



December 5th, Stiyka Ukraina had a Webinar

“Strawberry production and biological crop protection in Horticulture”

The first speaker, **Anton Dovganiuk**, presented insights of Ukrainian strawberry market summary and prospects for coming season.



Сезони суніці 2020 - 2023

- Площа (офіційна)	2022 рік – 7100 га	2021 – 8300 га	2020 – 8600 га
- Зменшення за 2 роки більше ніж на 1500 га (17%)			
- Тенденція продовжується в 2023 році – було набагато менше посадок через війну і брак матеріалу. Оцінка – менше 7000 га			
- 2024 – очікується більше посадок ніж в 2022-23 році, але менше ніж до війни.			
- Валовий збір	2022 – 54 300 т	2021 – 62 200	2020 – 55 100
- Врожайність	7,5 т/га	7,7	6,8
Прогноз 2023 – 50.000 (реальна цифра +15%)			

FRESH FORWARD

The second speaker, **Piet Beurskens**, shared about the trends of the European strawberry market, modern growing systems and new strawberry varieties of Fresh Forward which would fit the Ukrainian market.



Тенденції на європейському ринку суніці

- Вартість робочої сили стрімко зростає
 - Покращення швидкості збору завдяки технології вирощування «на столах» / в тунелях
 - Швидкісний збір, високоврожайні сорти
 - 3-кратного збору 15 кг/год до збору на столах - 30 кг/годину
- Зростання вартості землі та її наявність
 - Більше вирощування на субстратах
 - На піднятих грядках або «столах»
 - Використання Нових Сортів з високою толерантністю проти ґрунтових патогенів

Our third speaker, **Olena Boltovska**, gave a very interesting presentation about biological protection using the predator insects in greenhouses and open ground.



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Неосейулюс (Neoseiulus californicus) ФІТОСЕЙУЛЮС (Phytoseiulus persimilis)

The webinar recording is already available on our website.

<https://www.stiyka-ukraina.com/1666-2/>



Transfer of Knowledge

In December two pruning trainings are planned at Rosetta Demo Field, one for students and one for farmers.

On Monday, December 11th, 2023, **Stiyka Ukraina** held **its first practical pruning training at the demo field of 'Rosetta Agro'**. Students from **Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University** and the **National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine** were invited together with their teachers.

First we discussed the theory of the pruning, importance of the light distribution and crop load regulation, how to distinguish the flower bud and how to estimate the potential yield on different crops presented at our Demo plot.

Then specialists of Stiyka Ukraina, Valery and Vasyl, showed the students how to prune Blueberry, Pear, Apple and Sweet Cherry.

Students also had an opportunity to prune themselves with guidance of our specialists





Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian railways) Promises Regular Freight Train Service for Trucks to Poland



A test train carrying trucks from Ukraine has arrived in Poland, as announced by Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railways).

“The shipment of trucks by rail has reached Poland. Ukrainian and Polish parties have coordinated all matters related to transportation and the processing of customs and border procedures. The trucks will continue to their destination by road,” [the announcement stated](#).

Future shipments are planned to become regular, utilizing more modernized platforms in

transportation.

The container train operates on the route from Sknyliv (Ukraine) to Slawkow (Poland).

“To arrange truck transportation by container train from Ukraine, one needs to contact the branch ‘Center for Transport Service ‘Lisky’ of JSC ‘Ukrzaliznytsia.’ For the reverse direction, please contact UZ Cargo Poland,” added the company. Source: [AgroPortal](#)

Vinnytsia Fruit Growers were Bringing Workers from 100 km Away



Due to the war, the labor shortage in horticulture has intensified, especially as many farms have expanded their vegetable areas, which also require a significant workforce.

Alexander Baran, an agronomist from the horticulture department of the

“Agricultural Company 2004” under the Vitagro holding (Khmelnyskyi region), shared this information in an interview with the magazine [“Horticulture, the Ukrainian way.”](#)

“The problem with people is that we transport them for harvesting more than 100 km. If there was an opportunity to find 150-200 workers, we would have recruited them,” he noted. “We communicate with colleagues, for example, from the Horticultural Farm ‘Hads,’ and everyone faces the same problem – the need for labor. I assume that many have turned to vegetables this year, including us. We planted 15 hectares of onions, 20 hectares of carrots, and 15 hectares of beets.”

It’s worth mentioning, that due to a shortage of personnel, the State Enterprise “Arsi Agro” in the Odesa region [harvested grapes 15-20% longer than usual](#).

Land Market for Legal Entities Will Start as Planned.

There are no changes planned in the implementation of the second stage of the land reform. This means that from 2024, legal entities will be able to purchase land, and all registries are ready.



This was announced by the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, Mykola Solskyi, during the XV International Conference “Managing Agribusiness in Ukraine.”

“Only one thing remains — connecting the GIS (Geographic Information System) to the cadastre and the sanctions register maintained by the National Security and Defense Council. This will be done this year. This means that from January 1, 2024, the land market for legal entities will operate. Everything will be as planned,” said Mykola Solskyi.

He added that he envisions the further development of the market towards liberalization rather than more stringent regulation. The war is a reason to accelerate reforms, not to delay them.

Source: [AgroPortal](#)

Raspberry Dominance: More Than Half of Rivne Region’s Berry Plantations Allocated to Raspberries



The area of orchards and berry plantations in the Rivne region is approximately 500 hectares, with more than half of the plantings dedicated to raspberries.

This information is stated in the announcement from the Department of Agro-Industrial Development of the Rivne Regional State Administration [on Facebook](#).

“In the conditions of war, farmers in the Rivne region are utilizing all possible opportunities to expand their production, including grant funds for orchard development. This year, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy confirmed three projects totaling UAH 8.7 million. Additionally, for the development of berry cultivation, 11 individuals and entrepreneurs attracted UAH 2.5 million in grants,” explained the department director, Nadiya Perekhodko.

Furthermore, in four communities of the region, the project “Development of Organic Berry Farming in Territorial Communities” is being implemented with the participation of agricultural producers. This project is supported by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland. The project involves the construction of a mini-plant for freezing berries (60 tons), the establishment of an industrial plantation of organic raspberries (15 hectares), and training in organic fruit cultivation.

