



Dutch-Ukrainian "Stiyka Ukraina" on-field seminar Ukraine "Best Practices" in Horticulture

Challenges and how to tackle them during the war

28 Sept 2023

Free Participation till full

Online registration is open

PROGRAM OF THE EVENT

Welcome by:

- 11:00 **Sergey Netudykhata**, Owner Artberry.
Frederique Vogel (Holland Rosetta & coordinator "Stiyka Ukraina" project)
Mark Heemskerck, Second Secretary Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ukraine
Petro Gatzd , Farm Gadz. Introduction of vegetables in the Fruit Farm

VEGETABLES

- 11:20 **Jevgen Kuzin (Agro Inform)** *Actual **statistics and trends** of VEGETABLES after 2 years of war in Ukraine*
11:35 **Grygorii Shvets**, Enza Zaden Ukraine: *Actual situation on vegetable market and what is expected till end of 2023 and in season 2024*
11:50 **Volodymyr Omeniuk**, Rijk Zwaan, topic: *Current State and Prospects of Growing Lettuce and Leafy Greens in Ukraine*
12:05 **Anton Yarotsky** , Pidgirne LLC – *Improving Soil Resilience and Health by increasing Soil Organic Matter*

BREAK, tour around the field

FRUITS & BERRIES

- 13:20 **Anna Sakhonchyk**, Deutch Ukrainische Dialog – *Sustainable Fruit & Vegetable Project in Vinnytsa*
13:35 **Jevgen Kuzin**, Fruit Inform – *Actual **statistics and trends** of FRUITS and BERRIES after 2 years of war in Ukraine*
13:50 **Oleksandr Yareshchenko**, Horticultural Institute – *The current situation and support of the fruit and berry sector of Ukraine as a tool for responding to challenges during martial law*
14:05 **Anton Dovganuk**, Fresh Forward, *How was the production and how the strawberry prices during 2023 and what are the challenges for next year. Simple growing solutions for better results.*
14:20 **Iryna Kobrynets** – Practical Consultant, Lviv region, *practical experience growing strawberry*
14:35 **Elena Boltovska**, KOPPERT – *Mechanisms of increasing the yield commonly neglected by farmers*
14:50 **Bogdan Slutsky**, Mono-organic, *Organic berry production*
15:05 **Oleksadr Matviets**, Chairman of the Association "Ukrsadprom" – *grant program for business creation "Grants for greenhouse business" and "Grants for horticulture, berry growing and viticulture"*
15:20 **Discussions and tour around the field**

This seminar can host up to 100 participants, farmers and agricultural companies.

Government Simplifies Procedures for Importing Seed Material for Propagation



The Government has approved Resolution No. 964, which establishes the procedure for importing seed and planting material not included in the Register of Plant Varieties of Ukraine but listed in the Plant Variety List of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

This was announced by the [Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine](#).

“The resolution was adopted in accordance with Ukraine’s fulfillment of international commitments to ensure compliance with the Seed Schemes of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD),” clarified the ministry.

The document approves the conditions and procedures for the import of seeds and planting material of a variety, including:

- Confirmation of the information about the variety included in the OECD Plant Variety List, those agricultural plants, the seed certification schemes of which Ukraine has joined. Obtaining consent from the competent authority of the country of variety registration for seed reproduction.
- Importing seed and planting material of a variety not included in the State Register of Plant Varieties suitable for propagation but listed in the OECD Plant Variety List, those agricultural plants, the seed certification schemes of which Ukraine has joined. This includes reproduction and export beyond the state borders.

The procedure for importing seeds and planting material of varieties can be found [here](#).

Grants for Orchards and Greenhouses: Farmers Receive Over UAH 400 Million this Year



Nine more agricultural enterprises have received approximately UAH 25 million for the development of orchards, berry farms, vineyards, and

greenhouse farming within the government’s “eWork” grant program

The Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine announced this in a statement.

“This year, a total of 106 farms received state assistance amounting to UAH 403.9 million. Of this, UAH 324.7 million was allocated to 90 enterprises for the development of orchards, berry farms, and vineyards. Additionally, UAH 79.2 million was disbursed to 16 farms for greenhouse development,” the ministry noted.

Since the program’s inception, UAH 452.9 million has been paid to 115 business entities. Specifically, UAH 359.7 million was received by 97 farms for the development of orchards, berry farms, and vineyards, while UAH 93.2 million went to 18 entrepreneurs for greenhouse projects.

This year, grants have been fully disbursed to 83 farms for the “Own Orchard” project and to 14 farms for the “Own Greenhouse” project.

