

## Further Development of the Food Industry

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**Annotation:** This article discusses the further enhancement of the republic's potential in the field of processing agricultural products, the development of production, processing, standardization, consulting and marketing services on agribusiness issues, fully consistent with the ongoing reforms and the requirements of the time, the introduction of modern technologies in the agricultural sector

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In Uzbekistan, large-scale events are being held on priority tasks of deep processing of agricultural products and further development of the food industry.

The reforms implemented in recent years are also important for the development of all sectors of the economy, including the food industry, support for the activities of the private sector and the increase in value-added products.

Of course, significant progress has been made in these areas. In turn, there are disadvantages. In particular, the country annually produces more than 16 million tons of fruits and vegetables, melons and legumes, about 1.5 million tons of meat and about 10 million tons of milk, but the level of industrial processing averages 15-20 percent. The agricultural system is poorly developed, and the storage and sorting of agricultural products are inadequate, which leads to the loss of about 30 percent of the crop. There are also problems with laboratory testing of manufactured products in accordance with international standards.

According to the data, only 3-4% of vegetables grown in the country and 11% of fruits are exported. Thus, there are some aspects that need to be studied and implemented.

In order to further increase the potential of the republic in the field of agricultural products processing, development of production, processing, standardization, consulting and marketing services on agribusiness issues, fully consistent with the ongoing reforms and the requirements of the time, the organization of a research-based system of intensive agro-industry, further development of the food industry, increasing the investment attractiveness of the industry and the introduction of modern technologies in the agricultural sector.

The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted a Resolution "On additional measures for deep processing of agricultural products and further development of the food industry" dated July 29, 2019 (No. PP-4406).

The Resolution approved the developed by the Ministry of Economy and Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Uzstandart Agency and the Uzbekozikovkat holding HC for the purpose of deep processing of agricultural products and further development of the food industry in the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2019-2021:

Forecast indicators of processing and export of the main types of agricultural products;

The plan of practical measures for the organization of large agro logistic complexes at the expense of foreign credit lines;

Action plan for the implementation of investment projects for the organization of modern agro logistic centers;

Action plan for the implementation of investment projects for the processing of agricultural products;

Action plan for the implementation of investment projects for the processing of import-substituting agricultural products; target parameters for creating intensive orchards instead of inefficient ones in areas specialized in fruit and vegetable growing; action plan for the modernization of testing laboratories at republican and regional testing and certification centers; list of accepted international standards in the food industry;

The roadmap for deep processing of agricultural products and increasing the volume of food production.

The decision of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev dated July 29, 2019 "On additional measures for deep processing of agricultural products and further development of the food industry" was adopted to solve such problems and introduce new mechanisms.

According to the decree, 174 major investment projects for the processing of agricultural products and 24 import-substituting products in the food industry will be implemented.

As it was noted, important steps have been taken to increase the production and export of food products. In particular, export-oriented agricultural products are considered a key priority in accordance with the demand on the world market. On the ground, the situation in 55 fruit and vegetable growing areas leaves much to be desired.

Therefore, in order to radically improve the situation in horticulture and viticulture, the Agency for the Development of Horticulture and Horticulture, Viticulture and Winemaking was established under the Ministry of Agriculture. In both institutions, a special fund was created for concessional financing of projects in the system. This will open up new opportunities for entrepreneurs and farmers.

For the first time, a number of benefits were introduced in intensive gardening. In particular, 6 million soums will be allocated from the state budget for the introduction of water-saving technologies in intensive gardens. In addition, intensive gardens with a total area of more than 35 hectares will receive state subsidies in the amount of up to 120 million soums.

It's no secret that today many entrepreneurs are trying to get a commercial loan. Now up to 50% of the intensive garden loan will be provided by the State Entrepreneurship Development Support Fund.

Special attention will also be paid to the construction of modern logistics centers, greenhouses and freezers. At the moment, the situation is rather unsatisfactory. Currently, there are only 31 agricultural centers in the country. There are 1,500 cold storage facilities with a capacity of 760,000 tons of agricultural products. They cover only 4.5-5% of the total production of fruits and vegetables.

In 2019-2021, Andijan, Bukhara, Jizzakh, Samarkand, Surkhandarya, Tashkent, Ferghana and Khorezm regions will have a capacity of 3 million tons at the expense of international financial institutions, as well as 37 modern agricultural centers with a total capacity of 360 thousand tons in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regions and the city of Tashkent being formed.

Measures are being taken to fully modernize and equip Uzstandart testing laboratories in the republican and Namangan and Samarkand regional testing and certification centers for the implementation of 726 international standards for food products.

As a result, the volume of processing and export of the main types of agricultural products has increased almost 2-2.5 times, the capacity of agricultural products should be increased by 3.8 million. Tons due to the creation of agrolological centers, an additional 118 thousand. Tons of import-substituting products. It is planned to launch production facilities.

At the seminar, ministers and heads of relevant organizations, representatives of international financial institutions of our country expressed their views on the development of agriculture, investment and foreign trade, the implementation of projects in the agricultural sector.

The Chairman of the Association of Walnut Producers and Exporters stressed the urgent need to transform all gardens into a drip irrigation system and assist gardeners and farmers in this regard. According to him, the technologies necessary for the introduction of a drip irrigation system will be developed in our country. This will save money on the implementation of the system.

The participants got acquainted with the activities of the leading manufacturers of the city of Tashkent and the region.

Within the framework of the seminar, an exhibition of agricultural and food products, agricultural machinery was organized.

### **Conclusion:**

Conclusions can be drawn from the above to explain the essence of the decision to agricultural producers and food producers, entrepreneurs and farmers from all regions of the country, news and topical issues were discussed in detail.

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