

September 28 Offline seminar – field day

Ukraine "Best Practices" in Horticulture

Venue

Demo field of "Rosetta Agro" LLC
v. Nebelytsia, Makariv district, Kyiv region

Participation

Free with prior registration

We encourage members of "Stiyka Ukraina" to join this event!

Please contact Frederika Vogel or Valery Lashinsky if you wish to have a speech.

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Fresh Forward - Anton Dovganuk

Topic: *Strawberry varieties from Fresh Forward for fresh market, processing and hobby. Simple growing solutions for better results.*
Iryna Kobrynets - farmer from Lviv region who will share experience growing strawberry

Rijk Zwaan – Volodymyr Omeniuk

Topic: *waiting from speaker*

Farmer will be provided: Waiting from speaker

Horticultural Institute - Oleksandr Yareshchenko

Topic: *waiting from speaker*

Farmer will be provided: Waiting from speaker

Anton Yarotsky – Framer from Odessa

Topic: *Improving Soil Resilience and Health by increasing Soil Organic Matter*

KOPPERT - Elena Boltovska

Topic: *Mechanisms of increasing the yield commonly neglected by farmers*

Farmer: Unique Garden - Elvira – Berry production

BTU Center (organic crop protection company) - Volodymyr Silenko

Topic: *Non-chemical (organic, biological) crop protection in Horticulture*

Farmer: Monoorganic – Bogdan Slutsky – organic berry production

We plan to gather around 100 participants, farmers and agricultural companies, for this event.



Registration of plant varieties in Ukraine is to be simplified to the maximum.

The Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine has initiated a simplified procedure for the state registration of plant varieties registered in the European Union and the United States.

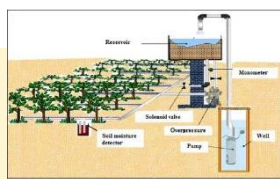
According to Taras Vysotskyi, the First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, the Ministry is simplifying the plant variety registration process to the maximum extent. Applicants submit an application for the registration of a new variety. The staff at the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food independently verifies the presence of such a variety in the general catalog of EU varieties or UPOV. If its existence is confirmed, a decision on state registration is made within 15 days. Moreover, at the applicant's request, a qualification examination of the variety may not be required.



Through this simplified procedure, the first 97 varieties of agricultural crops have already been included in the State Register of Plant Varieties of Ukraine.

This new registration mechanism was developed to align Ukrainian legislation with the provisions of the European Union, as outlined in the Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine Regarding the Harmonization of Legislation in the Field of Plant Variety and Seed Production and Nursery Business with the Legislation of the European Union." [Source...](#)

Irrigation Systems to be restored in Ukraine



The regional council of the Odessa region adopted the "Program for Socio-Economic and Cultural Development of the Odessa Region for 2023 and the Main Development Directions for 2024-2025." This program

outlines the restoration of 12 priority irrigation objects in the region, with a budget allocation of 750 million UAH (approximately \$27.8 million), [according to Yug Today](#).

The document specifies that the project involves the restoration of irrigation systems on approximately 100,000 hectares of farmland, aiming to increase crop yields for grain crops by 50% and for vegetables by 85% in the region.

The Odessa Regional Military Administration has already begun the implementation of these funds, and the melioration project will continue into the next year.

As reported, the regional leadership intends to actively develop vegetable and fruit growing, which will facilitate the creation and efficient operation of fruit and vegetable processing enterprises. To achieve this goal, it is essential to reconstruct and modernize the meliorative irrigation systems.

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Agricultural land demining

Among the key tasks for Ukraine during the war and in the extended post-conflict period is the crucial mission of demining and rehabilitating lands potentially contaminated by explosive devices. The ambitious objective is to restore 80% of such lands within a span of ten years.



This significant revelation comes from Ukraine's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy, Yulia Svyrydenko, as reported by "[Ukrinform](#)."

"For lands designated for agricultural use, we have a separate plan approved by the government in March. According to this plan, we aim to survey and return 470,000 hectares, equivalent to 4,700 square kilometers, within four years. These lands are located in the Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Chernihiv regions. We have already completed a quarter of the survey and rehabilitation plan, and we plan to update it as we are significantly ahead of the projected pace," commented Yulia Svyrydenko.

Among the priority areas for survey and demining, she highlighted critical infrastructure and the inspection of Ukrainians' homes, followed by agricultural lands, forests, and underwater demining.

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Vegetable Prices in Ukraine Set to Increase

Consumer prices for key vegetables in July of this year have decreased compared to June: white cabbage by 48.9%, onions by 34.2%, and carrots by 30.4%.

This is the most significant reduction among 33 food products tracked on a monthly basis by the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, according to a report by the National Scientific Center "Institute of Agrarian Economics."

However, prices for these products significantly exceeded the December 2022 figures, particularly for onions by 17.9%, cabbage by 1.8 times, and carrots by 2.1 times.



Yuriy Lupenko, the director of the National Scientific Center "Institute of Agrarian Economics" and academician of the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences, noted that considering the traditional trend of falling consumer prices for vegetables in the second half of the summer, further reductions in consumer prices for vegetables can be expected at the beginning of autumn. Last year, prices for cabbage decreased from July 2022 to January 2023, and for carrots, they dropped from August to December of the previous year.

"However, there are signs now of the cessation of the ongoing downward trend in prices. If, after a long period of decline (from August 2022 to May 2023), the growth in consumer prices for beets only resumed in June 2023 (+7.7%), in July, they increased by a record 3.1 times. Additionally, after a prolonged decline observed from August 2022 to May 2023, a record increase of 1.7 times in potato prices was recorded. **All these factors suggest the possibility of price increases for other types of vegetables,**" the scientist noted.

According to predictive estimates, due to the influence of rising energy prices, a significant decrease in food product prices, particularly in August, is unlikely to occur.

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