

Development and placement of the food industry in Ukraine

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Introduction. The food industry is an integral part of the economics of Ukraine, which is a crucial section of the national economy. The leading role of the industry is due to the fact that it makes a decisive contribution to the creation of material and technical base of all social production, as well as most of the material values intended to meet the needs of the population. Providing the population with quality food is one of the main areas of socio-economic development of any country. Ukraine has all the objective prerequisites for creating a highly advanced food industry that is able to meet domestic food needs and generate significant foreign exchange earnings from its global market.

Ukraine is characterized by quite significant world production volumes of various types of food products. Ukraine is in the top ten countries in terms of production of certain types of cereals and legumes, sugar beets and sugar, sunflower and sunflower oil, potatoes, certain types of fruits and vegetables, milk and some dairy products, honey. Despite the agrarian crisis and the significant decline in agricultural production, Ukraine was not inferior to European and world countries in terms of output per capita.

Materials and methods. During the study, general and specific methods were used: analysis - to study the object and object of the research; historical and logical method - to clarify the concept of "food industry"; method of generalization and scientific abstraction - in the study and refinement of the concept.

Results and discussion. List of main background factors of development and positioning of the food industry in Ukraine:

1) Natural resources factor

The area of Ukraine is characterized mainly by flat terrain, the state has a large land fund with fertile soils, plenty of heat during the growing season for all plants of the temperate zone.

Also it has great land resources. Almost two-thirds of the arable land is occupied by chernozem and fertile soils close to them. The area of the black earths of Ukraine is about one quarter of their global distribution.

Among the natural-resource factors, agro-climatic, soil and water resources are of major importance for the food industry.

2) Historical factor

The territory of Ukraine was the first among of Eastern, Central and Northern Europe to be drawn into the international division of labor in the mid-first millennium BC. In those days, the whole population was striving for an advanced culture, including economic-commodity grain cultivation, trade-grain specialization, overseas trade. The main economic activity is agricultural production.

Since Ukraine's independence, radical changes have taken place in industry. The food industry received a significant negative impact during the great economic crisis of 1996-1999. This led to a decrease in its output. Food prices was so high that the majority of the population couldn't have afford to buy it.

3) Socio-economic and technical factors

The socio-economic factor plays a major role in the development and placement of the food industry. In the times of the USSR, the food industry functioned under an administrative-command system, which consisted in the overall recovery. Since all the people's property and means of production belonged to the government, no one was interested in the effective functioning of the food industry. The economic factors and motivation of the people were completely extinguished. Therefore, phenomena began to emerge, which have negatively impacted on the development of the food industry, while new trends in the food industry developed in the world economy.

Conclusions. In summary, we can emphasize once again the relevance of the food industry in the economic complex of Ukraine. It is the largest and most important of the industries. No one society can live without food. The main purpose of the food industry is to meet human needs for food. Under good conditions, it brings a considerable part of the state budget.

Of course, the location of this industry largely depends on the natural resource factor, but at the same time it is consumer oriented. In the territory of our country there are enough fertile soils and favorable climatic conditions for the development of the food industry. Its development was also influenced by the historical factor, since Ukraine has always been considered an agrarian country, so in many years such complexes as grain, sugar beet, oil and others have developed. However, during the transition to a market economy, the food industry suffered a major negative impact and therefore its development declined. But in recent years there has been a rapid rise and improvement in its condition.

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