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EU ORGANIC FARMING: DEVELOPMENT TRENDS AND REGULATORY EXPERIENCE

The European experience of ecologization of agriculture is investigated. The European system of production management of organic products is analysed. Components of the state regulation of organic products market in Ukraine are determined.

In the EU, organic agriculture was allocated to the autonomous sector of agrarian economics in the early 90's of the XX century. Negative environmental consequences of intensification of agriculture, orientation towards a healthy lifestyle and food safety have contributed to the growth of this sector of the economy.

Taking into account the European experience, the introduction of state support for producers of organic agricultural products in Ukraine, in particular, the development and adoption of the National Program for the Development of Organic Agricultural and Food Production, will contribute to the implementation of provisions of the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU

on the promotion of sustainable agriculture.

In Ukraine, for the purpose of developing organic production of agrarian and food industries, in the context of the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU, targeted state support is needed in the following areas:

– adoption of the Law of Ukraine “On Basic Principles and Requirements for Organic Production, Circulation and Marking of Organic Products”, in accordance with the requirements and principles of organic production regulation in the EU, and relevant laws and regulations on its implementation, as well as the development and adoption of the National Program for the Development of Organic Agricultural and Food Production;

– introduction of national agroecological requirements and standards of quality and safety of organic products, development of a mechanism for monitoring producers of organic agrarian and food products, in accordance with the EU regulations.