

# Round off of the 23rd Int'l Agro-Industrial Exhibition-Fair AGRO 2011

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The 23rd Ukraine International Agro-industrial Exhibition-Fair, co-hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Ukraine, Ministry of Industry of Ukraine, Ukrainian Academy of Agricultural Science and Technology Institute, Ukraine National Exhibition Center and Germany AGRO Exhibition Company, was held in Kiev International Exhibition Center on June 2-5, 2011. The fair is held annually. It is the largest agricultural exhibition in Eastern Europe area, and its influence covers the entire Russia area and Eastern Europe areas.

Over 2800 exhibitors from 29 countries including Germany, Spain, Poland and China and more than 55000 visitors from surrounding countries such as Ukraine, Russia and Poland attended this AGRO-2011 expo. This expo, covering a total area of 75000 m<sup>2</sup>, consists of five themes: crops exhibition, food exhibition, farm machinery exhibition and fisheries exhibition. Among them, the farm machinery exhibition area is the largest one and they are all basically outdoor exhibitions.

We have been organizing agricultural enterprises as a group to attend this expo for 5 consecutive years. This year, we organized 15 domestic pesticides enterprises including Shenyang Sciencereat Chemicals Co., Ltd., Sinochem Shanghai Co., Ltd., Jiangsu Sinamyang Crop Science Co., Ltd., Jiangsu Sevencontinent Green Chemical Co., Ltd., Jiangsu Fengshan Group and Anhui Huaxing Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. with a total group members of 24 people.



On June 2, 10 enterprises representatives from our group visited the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ukraine. Counselor Luan Chunsheng introduced to everyone the basic information about Ukrainian agriculture. With a total population of 47 million and thirty million hectares of arable black land, the per capita land area of Ukraine is 0.85 hectares. There is 30% of Ukraine's GNP coming from agriculture. Currently, 35% of the land in Ukraine is in absurdity status. It is learned that Ukraine government will open its land transaction rights by 2012 to change current land rental mode. If this policy is being implemented, a lot of unused fertile land will arouse the enthusiasm of agricultural developers at home and abroad, and the demand for agricultural production material will also be further promoted. At present, small agricultural machinery, herbicide, fungicide, and steel plate barn made in China will have a better development in local market.



On June 3, 11 enterprises representatives from our group visited a farm located in a suburb of Kiev. They respectively inquired the farm owner about the major crops he is planting on this farm and the pesticides types used by him.



On June 4, we invited officials from the Ministry of Agriculture of Ukraine to make detailed report on pesticides products registration flow and required documents for registration. In Ukraine, there are three governmental departments in charge of pesticides. The Ministry of Agriculture is one of them, while the other two departments are EPA and Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Agriculture is mainly in charge of formulating policies and regulations concerning pesticides; the Ministry of Health is taking the responsibility of monitoring the influence of pesticides on human's health; while EPA undertakes the management of pesticides registration and the affections to the environment. The major registration flow for pesticides products in Ukraine is: first, submit application forms to the Chemical Material Security Department of EPA, and then provide complete statement and assessment documents of the registering product; after that, this product will attend pharmacodynamic test, residual test and biology and ecology tests in local area in Ukraine (about 12 months); after the issuance of reports for above tests, conduct local research and inspection (duration is between 1-12 months); and finally, submit all the reports and results to Ukraine Experts Committee for final assessment to confirm whether this product is allowed to register in Ukraine or not.



There are about 50000 farms and agricultural enterprises in Ukraine which is one of the largest agricultural producers in the world, and renowned as "The World's Granary". The climate and soils there are quite suitable for planting crops. The major crops in Ukraine include winter wheat, spring barley, sunflowers, maize, beets, brassicas, perennial forage feedings and etc. The winter wheat planting area is of 5.71 million hectares, barley sown area of 400 million hectares, edible corn acreage of 1.6 million hectares, fodder corn acreage at 1.5 million hectares, sunflowers acreage of 3.7 million hectares, sugar beet growing area of 0.62 million hectares and rapeseed growing area of 0.2 million hectares. And there are a few oats and alfalfas in Ukraine. With the promotion of bio-fuels, the planting area for rapeseed and soybeans are increasing year by year.

At present, the pesticides in Ukraine are mainly imported. There are about 100 pesticides distributors in Ukraine. However, Chinese pesticides occupy about 50% of local market share.

We have acquired an overall understanding about Ukrainian pesticides market and clear knowledge about how to acquire registration for agrochemical products in Ukraine through this expo. We will continue to organize exhibition groups to attend this expo in 2012.