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## President of Ukraine: Grain initiative for export of Ukrainian grain reduced severity of food crisis

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky said that the implementation of the grain initiative to export Ukrainian grain made it possible to reduce the severity of the food crisis.

“It is very important that the grain export initiative yields results. Since the beginning of its implementation, 16 vessels with grain for seven countries on three continents have already left Ukrainian ports. This is Europe, Asia, Africa,” he said in a traditional video message on Saturday.

According to him, “almost half a million tons of agricultural products are on board: corn, wheat, sunflower oil, soybeans and other goods that are absolutely necessary on the world market.”

“This has already made it possible to reduce the acuteness of the food crisis, gave some hope for peace to the countries that consume our agricultural products. And in the future, it can help to completely remove the food crisis from the global agenda,” he said.

Zelensky noted that “the first ship has already arrived for loading under the UN World Food Program – this is the supply of grain, in particular, for Ethiopia, where the situation with hunger is especially severe. Now the vessel is being prepared for departure from the Yuzhny port.

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# Prime Minister of Ukraine announces start of mass privatization from September 1

Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal says that from September 1, privatization should start massively in Ukraine.

“The President of Ukraine has set the task of launching privatization from September. To this end, the Verkhovna Rada adopted the relevant legislation, the government has developed all the by-laws. We must make this process as fast as possible,” the press service of the government quoted Shmygal as saying after a conference call with regional leaders.



*At the same time, according to the prime minister, the state is launching grant programs to motivate businesses and people to create jobs as much as possible.*



“Small-scale privatization, especially in regions where people in villages and towns know objects that have been standing for years and inefficiently used, is designed to make it possible to buy these premises at a fair price and start work,” he added.

According to Shmyhal, privatization will also allow expanding production for farmers.

“The Ministry of Economy said that in early September, according to the schedule, auctions for elevator capacities and grain factories will be announced. Market operators, seeing a shortage of capacities, will be able to take part in these tenders,” the prime minister said.

## 66% of Ukrainian citizens choose Telegram, 61% YouTube, 58% Facebook as source of information

As of July 2022, about 76.6% of Ukrainians use social networks as a source of information, according to an analysis of the Ukrainian IT company GlobalLogic based on open data.

Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine has led to a surge in the use of social media as a source of news, the company said in a statement on Friday.

“Among 76.6% of Ukrainian citizens who use social networks as a source of information, 66% choose Telegram, 61% – YouTube, 58% – Facebook. It is important to note that the respondents could choose several answers. Today, more than 28 million Ukrainian users, on Instagram – more than 16.1 million, on Facebook – 15.45 million. TikTok has more than 10.55 million Ukrainian users,” GlobalLogic notes.

At the same time, at the beginning of 2022, the number of registered Ukrainian users of the social network for searching and establishing business contacts LinkedIn amounted to only 3.6 million people.



## US allocates \$4.5 bln to Ukraine through World Bank

The World Bank Group on Monday, August 8, announced an additional \$4.5 billion in grant funding to Ukraine from the United States under the PEACE project, which aims to help the government meet urgent needs caused by the ongoing war.

The United States, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), in coordination with the U.S. Treasury Department, is providing an additional \$4.5 billion in direct budgetary support to the government of Ukraine to help mitigate the severe budget deficit caused by Putin's brutal military aggression. USAID release.

According to him, the government of Ukraine will receive funding in tranches, starting with a payment of \$3 billion in August.



*The World Bank indicates that the additional funding will help maintain the government's ability to perform core functions at the national and regional levels.*

In particular, the funds will help the government of Ukraine cover social benefits, medical services and pensions that are necessary for the well-being of the country's citizens and mitigating the social and economic consequences of the war.

The bank clarified that the additional funding is in addition to the \$1.49 billion Investment Project Financing (IPF) approved in June 2022. To date, the World Bank has mobilized almost \$13 billion in emergency funding, including commitments and pledges from donors, to support the continuation of essential public services in Ukraine and mitigate the effects of the war. As of the end of July 2022, more than \$6.3 billion has been disbursed from this funding.

