

The current level of food security in Ukraine

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The article deals with the current level of major types of food supply in Ukraine and its regions by. Consumption of basic kinds of food is calculated in the dynamics in per capita. Discovered the differences in the amount of consumption of staple foods in terms of regions and the structure of food. Calculated adequacy indicators of food consumption in relation to rational nutritional standards. The basic reasons for reducing food consumption and imbalances in the consumption of food are analyzed.

The physical availability of food provides an uninterrupted flow of basic food products in the place of consumption in such amounts that are sufficient to meet the needs. Economic accessibility within the food supply means the ability of population to purchase food according to the minimum standards in the current level of food prices and incomes of different groups. Additionally, the country

must guarantee minimum requirements for the safety of food products and raw materials.

After gaining independence there was a change of emphasis in the problem of the availability of food to the population in Ukraine. If until 1990 the main reason was the overall deficit of food products, then in the market conditions it was the lack of income. Moreover, rising prices for agro-food market creates the visibility of balance and reduces the possibility of different population groups to buy a certain amount and variety of food products at the prevailing prices. During the years of economic reforms in society population's incomes has sharply diminished standards of living and purchasing power of the population have decreased. In the context of these reforms of the level of food supply in Ukraine as a basis for successful functioning of the agro-food market is acquiring particular significance.