



The primary crops are wheat, corn, and sugar beets. Small private plots account for much of the vegetables and fruits that are grown. Livestock raising is widespread and involves cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats. Despite heavy government subsidies, agricultural output declined by 35 percent between 1990 and 1995. Collective cooperatives and state-owned farms, holdovers from the Soviet period, continue to outnumber privately owned farms; private ownership is allowed, but lack of capital, social attitudes, and the high cost of fuel have discouraged it. The major agricultural regions are located in central and southern Ukraine, where the fertile chernozem soil is found. Forestry is based in the Carpathian Mountains in western Ukraine. This sector has been in decline for decades because of excessive timber harvesting in the 1950s and 1960s. Consequently, Ukraine imports much of its lumber and paper. The fishing industry, once relatively well developed, experienced a sharp drop in productivity in 1992 from which it has not recovered.

Agriculture 2001-2002

- In 2001, production of the gross agriculture output in all agricultural branches increased by 9,9 percent in comparison with the period in 2000 year, including the corporation farms - by 19,9 percent, the rural economy - by 3,7 percent.
January 2002, its production increased by 9,5 percent in comparison with the period in 2001, including the corporation farms - by 17,2 percent, the rural economy - by 6,2 percent.
 - In all agricultural branches was made 39,7 million tons of corn (the weight after addition), (until 2000 year - 162 percent), sugar beets (factory- built) - 15,5 (117), sun-flowers (the weight after addition) - 2,2 (65), potatoes - 17,3 (87), vegetables - 5,9 (101), fruits and berries - 1,1 (76), grapes - 0,3 (65), milk - 13,4 (106), was realized for fat stock and poultry in the live weight 2,3 million tons (89), it was received 9,7 billion eggs (110 percent until 2000 year).
 - In 2002, was planted for the crop by all agricultural branches 9,1 million hectare of the winter cultures (including beggar's lice and corn), including 8,7 million for corn, that is more than were planed accordingly by 0.3 and 0.6 percent. In the corporation farms of all form of the property and farm management were planted 8,1 million hectare winter cultures, including the corn - 7,7 million hectare (97percent).
 - There are increasing of the numbers of the pigs stock by 7,1 percent, ewes and goats stock by 4,5%, poultry - by 9,9% in all agricultural branches in comparison with the previous year. The decline of the livestock numbers was ceased including the cows.
 - The growth of the production (in comparative prices on 01.01.2001) in the food production and the production of the foodstuff in 2001 in comparison previous year was 18,2 percent, including the food production - 17,6 percent.
- In January 2002 its growth in comparison with previous year was 10,9 percent, including in food production - 11,1%.

· The farms of the industrial products made cheese by 55 percent, it's more than in 2000 year, the output of the full milk - by 46, ethanol from food product - by 29, margarine - by 22, all kind of the canned fish - by 22, the animal oils - by 16, the granulated sugar - by 9, the patisserie - by 8, and the other products. There was a decline in the production of the meat fish - by 54 percent, meat - by 20, the pasta - by 7, the flour - by 4 percent.

· In 2001, productivity of an enterprises is 9,1 percent (in 2000 - 9%). The net income is 1,3 billion griven (in 2000 - 1,4 billion griven). The profitableness of the plant breeding is expected 36,2%, the loss making is expected the animal breeding (minus 9%).

· In 2001, there were taken more than 5 billion griven from credit to the economics in agriculture complex, including service benefits - 2,8 billion griven, that is more than in 2000 (from 2,7 to 3,4 bits). There were to win back 1,4 billion griven of credit (it was 92% to succeed the volume of credit which was needed to back on 12.01.2001).

· On 01.01.2002, to the total budget from the enterprises and the organizations of agricultural complex were came in 5,2 billion griven of the national taxes, that is on 130% more from total account by 13,1%, than came in on 01.01.2001.

· On 01.01.2002, there is a backlog of outstanding payments into pension fund of the enterprises and the organizations of ministry, in comparison with the early this year by 55% and it is accounted about 30,3 million griven.

· The month's earned income in agriculture for 11 month 2001 was 147 griven, against 305 griven in economic branches of Ukraine and 406 griven in industrial branches. The outstanding payments of the earned income in agriculture on 01.10.2002 is declined by 68,6 percent, in comparison with the previous year, in food industry - by 37,8% and is accounted accordingly 478 and 77,6 million griven.