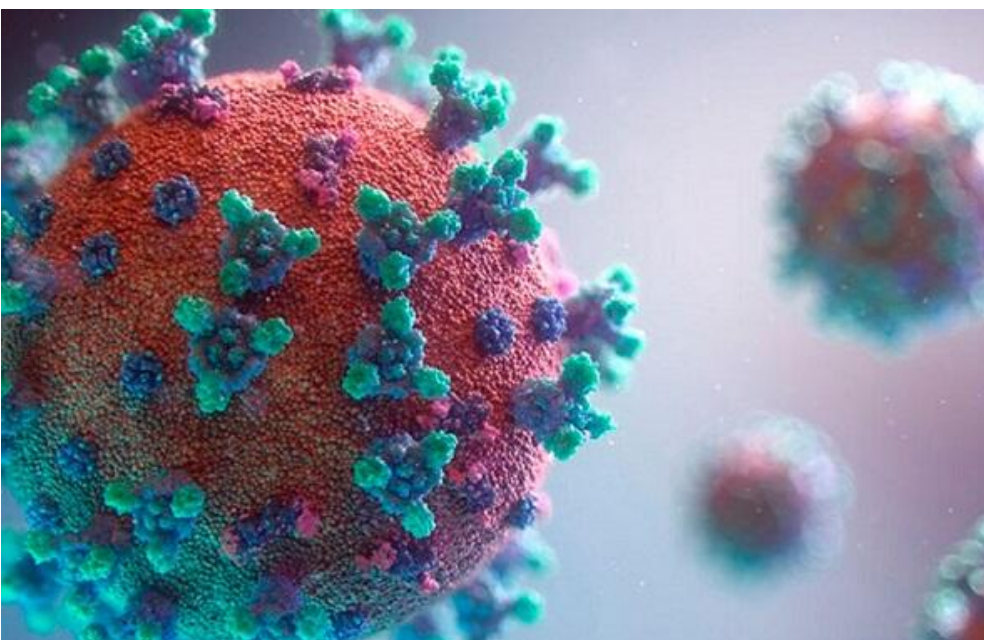


## Incidence of COVID-19 is growing in Ukraine

3,893 new cases of COVID-19 were registered in Ukraine last week, which is 40% more than a week earlier, Interfax-Ukraine was told at the Ministry of Health, citing head of department Viktor Lyashko



*“Over the past week, 3,893 new cases of the disease were detected, which is 40% more than a week earlier,” the Ministry of Health said.*



The Minister said that as a result of COVID-19 over the past week, 16 people died from complications, a week earlier – 14 people

At the same time, 1,763 patients were hospitalized in hospitals with COVID-19 over the past week, while 1,682 people recovered.

Currently, about 5% of the beds allocated for patients with COVID-19 are occupied in Ukrainian clinics.

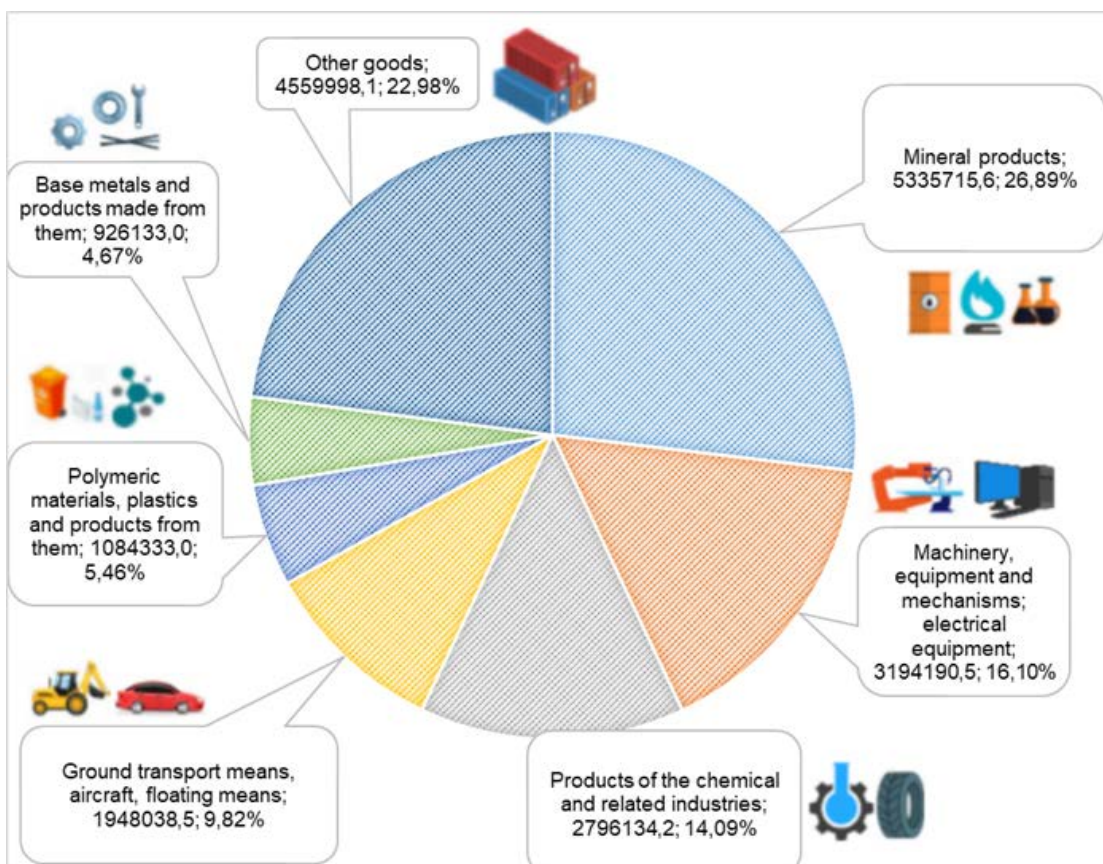
# Pope Francis considers visiting Ukraine

