
KAZAKHSTAN GRAIN OUTPUT REACHES 23.7 MILLION TONNES

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Grain production in Kazakhstan reached 23.7 million tonnes this year, almost 4 million tonnes more than the previous year, according to the Kazakhstan government.

First Vice Minister of Agriculture Kairat Aituganov discussed the results at a Dec. 20 government session on social and economic growth in Astana.

He said the average yield totaled 1.54 tonnes per hectare, a 15% increase over the previous year.

The collected harvest fully cover domestic demand and meets the export targets at the level of 8.5 to 9 million tonnes, he said. At present, grain exports amount to 7.9 million tonnes, which exceed the previous years figure by 12%.

He said the State Program of Agrarian and Industrial Complex Development for 2015-17 has set a goal of increasing crop production by 30%. The program also ensures that farmers receive enough financial incentive to improve efficiency. Under the program, the number of farmers receiving state financial support will grow sevenfold, from 67,000 to 500,000.

By 2021, gross output of agricultural products is expected to grow by 30% (\$3 billion) to reach \$12.9 billion. More than 1,200 farming cooperatives will be involved in the food products distribution system.

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