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Ukraine



Poultry imports banned

Ukraine has banned imports of poultry products from Britain after an outbreak of the H5N1 strain of bird flu on a farm owned by Europe's largest turkey producer. The ban applies to deliveries of live birds, eggs and bird meat as well as any poultry products.

According to the State Department of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine, poultry import from Czech Republic, Palestine and Egypt, where foot-and-mouth disease is registered, is forbidden to Ukraine. - *Source: ForUm Agency, MeatNews; Edited by: usapec.kz*

Polish meat exporters to Ukraine to quickly regain market share, but custom duty still barrier

Polish exporters to Ukraine are expected to quickly regain market share now that Ukraine has ended a ban on Polish meat, but high custom duties will efficiently limit the potential of further development, the Polish association of meat producer Polskie Mieso Chief Executive Officer Witold Choinski said.

Ukraine has authorized 23 Polish companies to restart their exports as of February 15, following a year long meat ban that Kyiv said was necessary to protect the country from suspect Polish shipments. The move mirrored a step undertaken by Russia on November 9, 2005. - *Source: Interfax Central Europe*

Ukrainian meat producers to increase poultry production by 30%, pork by 32% in 2007

According to the Head of Committee of Directors of the Ukrainian Poultry-Breeders

Union Aleksandr Bakumenko Ukrainian meat producers to increase the poultry production by 30% (by 150,000 MT), pork by 32% (by 70,000MT) in 2007.

This will be able due to investments and credits in sum of 1.5 billion UAH. Moreover 25 thousand workplaces in rural area will be created. 2.5 million MT of meat (poultry and cattle in live weight) were slaughtered. This is 7% (+158,000 MT) more in comparison with 2005.

In 2006 poultry meat production increased by 30% (124,000 MT), pork by 46% (68,000 MT). Meat and meat products consumption per capita increased by 2.4 kg ant constituted 41.5 kg.

Ukrainian Poultry-Breeders Union consists of 39 member companies and 87 enterprises with summary production output of 70% in Ukraine. Experts estimate annual poultry meat consumption in Ukraine at the amount of 0.9 – 1 million MT. - *Source: APK-Inform; Translated and edited by: usapec.kz*

Ukrainian delegation arrives in U.S. for talks on WTO accession

Ukrainian delegation led by the Ukrainian Deputy Economics Minister Valeriy Piatnytsky has arrived in Washington for meetings with members of the working group examining Ukraine's application for WTO accession. The Ukrainian delegation held similar meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, on February 19-20.

Ukraine expects a final positive decision on the issue of WTO accession will be adopted in mid-summer. - *Source: Interfax Ukraine*

GDP grew up by 9.3% in January

The real GDP in Ukraine in January 2007 grew up by 9.3%, compared to 0.9% in January

2006. Real GDP in Ukraine in 2006 increased 7%, compared to growth of 2.7% in 2005.

The government is forecasting a slowdown in GDP growth in 2007 to 6.5%, with a parallel slowdown in inflation from 11.6% in 2006 to 7.5%. - *Source: Unian*

Moldova



Moldova will resume poultry imports from U.S.

According to the Minister of Agriculture Anatoly Gorodenko Moldova will resume the import of poultry from the US, but the volumes will be reduced.

He explained the decision taken at the end of 2006 to ban the import of meat from U.S. for the following reasons: protection of domestic producers, ban to export products to Ukraine and Russia. - *Source: Reporter.md, usapeec.kz*

Agricultural production dropped by 4.6% in 2006

Agricultural production dropped by 4.6% in 2006 against the background of a dramatic recession of production of grains, tobacco, and fruits. According to the preliminary estimations, the agricultural production constituted in current prices 13 billion 695 million lei (\$1.1 billion), according to the report of the National Statistics Bureau on the social and economic development of the Republic of Moldova in 2006.

Vegetal production reduced by 8.5% on the whole, so that the 4.4% raise of animal production was unable to reduce the handicap. - *Source: Basa-Press News Agency*

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