Pope Francis is considering visiting Ukraine to express his support, Ukrainian Ambassador to the Vatican Andriy Yurash said following the meetin.

“I am very close to Ukraine and I want to express this closeness through my visit to Ukraine” – important words of Pope Francis, spoken during today’s meeting with the Holy Father. Ukraine has been waiting for the Pope for many years, especially since the beginning of the war, and will be glad to meet him before his trip to Kazakhstan,” Yurash wrote on Twitter.



## Foreign trade turnover by the most important positions Jan-May 2022 (import)



## Club of Experts analyzed main macroeconomic indicators of Ukraine and other countries

In its new video, the Experts Club YouTube channel reviewed the macroeconomic situation in Ukraine in the 6th month of the war, and also analyzed the July IMF report on the global economic outlook in 2022 and 2023. As we wrote earlier, the state authorities of Ukraine have temporarily suspended the publication of most statistical information for the period of martial law and for three months from the moment it ends. The exception is the publication of data on the consumer price index, separate information on indicators of foreign trade in goods, etc. Thus, from the data published by the State Employment Center, it follows that the number of registered unemployed in Ukraine is approximately at the level of last year, while the number of available vacancies has sharply decreased.

This, according to the founder of the Club of Experts Maksim Urakin, has led to the fact that now about 12-13 unemployed people apply for one vacancy.

“*The estimate of the unemployment rate by the National Bank in the second quarter of 2022 is 35% according to the methodology of the International Labor Organization,” Maksim Urakin added.*

In addition, according to Urakin, the current forecast for Ukraine's GDP growth in 2023-2024, published by the National Bank, is based primarily on expectations of an increase in international support for Ukraine and the implementation of programs to restore war-damaged infrastructure.

On the situation in the global economy, the Club of Experts analyzed the report of the International Monetary Fund, published in July. In particular, there is a possible recession in the US economy, a slowdown in GDP growth in China and India, as well as a deterioration in the situation in the euro area, provoked by rising energy prices.

See this and much more in a new video on the YouTube channel “Experts Club” at the link:

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## French Quantel Medical donates to Odessa Institute of Ophthalmology new diagnostic equipment

The French Quantel medical, with the assistance of the Ukrainian Embassy in France, donated it to the Institute of Eye Diseases and Tissue Therapy named after Filatov (Odessa) as a humanitarian aid a new probe (sensor) for the Aviso apparatus for ultrasonic biomicroscopy of the anterior eye.

As Interfax-Ukraine was informed at the clinic, up to 5,000 patients need to be examined on the Aviso device annually, in particular, to detect and monitor the state of intraocular tumors and neoplasms of the conjunctiva of the eye.

