

## DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN UKRAINE

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At the current stage of development of the Ukrainian economy, the question of the transformation of foreign trade is of particular topicality, which is primarily due to the integration into the EU.

The reduction of total exports from the Donetsk region by more than 60%, and from the Lugansk region – more than 92% caused not only losses to the Ukrainian economy, but also caused a significant change in the structure of exports. Given that Ukraine is an agrarian country and has a fairly high agricultural and production potential, it is agrarian products occupied by a significant share of exports.

The article outlines the main trends of export of agrarian products for 2013-2017. According to the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, the export of agricultural goods in 2016 amounted to \$ 15.2 billion, which is \$ 4 billion more than in 2015. The share of agricultural products in the total export of the country reached 42%. In the first half of 2017, the export of agricultural products amounted to \$ 8.7 billion, which is 28.1% more than in the same period in 2016. The main types of agrarian products exported in 2016 are: sunflower oil, safflower or cotton oil; corn; wheat; soybeans; oil cake, solid waste from

the removal of vegetable fats and oils; barley; cole or rape seeds; cigars, cigarillos and cigarettes; meat and edible poultry products; chocolate.

The geographical structure of exports and the main types of agrarian products are determined. Particular attention is paid to the definition of countries with which the volume of export of agrarian products has increased. These include India, Turkey, the Netherlands, Egypt, Spain, Italy, Israel.

At the same time, official statistics indicate an increase in exports of agricultural products to the EU-28.

In general, the following main trends in the development of export of agrarian products in Ukraine can be marked:

- an increase in the volumes of production of agrarian products provided growth of export volumes;
- the formation and development of international relations with the EU and the USA and some Asian countries in the field of trade continue to grow;
- a positive foreign trade surplus is evidence of the formation of an effective strategy for the development of foreign trade and export operations.