

## **Animal husbandry**



## LIVESTOCK FARMING

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9.7% of total employment in the economy are occupied in the agriculture of Belarus, and its share in GDP, in contrast to EU agriculture (3%) is 7.9%. Livestock production in the Republic of Belarus has always occupied a leading position in agricultural production, which accounts for 50 percent of all agriculture.

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A positive trend of major agricultural products is projected in 2013. The country has produced 1,172 thsd tons of livestock and poultry, which is 7% more than in 2012, milk- 6651 thsd tons (2%) and eggs - 3961000000 pcs. (5%). Belarus currently ranks first on food production per capita among the CIS countries and is in the top list of world leaders in the production of milk. For example, in per capita production Belarus is ahead of the Russian Federation on meat - 2 times, and milk - 3 times.

There is a tendency to the "holdingization" of agricultural organizations. The share of state support of agriculture in 2013 was 14%, but in the framework of the integration of the Customs Union, the share of state should be reduced to 10% in 2015. The vast number of agricultural organizations are public. Over the 2010-2013 period the number of private investors in agriculture increased slightly, there is a tendency to create holdings. For example, an example of efficient holdings are JSC "Servolux", that use a completion production cycle - from raw materials to finished products trade - poultry, and dairy holding company "Danone-Unimilk", in which the investment project aimed at production of dairy products is realised.

One of the major trends in the industry - gain of concentration of companies.

Currently, there is a growth of concentration of agricultural enterprises and increase of the share of the state through the purchase of shares from individuals, connection of the state-controlled small and unprofitable enterprises to larger and more efficient, the transfer of shares owned by the collectives to the state.

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Russian Federation is the main trade partner is.

Belarus is active in foreign trade in products of animal origin. Of livestock products Belarus exports beef, pork, poultry, milk and dairy products, eggs totaling 3.469 bln USD Russian Federation is the main trade partner for organizations of agriculture. Total for 2013 in Russia was supplied with animal products on 2.9 bln USD (4.4% more than in 2012).

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