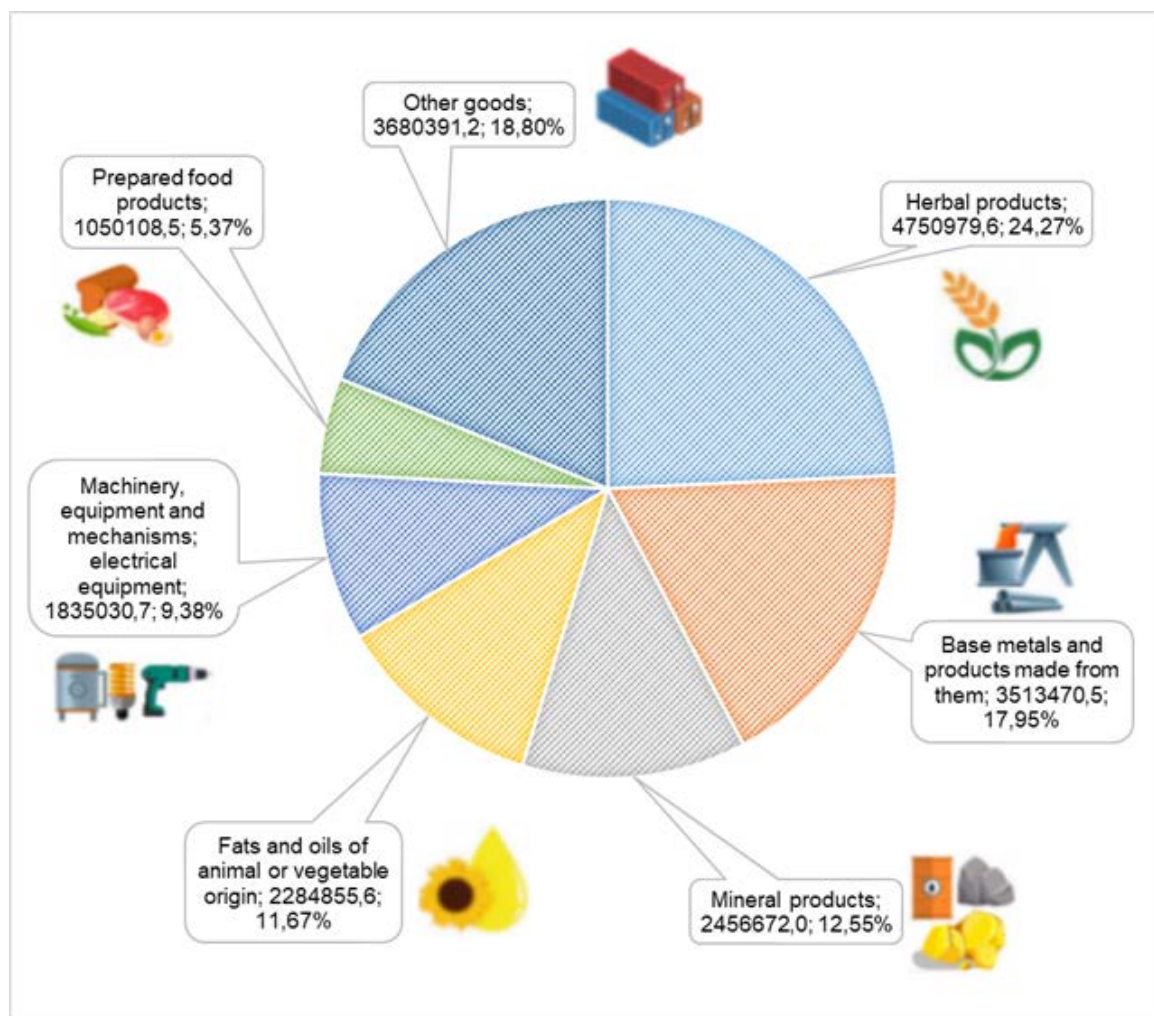
In addition, the need for probe-assisted examination increases during the war for patients with trauma, foreign bodies in the anterior part of the eye, chemical and thermal burns.



