

Ukrainian sugar beet production

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The main task of the sugar industry in Ukraine is to provide people, according to the research that is based on physiological norms of consumption, the end product - sugar. The long shelf life of sugar makes it a strategic product, and its production, along with other branches of the food industry, is the basis of national security.

However, in recent years this strategic sector of the food industry is in crisis, is far behind a number of foreign countries with the production efficiency. Over the past twenty years the amount of sugar in Ukraine is significantly reduced.

Analysis of the industry shows that in the period of transition to the market economy, without state regulation and production management, the development of sugar production was carried out mainly by the extensive factors. The current state of the industry is characterized by a structural imbalance, retarded growth and a significant decline in production volumes. The main reasons are: general economic crisis, the destruction of the public administration system and systemless transition to a deregulated market, loss of state influence on economic processes in the manufacture, control of the production and sale of products, lack of reasonable pricing in sugar and related food industries as well as inadequate legislation for efficient functioning of the market conditions.

It is necessary to take measures to promote domestic sugar to foreign markets, to continue the practice of preferential loans to sugar factories for working capital to finance the cost of the purchase of sugar beet seed, fertilizer, fuel and material resources for the preparation of sugar plants, to protect the domestic market from unwanted receipts of white sugar produced from raw sugar cane, sugar-products and sweeteners, to ensure revival of the sugar industry and stabilization the indexes of its development.