[Source: Ministry of Agrarian Policy](#)

Support for Ukraine – The Best Financial Investment

Niall Ferguson, a British historian, writer, and journalist who is a professor of history at Harvard University and a senior fellow at Stanford University, made this statement during the annual Yalta European Strategy (YES) meeting, as reported by Ukrinform.



“Some people in the US — will say that investment in the Ukraine war is a waste of money. But this is not the case — this war is an extraordinarily efficient war with a decent prospect of success even without the miracles that might have been good from the counter-offensive. ***In fact, it is the best value for money. Ensuring Ukraine’s national security is the best financial investment,***” — said Niall Ferguson at the annual meeting of the Yalta European Strategy (YES) “The Future Is Being Decided in Ukraine”, organised by YES .

The Senior Fellow believes that Ukraine’s loss in the war will be a disaster not only for Ukraine but for the whole world, as a new Cold War will be complicated for the West to sustain financially.

“We cannot afford to lose this war. If, two years from now, our attention span has wavered. If the Russian offensive is being reported on, this is not just a tragedy for Ukrainians but for Europe and the whole world. The Pacific region is also turbulent. The cost of a hypothetical reconquest of Taiwan is much higher than the price of supporting Ukraine. Both the United States and its allies will not be able to financially cover the costs of a new Cold War,” Niall Ferguson summarised. [Source...](#)

Vegetable Harvest Encourages to Expand in This Direction Next Year



The company “PAEK” LLC has begun harvesting early variety onions, Verzhilio, on its fields

This was announced by the owner of the company, agrarian Yuriy Kormyshkin.

“Today we started harvesting early variety onions, Verzhilio. We are immediately storing them to carry out sales after the harvest. We are venturing into a new direction!!!” the message states.

It is noted that this year, “PAEK” LLC has strengthened its vegetable farming direction and significantly increased the area under various types of vegetables.

“Having achieved excellent yields, the company has decided to further develop this direction next year,” the

message states.

As a reminder, 50 hectares were allocated by PAEK for winter onions this year.

“PAEK” LLC is a leading agricultural company in the southern region of Ukraine. It has been operating since 2012, increasing its own capacities every year.

Its land bank is over 40 thousand hectares.

It ranks among the top 100 landowners in Ukraine.

Regions of activity: Mykolaiv, Odesa, and Kherson regions.

The main line of business is the cultivation and sale of cereals, legumes, and oilseeds.

Source: <https://paek.com.ua/>



Ukraine Triples Frozen Raspberry Exports to the USA



According to [EastFruit](#) analysts, Ukraine has tripled its exports of frozen raspberries to the US market in the first half of 2023. This achievement marks Ukraine's entry into the top ten largest exporters of frozen raspberries to the USA, securing the 8th position, despite traditional leaders like Mexico, Chile, and Serbia slightly reducing their export volumes.

Mexico, for example, exported 340 times more raspberries to the US in the first half of 2023 than Ukraine did during the same period. This surge in frozen raspberry exports from Ukraine to the USA, coupled with positive growth trends, is a significant breakthrough, given that the volumes are still relatively small.

Andriy Yarmak, an economist at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, notes that even though Ukraine's volumes are not yet substantial, the positive dynamics are promising. He points out that when comparing raspberry prices between the US and the European Union, the difference is substantial. While prices in the EU have dropped by an average of two or more times, prices in the US have only decreased by 10-15%. This indicates that US raspberry importers are willing to pay a high price for quality products.

It's worth noting that Ukraine's journey into the US raspberry market began in 2021, with nearly 80% of the global frozen raspberry import revenue originating from the USA and Canada. Ukraine has traditionally focused on supplying raspberries to Poland, which then re-exports them to the EU, the UK, the USA, and Canada, retaining a significant portion of the added value.

However, in 2023, a trend towards further processing of raspberries has emerged in Ukraine, where the country began exporting "frozen raspberry raw materials" to Poland. Yarmak believes that if Poland decides to ban imports of frozen and fresh raspberries from Ukraine, Ukrainian exporters should focus their attention on the USA, Canada, and Japan.

Ukraine's unique soil and climate conditions make it capable of producing top-quality raspberries, and the relatively minor additional efforts required for freezing, sorting, and processing could lead to significant returns. Furthermore, the additional income earned by exporters can be reinvested in improving efficiency and expanding raspberry plantations in the country.

In the first half of 2023, the USA imported 23,500 tons of frozen raspberries, nearly 9,000 tons less than during the same period in 2022 and 3,200 tons less than in the first half of 2021.

Source: [EastFruit](#)

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