



Latvian Agricultural policy

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Topics of Discussion

- Short description of the stage of Latvian agricultural policy development
- Concept for AP
- Draft law “On agriculture”

Concept for AP

- ROLE OF AGRICULTURE
- PROBLEMS
- BASICS FOR AgPolicy

ROLE OF AGRICULTURE

- Production branch
- One of the main income sources in rural areas
- Factor of rural development

PROBLEMS

□ Production

- efficiency
- quality
- marketing
- agricultural land usage

□ Social

- decreasing of income due to abolishing of any support
- unemployment

BASICS FOR AP

- Human factor as the central point for AP
 - producer
 - user of environment
- The main principles of AP
 - employment;
 - equilibration of living standarts
 - private farming
 - development of competition
 - efficient usage of the existing natural resources;

Main tasks for agricultural development

- selfsufficiency at certain level;
- quality for foodstuff
- keeping of cultural and natural environment;
- efficiency in the usage of resources;
- Resources of agricultural production and their importance
 - Assets and capital
 - Human resources
 - Land

The goals for AP

- Production
- Social development
- Rural environment

□ Tools for AP

- Economic regulations
 - - marketing
 - - income
- Organisational and administrative aspects
- Legal aspects
 - property rights

Draft law “On agriculture”

- General statements
- Setting and implementation of AgPolicy
- Regulation of market and income
- Other measures

GENERAL STATEMENTS

- Tasks of the law
- Competence of the law
- Programmes for development of separate branches

SETTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGPOLICY

- Government and selfgovernment organizations, their duties
- Council of food and agriculture
- Annual law
- Annual agricultural report
- information supply

REGULATION OF MARKET AND INCOME

- Price regulation
 - Minimum, target and threshold prices
 - discussion and agreement
- Market regulation
 - General rules
 - 85-90 % of internal market
 - institutions
 - instruments
 - import regulation
 - quotas

OTHER MEASURES

- Land afforestation
- State investments
- Education and science