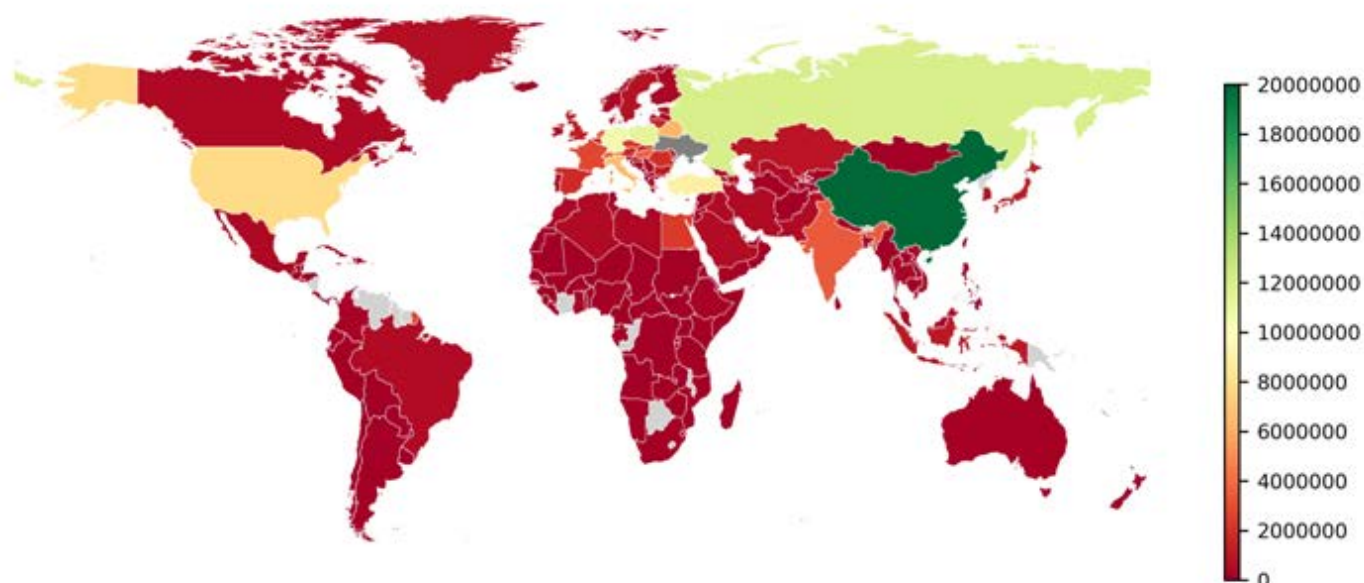
During the war, the clinic was not able to update the equipment on its own, in particular, due to funding limitations, the lack of a sensor in Ukraine, disruption of supply chains and delivery difficulties.

“Administration, doctors and patients of the clinic of the Institute of Eye Diseases and Tissue Therapy named after Filatov wholeheartedly express their gratitude to the General Director of Quantel medical, Mr. Jean-Marc GENDRE / Jean-Marc GENDRE and the company's employees for the provided humanitarian assistance and the Embassy of Ukraine in France for their invaluable help and support,” the clinic emphasized.

## Foreign trade turnover by the most important positions in Jan-May 2022 (export)



## Geographical structure of total trade in goods and services by Ukraine in 2021 (USD thousand)



## Export of sunflower seeds from Ukraine in 2022/23 to be reduced by 41.2%

Production of sunflower seeds in the 2022/2023 marketing year (MY, September-August) is projected at 9.4 million tonnes, which is 42.6% less than the previous MY (16.4 million tonnes), while their exports will decrease by approximately 41.2%, to 1 million tonnes from 1.7 million tonnes.

Such data were announced by Stepan Kapshuk, Director General of the Ukroliyaprom Association, during the online conference "Ukrainian oilseed market: optimistic or pessimistic forecast".

Thus, this MY is expected to reduce production of sunflower seeds to the lowest value in ten years, which is even lower than in 2013/2014 MY with 11.5 million tonnes. This decrease is caused by the Russian military invasion into Ukraine, the temporary occupation of part of its territory, and logistical problems associated with Russian aggression.

The head of the association stressed that in 2022/2023 MY, oilseed exports are expected to decrease by 10.6%, to 5.1 million tonnes from 5.71 million tonnes in 2021/2022 MY, including sunflower seeds 41.2%, to 1 million tonnes, and rapeseed by 4%, to 2.6 million tonnes from 2.71 million tonnes. However, soybean exports are expected to grow by 15.3%, to 1.5 million tonnes from 1.3 million tonnes in 2021/2022 MY.

