

Disruption of the sowing campaign in Ukraine THREATENS THE WORLD WITH FOOD SHORTAGES

GMK Center is a Ukrainian think-tank and media-source continues its work to share relevant information about the economy of Ukraine during the war. We call for attention to the devastating effects of war on civilians and infrastructure, as well as the negative effects for the whole world.

Ukraine – is one of the largest exporters of agricultural products, that provided a number of countries with food. The sowing campaign should start at the end of March. Active hostilities, as well as a shortage of diesel and fertilizer, can lead to a disruption in the sowing campaign and difficulties in providing food on a global scale.

50%
share of Ukraine
in global
**sunflower oil
exports**
in 2017-2021

15%
share of Ukraine
in global
corn exports
in 2017-2021

15%
share of Ukraine
in global
barley exports
in 2017-2021

10%
share of Ukraine
in global
wheat exports
in 2017-2021

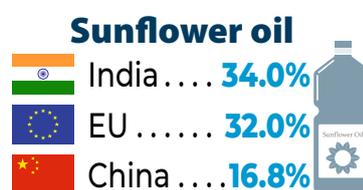
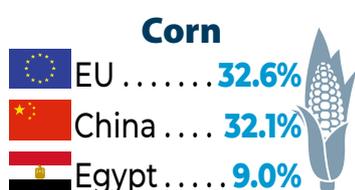
The sowing campaign of spring wheat usually starts at the end of March, sunflower - in mid-April, corn - in the second half of April. The first to begin work are the Southern regions, where active hostilities are underway today. In total, as of March 4th, 10 regions of Ukraine were covered by hostilities, which in total accounted for 54% of sunflower crops, 42% of corn, 52% of wheat.

First of all, there may be global problems with the supply of sunflower oil and corn. As for wheat, despite the fact that winter crops, which were carried out at the end of the year, occupy more than 90% of the total crops, the export of this product from Ukraine is unlikely.

Up to
35%
yield reduction
in case of delay
in sowing
for 15-20 days

+40%
gained wheat
futures on CBOT
since 25th Feb
till 04th March

TOP importers of agricultural products from Ukraine



Agricultural products are becoming more expensive. Corn futures added 14% during 25th of Feb to 04th of March, wheat – 40%. It creates risks for the food supply of the least well-off countries with the worsening humanitarian situation not only in Ukraine, but also in Africa and the Middle East.

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