 2012.

“Prices for grain will rise in the second half of 2012. The same concerns pork and other meat products. After all, if grain price grows, then, respectively, prices for meat will also grow. It is unlikely that prices for milk and dairy products will rise, because they are already at the peak - UAH 4-4.50 per liter”, Lissitsa said.

The Association earlier stated that the yield of winter wheat in Ukraine in 2012 might drop by 40 percent.

Source: IA RBC (www.rbc.ua)

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A sharp fall in poultry stock in Ukraine in 2011 is caused by the narrowing of sales market

For the first time over the past few years a dramatic decline in poultry stocks have



taken place in the farms of Ukraine, that have already resulted in the overall reduction of poultry stock in the country.

The Executive Director of the Association “Ukrainian Agribusiness Club” Elizabeth Svyatkivskaya believes this happened due to narrowing of the sales market.

She noted that the stoppage of “Kurgansky Broiler Plant” (Agromars Concern) during summer of 2011 has significantly impacted the number of poultry stock, as well as the withdrawal of regional producers in Odesa, Zhytomir, Zaporizhskaya and other regions, where the fall in poultry stock accounted for 20-90 percent compared to January 1, 2011.

She said that the suspension of licenses to export poultry to Russia for two largest poultry producers – Mironivsky Hliboproduct and Agromars affected poultry stock numbers as well, as they had to increase sales on the domestic market, which is quite difficult to do due to low solvency of the population.

The expert says that the slight fall in demand for poultry was linked to reports of an

outbreak of salmonella at one poultry farm that could cause a further reduction in production (both due to decrease in demand for poultry and with the necessity to avoid spread of the disease).

Experts of UCAB say that the prognoses of fall in grain harvest due to unfavorable weather conditions also affect the company's plans for raising poultry, mainly at those companies that do not have their own fodder production base.

According to E.Svyatkivskaya, since the second half of 2011 poultry prices began to rise and kept at the level of 19 UAH per carcass (wholesale price) till mid January 2012.

Decrease in poultry stock and, consequently, an increase in sales, which took place in December 2011 – January 2012, resulted in a decline in prices from 19 UAH to 18.20-18.50 UAH / kg. If in the near future the situation will not change in the market further decline in prices for poultry along with reduction of livestock will continue.

According to the State Statistics Agency as of January 1, 2012 the total poultry stock decreased till 199.5 million heads or by 2.1 percent comparing to the indexes of last year. At the same time the fall at agricultural farms made up 4.7 percent and totaled 105.3 million heads.

*Source: IA RBC (www.rbc.ua)
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Ukraine suffers large-scale outbreak of salmonellosis

Several batches of poultry belonging to Agromars, one of Ukraine's largest poultry producers have been found to be contaminated with salmonella, according to the results of a scheduled inspection of the State Veterinary Service of Ukraine.

Preliminary expert estimates suggest there may be about 30,000 MT of chicken infected in total, making it the largest outbreak of salmonellosis ever recorded in the country.

Officials of the veterinary services of Ukraine noted that the inspection has been carried out only in particular batches of products, and now State Veterinary Service has to check all the available products of the company on the market, which could result in the volume of poultry meat found to be hazardous to the health of consumers increasing substantially.

According to the Head of State Veterinary Service, Ivan Bisjuk the contaminated products were withdrawn from sale on time and did not get into the free market. An investigation is being currently held to establish exactly how the infection occurred. Consumers have also been advised not to purchase the company's products, at least until all the additional checks have concluded.

This is not the first outbreaks of salmonellosis in Ukraine over the past few months. On November 12 a similar situation occurred with Dnipropetrovsk poultry complex, whose products after, hitting the market, caused 14 cases of human poisoning. After this incident Gosvetsluzhba began actively checking all poultry products in the market for the presence of salmonella.

*Source: IA WorldPoultry
(www.worldpoultry.net)*

Moldova



Moldova updates egg labeling to target new sales markets

Moldova in the next few years is preparing to actively increase exports of eggs, so it is now on the way to bring the domestic legislation into compliance with the requirements of major importing countries of the CIS.

Since January 1, egg producers are required to label each egg. The special mark on the egg must specify the country of origin, locality, company code and date of manufacture. In addition, it is necessary to refine its category. The number 1 means that the bird is grown on the ground, 2 - grown free, 3 - in the cage.

Ion Byzgu, Director of Avicola Moldova, one of the largest producers of poultry meat and eggs in the country, said that nowadays 100 percent of the egg enterprises have necessary equipment. He believes that the price of eggs due to the introduction of the new requirements will not rise.

According to preliminary data up to 2011 Moldova has produced about 750 million eggs, which is 19 percent higher than in 2009, but only 4 percent higher than the level of 2010. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the country's lack of sales markets is the key factor that restrains the development of egg production in the country. Main importers of eggs from Moldova today are Ukraine, Georgia, Syria and Iraq, which totally have a share of 83 percent out of all deliveries.

In 2011 Moldova increased export of eggs to 20 million MT, or 25 percent compared to the level of the previous year. The introduction of new rules of labeling eggs, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, will help Moldova to open new sales markets, in particular the United Arab Emirates, Armenia, Belarus and Russia.

*Source: IA WorldPoultry
(www.worldpoultry.net)*

Fowl cholera spreading actively in Moldova and Ukraine

Fowl cholera has been actively spreading in Moldova over the last three months, Ministry of Agriculture recently reported. From mid November of 2011 the veterinary services have registered seven outbreaks of fowl cholera, mainly in private farms. As a result, about 120 chickens and ducks have died, but according to experts, this figure should actually be several times higher, since farmers often don't report cases of the disease outbreak. The official report noted that fowl cholera has not been identified in any of the major poultry complexes. In each farm where an outbreak was registered, birds were kept in unsanitary conditions.

In recent months, fowl cholera spread across the territory of Moldova into Ukraine, where, according to the local media, two outbreaks of the disease were registered at the beginning of this year, mainly in private households located in Odessa region (which borders with Moldova in the west). According to the reports about 40 heads of poultry already died due to the disease.

*Source: IA WorldPoultry
(www.worldpoultry.net)*

Ukraine Poultry Import Statistics: January-November 2011*

Partner Country	2010		2011		% Change Vle	% Change Qty
	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity		
World	168,852	148,394	53,559	54,007	- 69%	- 64%
United States	103,647	88,232	3,988	4,407	- 97%	- 96%
Belgium	13,335	12,215	4,363	3,638	- 68%	- 71%
England	6,981	6,460	8,140	9,345	+ 116%	+ 144%
France	2,026	1,832	3,130	2,285	+ 154%	+ 124%
Germany	13,696	11,718	13,758	12,172	+ 101%	+ 103%
Hungary	5,742	7,690	1,917	2,594	- 67%	- 67%
Spain	1,164	721	1,639	1,183	+ 140%	+164%
Italy	3,639	2,497	3,431	2,483	- 6%	- 1%
Netherlands	8,693	8,383	6,008	8,162	- 31%	- 3%
Poland	9,305	8,274	6,048	6,467	- 36%	- 22%
Other countries	624	372	1,137	1,217	-182%	+ 327%

Value Unit: Thousands of USD; **Volume Unit:** MT

* Source: State Statistics Committee of Ukraine.