According to Kapshuk, in general, in 2022/2023 MY, production of oilseeds in Ukraine is projected at the level of 14.86 million tonnes, of which, in addition to indicated 9.4 million tonnes of sunflower seeds, 2.87 million tonnes account for rapeseed, and 2.59 million tonnes for soybeans.

## Adonis opens modern rehabilitation center in Bucha

Adonis Medical Group has opened a modern center for rehabilitation and physiotherapy in Bucha (Kyiv region), the company told Interfax-Ukraine on Tuesday.

Vitaly Girin, General Director of the Adonis network, specified that the main areas of the center's work will be medical rehabilitation and recovery after a stroke, traumatic brain injury and other CNS lesions, postoperative rehabilitation, occupational therapy and restoration of self-care skills, correction of chronic pain syndrome in pathologies of the spine, musculoskeletal - motor system, rehabilitation after injuries, road accidents and other accidents.

The rehabilitation center will include a hospital for 12 double rooms, specially equipped for patients with limited mobility. If necessary, a relative or a nurse can be with the patient.

In addition, the center's range of services provides for the possibility of transporting a patient from anywhere in Ukraine, home visits of doctors and full-cycle medical care within one department.

According to the head of the rehabilitation department, Vadim Kerestey, the center will also be able to carry out rehabilitation after injuries caused by hostilities.

"Such rehabilitation should be carried out in a full-profile rehabilitation center, where there is a full range of medical services, since injuries caused by military operations are combined. Orthopedics in them is often complicated by neurology, bone fractures are combined with injuries of the brain and spinal cord, multiple bone fractures are combined with amputations and injuries of the nervous system and contusions. Such patients need an integrated approach and the help of physical therapists, surgeons, traumatologists, neurologists, speech therapists, psychologists, intensive care units and anesthesiologists," he explained.

Kerestey noted that the center works in accordance with the requirements of the international standards Eeig EU Standard for Health & Wellness.

Adonis is a network of private medical centers for adults and children.

Adonis Private Clinic was founded over 20 years ago. Its network includes 12 branches in Kyiv and the region, including two own maternity hospitals and a stem cell laboratory.

In the branches of the clinic, doctors receive patients in 66 medical areas.



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# Leaders of Ukrainian insurance market in terms of collected premiums in Jan-March 2022 were ARX, Uniqa and TAS

Insurance companies ARX (UAH 810.2 million), Uniqa (UAH 669.7 million) and IG TAS (568 .9 million UAH, all Kyiv).

According to the main performance indicators of Ukrainian insurance companies published on the NBU website for 1 sq. 2022, while the leaders in insurance payments for 3 months. were Uniqa (UAH 276.4 million), ARX (UAH 271.2 million) and TAS SG (UAH 244 million).



## Cost of Ukrainian timber almost halved due to war and changes in external situation – head of Forest Agency

Due to the war and changes in the external situation, the cost of Ukrainian timber has almost halved, warehouses are full, the processor dictates conditions on the stock exchanges, head of the State Forestry Agency of Ukraine Yuriy Bolohovets described this new situation on the market in a column in NV Business.

“Taking into account the depreciation of the hryvnia against the dollar, the cost is almost halved. Instead of a seller’s market, we are seeing the formation of a buyer’s market. The share of reductions is growing on the exchanges: the processor is already dictating the terms,” he wrote.

Bolohovets clarified that out of the volume of unprocessed wood put up for auction, on average, 60% can be sold on the first attempt, and 50% – processed – 50%.

“*In his opinion, the reasons for this transformation of the market are the end of the era of “covid” repairs in the United States and other countries, the rise in the price of mortgages and the reduction in construction, the decrease in demand for building materials, in particular, Europeans do not invest in housing due to a jump in lending rates and the risk of war.*”

“In China, a crisis is brewing in the field of housing construction. Against this background, the Celestial Empire is flooded with a stream of cheap timber from Russia, which is ready to give up its own resources at a big discount. The situation is no better for us in other Asian markets,” the head of the State Forest Agency explained. He added that the Turkish market, in addition to the Russian one, is also “overwhelmed” with Belarusian products, which then, bypassing the sanctions, enter the European market.

