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On June 20-21, 2016, in the USA (Washington, D.C., IFC Auditorium (F Building)) there will be held one of the most significant events for the agricultural sector – the II American-Ukrainian Agrarian Congress.

Organizers of the Congress: All-Ukrainian public organization Ukrainian Grain Association, U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC), and the information-analytical agency APK-Inform.

Under support: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine (ACC), Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation, U.S. Grains Council (USGC).

The II American-Ukrainian Agrarian Congress will continue the further extension of successfully initiated dialogue, and strengthening of business contacts between Ukraine and the USA. The Congress will unleash the agricultural potential of Ukraine in more detailed way, and present the results of Ukrainian reforms to the US partners, as well as give invaluable experience to Ukrainian agricultural companies both in organization and in management of agricultural production, and maintenance of the quality of agricultural commodities.

Major topics of the Congress:

- Global agrarian market: role and position for the USA and Ukraine
- Prospects for investment in the agricultural sector of Ukraine
- Development of the agricultural logistics in Ukraine
- Prospects of the biofuel market in the USA and Ukraine
- New directions in corn consumption
- Deep processing of soybeans: US experience and its application to Ukraine
- Stock exchange trading mechanisms with agricultural products and risk hedging

A large, semi-transparent graphic in the background of the lower half of the page. It features the Ukrainian tricolor (blue and yellow) on the left, the US flag (stars and stripes) on the right, and a map of the USA in the center. Two golden wheat stalks are positioned at the bottom, framing the central elements.

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Ukraine: support of international donors is important for development of the agricultural sector – T.Kutovyj



To date, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food is working on defining the basic development directions for the agricultural sector in 2016, with operating title «3+5». The support of international donor organizations is extremely important for realization of the reporting priorities, declared the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, Taras Kutovyj during the meeting with donor organizations, international experts, representatives of foreign Embassies in Ukraine and international financial institutions.

The Minister stressed that transparency and visible deliveries are the top priorities: "We`ll work transparent, open and in public. We`ve determined three major issues to concentrate: the development of rural areas focused on small and medium business, land and institutional reforms".

Furthermore, the Minister added 5 priority directions: development of domestic and foreign markets, growing of niche crops, production of organic commodities, preparation of state-owned enterprises to privatization program, and restoration of the irrigation system. In addition, T.Kutovyj stressed the need to ensure the SPSA (The State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection) full functioning.

The Minister informed that following the meeting, international donors reaffirmed the full support to further development of the agricultural sector.

In turn, the Chairman of the Agriculture team of the Support Group for Ukraine at the European Commission, Nicolas Verlet assured the Minister in full support from the donor party. "We are glad to have a mutual understanding and constructive dialogue with representatives of the Ministry. The specific results are very important for these directions. The donor organizations are ready to support you not only during the first 100 days in the Government, but in further too", N.Verlet summed up.

USA is ready to support further development of the agrarian sector of Ukraine – Geoffrey R. Pyatt



The USA is ready to continue its cooperation with Ukraine and support the country`s economy including agriculture development. The reason is due to the natural environment and fertile land the reporting market segment is crucial for the country, informed the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, Taras Kutovyj on May 6 during the meeting with the Ambassador of the United States to Ukraine, Geoffrey R. Pyatt.

T.Kutovyj reported about the concept with operating title «3+5» - the priorities of the agricultural sector development, defined by the Ministry. He reminded that in particular, the Ministry plans to complete the land reform, the reform of the system of government support, rural development, and support for small-scale agricultural producers. The reporting priorities will be revealed through other five directions: development of markets, support for production of organic and niche crops, development of the irrigation system, as well as full functioning of the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection.

In addition, T.Kutovyj noted that privatization of state-owned enterprises is one of the reporting five directions.

In turn, G.R.Pyatt added that to date, there are the world-known US companies operating in Ukraine that are willing to expand their businesses and become the partners of Ukraine in development of selling markets. For his part, G.R.Pyatt relies on cooperation with the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine to facilitate the business operations for agrarians, in particular in the fiscal system and certification.

In 2015/16 MY, the USA reduced corn exports by 15%



According to the USDA data, during the first seven months of 2015/16 MY the USA exported 20.7 mln tonnes of corn, a decrease of 15% compared with the same period last season.

