

**Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Marek Sawicki visited the 20th International Exhibition-Fair AGRO 2008 in Kiev on 9-11 June 2008.**

Minister Sawicki participated in a meeting with the Ukrainian President Victor Yushchenko, he also participated in talks with the Ukrainian Minister of Agriculture J. Melnyk.



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During the talks, Minister Sawicki stressed that Poland was ready to share its experience gained during its four-year membership in the European Union as well as during its much longer membership in the WTO with Ukraine.

The Minister acknowledged that both Poland and Ukraine had large research potential in the field of agriculture. He said it was necessary to extend the cooperation of research centres. Ukraine's European ambitions may give rise to discussion on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy in the longer run.

Minister Melnyk expressed the need to tighten cooperation between agricultural administrations as well as consultants.

Minister Sawicki ended the meeting by inviting Minister Melnyk to Poznań to POLAGRA fair.

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