The head of the State Forestry Agency stressed that the main factor in the negative trends in Ukraine is the war and the blocking of ports, without which the country cannot export raw materials to Asia.

The head of the State Forestry Agency specified that according to the results of the first half of the year, harvesting decreased by 20% (the largest drop in Kyiv, as well as Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv regions, where shelling or hostilities continue).





# Ukraine is preparing to launch first biomethane plant

JSC Chernigovgaz, which operates under the brand name of the Regional Gas Company, has issued technical conditions for connecting the first Ukrainian biomethane plant of Hals Agro LLC in the Chernihiv region, according to a press release from RGC.

“The regional gas company ordered the production of gas equipment for the plant at one of the RGC Production plants. The capacity of the first stage of construction, which will be completed by the end of this year, will be 330 cubic meters of biomethane per hour,” the document says.

According to RGC, the first phase of construction of gas networks involves the construction of a gas pipeline 800 m long, which will allow Hals Agro to transfer 330 cubic meters to gas distribution networks (GDS). m of biomethane per hour in winter. It is expected that the connection will take place before the end of 2022.

“*“This is the first project to connect a biomethane plant in Ukraine. We are ready to scale this experience in all regions where RGC operates. Our company has technical expertise and has access to technologies from leading gas equipment manufacturers, as well as the experience of European GDS operators who have been working with biomethane for many years “*, – said Igor Gotsyk, head of decarbonization at RGC, quoted in the press release.



As explained in the company, in the future Hals Agro plans to increase the production of biomethane to 1100 cubic meters. m/h, and the specialists of RGC and Chernihivgaz will ring the coverage area of two adjacent gas distribution stations, building about 8 more km of the gas pipeline.

“Then the biomethane plant will have access to a larger number of consumers and will transfer biomethane to the network through two gas distribution stations at once. The work is planned to be completed by the beginning of the 2023/24 heating season,” the RGC informed.

# Ukraine plans to reach transshipment of 3-5 ships with grain per day

The opportunity to use all three seaports of Big Odesa within the framework of the Istanbul Grain Initiative will help increase transshipment volumes to three or five vessels a day within two weeks, Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov has said.

“*“Our goal is to increase transshipment in ports. Within two weeks we plan to reach the transshipment volume of three or five vessels per day,” the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority (USPA) quoted him as saying in connection with the departure of the first vessel from the port of Pivdenny – Sacura with 11,000 tonnes of soybeans for Italy on Monday.*

Earlier, as part of the grain initiative, eight vessels with corn, sunflower seeds and sunflower oil with a total tonnage of over 250,000 tonnes left the ports of Odesa and Chornomorsk. Four of them with 84,500 tonnes have already arrived in Istanbul and have been or are being tested by the Joint Coordination Center.

Together with the vessel Arizona, which also left Chornomorsk for Turkey on Monday, carrying 48,500 tonnes of corn, the total number of vessels reached 10, and their tonnage was about 310,000 tonnes.

In addition, within the framework of the Istanbul Grain Initiative, the first vessel for loading since the beginning of the war has already arrived in the Ukrainian port on August 7, and the second on the same day was inspected by the Joint Coordination Center near Istanbul.

“We are working with the guarantors of the agreements so that the grain corridor works smoothly and all the requirements for shipping are met,” Kubrakov said.

# Mindy charitable foundation to conduct study of population mental health in war conditions

The Mindy Charitable Foundation, together with the Kantar Ukraine research center, intends to conduct a study of mental health of the population in war conditions.

The foundation told Interfax-Ukraine that the study will be carried out with the financial support of the charitable foundation and the volunteer cryptocurrency UAFcoin, created by the Ukrainian crypto social network SI8 (si8.online) to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

The first stage of the study started early August 2022. The respondents of the online survey will be citizens of Ukraine.

“The consequences of war include, in particular, long-term mental damage that in the future may negatively affect society, destroy families and communities, disrupt the development of the social and economic structure of nations. The study will help identify problem areas and improve mental health of the population, which plays a critical role on the way to victory in the war,” the foundation said.

The study will be conducted in Ukrainian cities with a population of more than 50,000 people. The age of the respondents is from 18 to 55 years. Study participants will be randomly selected from a representative sample. A team of Ukrainian psychologists and leading research institutes worked on the study program.

