

Innovative transformations in agro-industrial sector of Ukraine: problems and perspectives

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The article deals with the place and role of the agro-industrial sector in Economy of Ukraine. The necessity of innovative transformations in the agro-industrial complex is proved in accordance with the state's declared priorities and legislative initiatives. The main problems that may accompany this process are highlighted and the recommendations for their solution are proposed based on the use of the innovative model of development of agro-industrial complex.

In particular, it is noted that the agro-industrial complex of Ukraine is the leading sector of the economy, which gives about 9-13% of gross value added, and is one of the main budget-generating sectors of the national economy.

But statistical data indicate that the structure of Ukrainian exports has a look that is typical for the raw material countries, where agricultural products are the main source of inflow of foreign currency into the country. This situation puts the economy in dependence on world prices for export goods. In order for the economy of our country to eventually not become an "agri-

cultural appendage" to the economies of developed countries, it is necessary to change the state course from the priority of development of agro-industrial complex in the traditional framework, as the raw material sector, to the development of agro-industrial complex on an innovative basis, which provides:

1. State support and priority of the issue of quality agrarian products with high added value.
2. Development of domestic agro-sector in close cooperation with scientific research institutions and educators, improving the efficiency of agrarian education in accordance with market requirements.
3. Development of innovation infrastructure of agro-industrial complex in order to implement the results of scientific researches and developments with commercial potential in the field of agribusiness.
4. Integration of agriculture and the sphere of the latest technologies, that is, the further effective functioning of the agro-industrial complex solely on an innovative basis.