Mexico (7.1 mln tonnes), Japan (4.3 mln tonnes), Colombia (2.8 mln tonnes) and Peru (1.2 mln tonnes) were the largest countries-importers of US corn. The supplied volumes of corn to Asian countries decreased compared with the previous season due to rather strong competition from the South American grain. In addition, the exports of corn to North African countries significantly decreased, including Egypt. It should be noted that

in the current season, for the first time in a long period the USA shipped a large consignment of corn to South Africa (70.6 thsd tonnes).

According to the USDA forecast, during the whole season (until September 1, 2016) the USA will export 41.9 mln tonnes of corn, down 11% compared with last season, due to reduction of the harvest to 345.5 mln tonnes, against 361.1 mln tonnes, and increased competition on the global market.

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Global demand for Ukrainian wheat continues growing - APK-Inform



In July-March period of 2015/16 MY, Ukraine exported 12.9 mln tonnes of wheat, up 34% compared to the same period of the previous MY (9.6 mln tonnes), and which became an absolute record per season.

It should be noted that the Ukrainian grain forms rather significant share in the purchasing structure of the countries included to the TOP-10 of the global importers.

In particular, in July-March of 2015/16 MY Egypt, which is the world leader in wheat imports, imported 1.6 mln tonnes of Ukrainian wheat, or 14% of the general import volumes forecasted by USDA experts (11 mln tonnes). At the same time, in 2014/15 MY Ukraine provided 22% of the Egyptian wheat imports, or 2.5 mln tonnes in absolute terms.

Also, in the current season Ukraine significantly increased wheat supplies to Indonesia, the EU and South Korea. So, during the first 9 months of the season Ukraine exported more than 1 mln tonnes of wheat to Indonesia, or 13% of the forecasted import volumes to the country (8.1 mln tonnes). The supplies to the EU-28 increased to 1.7 mln tonnes (against 1.5 mln tonnes in 2014/15 MY), or 28% of the forecasted imports in 2015/16 MY (6.3 mln tonnes). Also, in the reporting period Ukraine supplied nearly 1 mln tonnes of wheat in absolute terms to South Korea, or 23% of the forecasted wheat imports (4.5 mln tonnes).

Global market to become more dependent on US soybeans and soybean meal



According to the forecast of Oil World analysts, in the short term the global market will become more dependent on soybeans and soybean meal originating from the USA.

Losses of the oilseed harvest volumes in Argentina and Uruguay due to excessive precipitations became the major reason for such trend development. Such losses will reduce the processing volumes of soybeans in these countries and, consequently, reduce the exports of both soybeans and its by-products.

In particular, experts expect for some decline of soybean processing in Argentina in the IIInd quarter of 2016, after the index rose by 4.1 mln tonnes in January-March of 2016.

In April, the FAO Food Price Index up by 0,7%



In April 2016, the Food Price Index, determined by analysts of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), increased by 0.7% compared with March 2016, and averaged 151.8 points. But the prices are still nearly 10% down compared with the same period last year, and more than a third off compared with its 2011 maximum indices, informed the report released by FAO on May 5.

"The April rise was driven by palm oil coupled with a more modest gain in international prices of cereals, while sugar prices tapered down after a strong increase in March", explained the experts.

Thus, in April the Vegetable Oil Price Index increased by 4.1% from March. The rise was again driven by palm oil, the prices of which climbed to a 17-month high on concerns over a grim 2016 production outlook and a growing world demand.

Last month, the Cereal Price Index increased by 1.5% from March. At the same time, corn quotations increased the most, influenced by weaker US dollar and spill over from soaring prices in the vegetable oils complex. But rice prices were marginally down, while rather favourable weather conditions and expected large supplies in the new season limited gains in wheat markets.

The FAO Sugar Price Index reduced by 1.7% from March. Last month's decline reflected generally large export availabilities in Brazil, supported by a bumper crop (second highest on record) and expectation of reduced use of sugarcane for the production of ethanol in the country. However, the possibility of global sugar production falling short of the anticipated consumption for the second consecutive season limited the decline in international prices.

Only sugar and vegetable oil prices became higher than they were this time last year, stressed FAO analysts.

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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Conditions for participation

Registration fee for one participant:

500, USD*

* Excluding bank fees

Registration fee includes:

- participation of one delegate in the conference work;
- receiving of informational materials of the conference;
- placement of the company's business card in the electronic conference catalogue;
- coffee-breaks, lunches;
- welcome reception in honour of the participants;
- social programme.

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- Placement of logo-board in the conference hall
- Placement of advertisement in the electronic conference catalogue
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- Providing of consulting services by the Agency's specialists during preparation to the event
- Assistance in establishing business contacts between the conference participants before the conference and during its work

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