The purpose of this survey is to collect information that will provide answers to the level of formation of a culture of psychological assistance and the needs for its formation and development, to determine the state of mental and social health of Ukrainians. This study will help in the work of volunteer and government organizations that provide support to Ukrainians during the war.

Mindy Charitable Foundation is a charitable foundation that implements a nationwide social and humanitarian program for the reintegration of war victims into active life. The Foundation specializes in psychological aid, physical rehabilitation on the basis of the partner international network of REGUS business centers, support in prosthetics, vocational guidance and training in various industries, employment by quotas and social adaptation.

## Restaurant Just Beach&Bar – opportunity to mix relaxation at pool and snacks, lunch or dinner on terrace of restaurant

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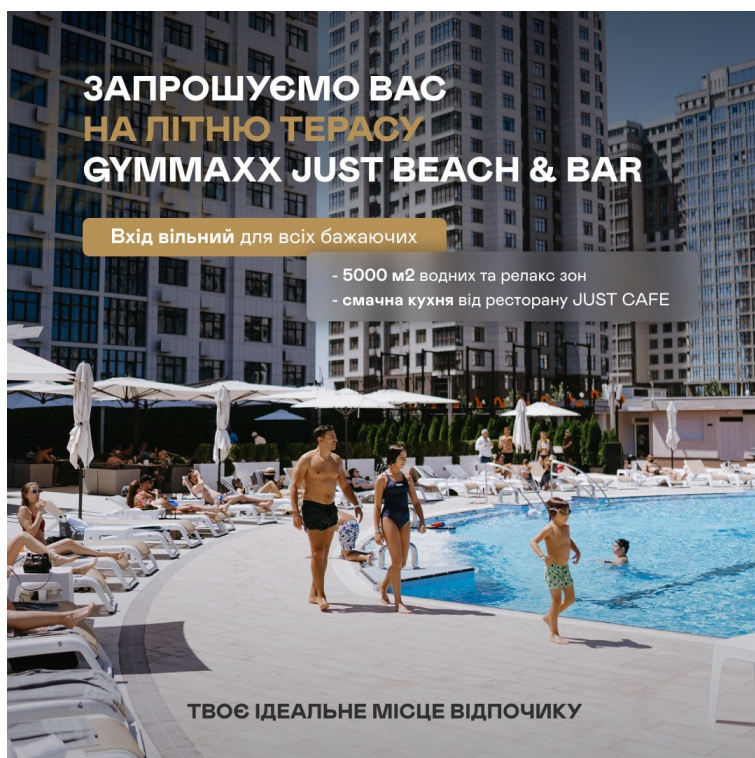
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## US Department of Agriculture increases forecast for harvest of corn in Ukraine from 25 mln tons to 30 mln tons

In its August report, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) increased the forecast for the harvest of Ukrainian corn in 2022/2023 marketing year (MY, July-June) compared to July by 5 million tons – up to 30 million tons from 25 million tons, and its export estimate has been raised by 3.5 million tons to 12.5 million tons from 9 million tons. According to a report on the website of the US Department of Agriculture, the estimate of domestic corn consumption in Ukraine has been increased by 1 million tons – from 9.5 million tons to 10.5 million tons.

*In the new forecast, the agency also increased the forecast for wheat exports from Ukraine in 2022/2023 MY by 1 million tons – up to 11 million tons from 10 million tons, while the assessment of its harvest remained at the same level – 19.5 million tons.*

In addition, the forecast for carry-over stocks of wheat at the end of the current marketing year has been reduced – from 5.24 million tons to 4.24 million tons compared to 5.84 million tons at its beginning.

According to the report, in general, the forecast for the feed grain harvest in Ukraine for 2022/23 MY was increased by 5.7 million tons – up to 37.46 million tons from 31.76 million tons, and its export – by 3.5 million tons, up to 14.33 million tons from 10.83 million tons.

As reported, since the beginning of MY 2022/2023, Ukraine has exported 2.21 million tons of grain and leguminous crops, which is 2.1 times less than in the previous MY. The country supplied to foreign markets 1.45 million tons of corn (26.1% more than in 2021/2022 MY), 562 thousand tons of wheat (3.2 times less), 192 thousand tons of barley (8.4 times less) and 5.1 thousand tons of flour (3.2 times less).

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