

Agricultural Production in Ukraine.

Агропромислове виробництво України.

1. Learn the words.

Topical Words

Словник-мінімум

comfortable – зручний
favourable – сприятливий
temperature – помірний
soil – ґрунт
wealth – багатство
arable – орний
crop – сільськогосподарська культура
branch – галузь
fertile – родючий
suitable – придатний, відповідний
to grow – рости, вирощувати
successfully – успішно
sugar beet – цукровий буряк
grains – зернові культури
buckwheat – гречка
wheat – пшениця
rye – жито
barley – ячмінь
oats – овес
maize – кукурудза
millet – просо
sunflower – соняшник
flax – льон
carrot – морква
cabbage – капуста
cucumber – огірок
onion – цибуля
garlic – часник
irrigation – зрошення
rice – рис
pepper – перець
water-melon – кавун
berry – ягода
to need – потребувати
moisture – волога
apricot – абрикос
peach – персик
small fruits – ягоди
goat – коза
poultry – сільськогосподарська птиця
hen – курка
turkey – індичка
ostrich – страус
to favour – сприяти

to process – переробляти

2. Read and translate the text.

Agriculture in Ukraine

Due to comfortable geographical position, favourable temperate climate, adequate rainfall and good soil Ukraine is traditionally an agricultural country.

Land is the main wealth of Ukraine. Arable land makes 42 million hectares. There are two main branches of agriculture. They are crop growing and animal husbandry. Now crop growing is a highly developed branch of agriculture. The soil is the basis of agriculture. The fertile soil and warm climate of Ukraine are suitable for growing different crops. That's why Ukraine is the most important producer of sugar beets, grains, industrial and fodder plants, buckwheat, vegetables, fruit, grapes. It is the centre of sugar production.

The main grain crops are: wheat, rye, barley, oats, maize, millet. The most important industrial crops are: sugar beet, sunflower, flax.

About 40 types of vegetable crops are grown in Ukraine: potatoes, beet, carrot, cabbage, tomatoes, cucumbers, onion, garlic and others. Irrigation is used in the southern regions. Due to large-scale irrigation systems such as rice, pepper, water-melons, fruit, berries and grapes are successfully grown there. Rice needs a lot of moisture. Such fruit as apples, pears, plums, cherries, apricots, peaches, small fruits and berries are grown in the orchards in our country.

Animal husbandry is a large component of agriculture. The most productive pedigree and dairy cattle, sheep, pigs, The most productive pedigree and dairy cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and poultry goats and poultry (hens, geese, ducks, turkeys and even ostriches) are raised throughout the country, especially around all big cities. The abundance of fodder plants favours the development of animal husbandry in Ukraine. Fish farming is growing in importance. Bee-keeping is practiced too. Ukraine has a well-developed industry processing agricultural raw materials.

3. Answer the questions.

1. Why is Ukraine an agricultural country?
2. What is the main wealth of the country?
3. What are the most important branches of Ukrainian agriculture?
4. What grain crops are grown in Ukraine?
5. What are the most important industrial crops?
6. What vegetables crops are grown in our country?
7. What fruit are grown in the orchards?
8. What farm animals are raised in Ukraine?
9. What favors are development of animal husbandry in Ukraine?
10. Are fish-farming and bee-keeping practiced in Ukraine?

4. Translate into English.

Сприятливий клімат, родюча земля, сільськогосподарська країна, головне багатство, овочеві культури.

1. Україна – одна з найбільших сільськогосподарських країн.
2. Земля – головне багатство України.
3. Основні зернові культури в Україні – пшениця, жито, ячмінь, овес.
4. Близько 40 видів овочевих культур вирощується в Україні.
5. В Україні розводять свиней, корів, овець.