

## Prime Minister speaks at AGRO-2008 opening

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2008 should become a turning point in development of the Ukrainian agroindustrial complex, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko stated while speaking at the opening of the 20th International Exhibition-Fair AGRO-2008.

Taking into consideration forecasts of the agroindustrial complex specialists about a record grain yield, she noted that Ukraine will be able to begin to return a status of the granary, if not of the whole Europe, than of its Eastern region.

"We do not fully use our reserves, but today, when a twofold greater yield is expected against the previous year, we will overcome this trend. It is a great mission of Ukraine", Tymoshenko stated.

She informed that the Government intends to increase expenses for financing the agroindustrial complex in making amendments to the State Budget-2008.



The Prime Minister also informed that in connection with Ukraine's WTO accession, the Government will insist on preservation of the privileged regime of VAT taxation for national agricultural products.



The ceremonies were also attended by Ukrainian Minister for Agrarian Policies Yuriy Melnyk, Minister for Industrial Policy Volodymyr Novytsky, as well as agriculture ministers of Germany, France, Austria, Denmark, Macedonia, Turkey, Hungary, Bulgaria, Egypt, Poland, Russia, Estonia, Lithuania, Belarus, and Georgia.