

## Belarus to adopt Ukraine's experience in livestock breeding

Belarusian specialists plan to adopt the experience of Ukrainian colleagues in livestock breeding, BelTA learnt from Agriculture and Food Minister of Belarus Mikhail Rusyi during the 22nd international agricultural exhibition Agro 2010 in Kyiv.

Belarusian geneticists and breeders are expected to purchase 2,000-3,000 heads of breeding stock in the Volyn and Zhytomyr Oblasts. Belarus has been working hard on exchanging the experience in poultry keeping and hog breeding.

The country is also ready to welcome foreign investors in the construction of new stock breeding units. According to the minister, Belarus plans to build up about 70 new hog farms.



Belarus is also interested in Ukraine's experience in selected seed farming including the production of Lucerne seeds and breeding of new varieties of maize yielding at least 100 centers per hectare.

Belarusian seed growers, on their part, are ready to share their technologies in growing high-yield hydrides of sugar beet.

While in Kyiv, the Agriculture and Food Minister of Belarus held meetings with Ukrainian colleagues to discuss further strengthening of the bilateral cooperation in the agrarian area.

The heads of the agrarian agencies of Belarus and Ukraine agreed on mutual assistance in bringing the national agriculture legislations in compliance with the European Union. Mikhail Rusyi also pointed to a necessity to establish closer cooperation in the agrarian sector, remove restrictions like borders and quotas that hampers efficient cooperation between Belarusian and Ukrainian economic agents.

Partaking in the international agrarian and investment forum in Kyiv were representatives of Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Georgia, Lithuania, Poland, China, Germany and others. The participants of the forum agreed on regular meetings for the exchange of the best practices.