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Ukraine



Ukraine imposed a ban on meat from GB and Estonia

On August 6 Ukraine imposed a ban on import of meat products from Great Britain due to foot-and-mouth disease. The outburst of foot-and-mouth disease is detected on the territory of Great Britain and North Ireland.

Moreover, Ukraine imposed ban on import of poultry and poultry products from Estonia. The reason of ban is Newcastle disease on the territory of Estonia, according to the State Department of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine press office.

As a reminder, 90% of Ukrainian poultry were subjected to vaccination to prevent this disease. The last case of Newcastle disease of poultry in Ukraine was fixed in July of the current year in Cholovichi village in Zhytomyr region. -
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Meat production in Ukraine: livestock, production, import, prices

Livestock: The cattle and poultry livestock totalled 6672.2 million heads as of August 1, 2007 decreasing by 1.3% in comparison with the same period of last year.

The livestock of pigs decreased by 0.8% (to the amount of 8375.5 thousand heads), sheep and goats -1.6% (2016 thousand heads). However the poultry livestock increased by 4.3% and totalled 207.7 million heads.

Production: The production of poultry meat and by-products in July increased by 3.3% and

constituted 34,200 MT.

1.46 million MT of cattle and poultry (live weight) were slaughtered during January-July 2007, increasing by 10.2% in comparison with 2005.

The production of meat increased by 135,000 MT (+10%), eggs production decreased by 167 million pcs. (-2%) in this period.

Import: Ukraine imported 232,000 tonnes of meat in 2006, mostly poultry, and planned to reduce the figure to about 200,000 this year Deputy Head of Ministry of Agriculture Petr Verbytsky said.

The import of meat increased by 38% in comparison with Jan-Jun 06 and totalled 107,000 MT.

73% (70,000MT) – poultry meat and by-products. Average price 2048 hryvnias/MT,

10% (20,000MT) – pork. Average price 4567 hryvnias/MT,

4% (4,100MT) – beef. Average price 4260 hryvnias/MT,

4% (3,900MT) – cattle by-products. Average price 3997 hryvnias/MT.

“If we maintain the current pace of the rise in livestock numbers, we will be free of meat imports by the end of 2008,” Verbytsky told.

Ukraine consumes about 3 million MT per year and Verbytsky said output could rise to 2.75 million MT in 2007 from 2.5 million MT in 2006, cutting the need for imports, which come mostly from the US, Brazil, Argentina and Europe.

But presidential chief-of-staff Viktor Baloga said imports were in fact on the rise and that, combined with low purchasing prices, they posed a serious threat to Ukraine’s meat industry.

“Ukrainian producers are, in effect, being

pushed out of their own market,” Baloga said. Baloga said meat imports had climbed 40% in the first half of 2007 and efforts to ban “tolling”, allowing imports to enter Ukraine free of taxes and duties, had had little effect.

Prices: According to the Head of Ukrainian Poultry Producers Union Aleksander Bakumenko, the sale price on poultry meat will be frozen and not exceed the level of 11 hryvnias/kg, eggs – 3.8 hryvnias/10pcs.

Bakumenko added that this measures will be taken only if the Government will comply with a following conditions: the Government has to fix the mercantile addition to price and to guarantee the regulation of export and price formation of grain.

Poultry meat prices in July raised in 18 regions of Ukraine by 0.5-17.2% to 10.69-14.13 hryvnias/kg. Prices on eggs raised by 0.4-79.2% to 2.85-5 hryvnias/10pcs.

Price rises for feed grain, in line with a smaller harvest, was also making it harder for meat producers to survive. - *Source: APK-Inform, AgroPerspectiva, LigaBusinessInform, Reuters; Translated and edited by: usapec.kz*

GDP in Ukraine 7.7% up in January-July

Ukraine’s real gross domestic product rose by 7.7% in January-July, compared to January-July 2006.

In January-July the highest GDP growth was mainly due to construction (11.9%), processing industry (13.1%), the trade (16.1%).

The Cabinet of Ministers forecasts the GDP growth at 6.5% in 2007, forming of the 2007 state budget is based on this figure. - *Source: Ukrainian News Agency*

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, William Taylor, meets with the U.S. – Ukraine business council in Washington

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, William Taylor, met with 55 members and guests of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC) at a working luncheon on August 20th, in Washington.

Issues discussed at the roundtable included: Ukraine’s accession to the WTO; Decree 31 which sets caps on gas prices; U.S. OPIC’s continued closure for Ukraine; preventing corporate raidership; accelerating VAT tax refunds; repealing grain export restrictions; private land purchases as of January 1, 2008; business corruption; judicial reform; intellectual property rights violations; Millennium Challenge Corporation program for Ukraine; need for a new economic/civil code; creating nuclear waste storage facilities in Ukraine; creating an alternative source of nuclear fuel; lack of energy conservation programs; the current governmental and political climate and the upcoming Parliamentary elections.

The U.S.-Ukraine Business Council announced it has doubled its membership in 2007 and now has 45 members. The Council expects to have 60 members by the end of the year. - *Source: AUR*

Moldova



Moldova simplifies the import of meat due to draught

According to Minister of Economy and Commerce Igor Dodon, Moldova implemented a law aimed to support domestic production and decrease the volumes of import in 2006.

However, current draught made an alteration. The production of meat decreases due to shortage of fodder. Therefore the special commission will make a decision on the ways of simplification of import of meat to the country. - *Source: Salut Moldova; Translated by: usapec.kz*

In July 2007, inflation in Moldova made 1.1%

In July food stuffs rose in price by 1.6 %, non- food - by 1.1 % and services rendered to population by 0.4%, respectively. The last month the largest increase of prices for food stuffs was registered for: eggs (32.2 %), cabbages (23.1 %),

wheat flour (13.5 %), pasta (5.4 %). According to the National Bureau of Statistics, inflation for the last 12 months in Moldova (since July, 2006 till July, 2007) made 12 %. In July of the last year, the deflation of 0,4% was registered in Moldova. Since December 2005 to July 2006 inflation made 7%, accordingly. - *Source: InfoMarket Agency*

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