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AGRICULTURE OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC AND TRADE POLICY

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Brief Information about the Kyrgyz Republic

Name of the country

Population more than 5.2 mln. people. Area 199.9 thous, km2

Neighboring countries China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan

Languages Kyrgyz and Russian. Capital city Bishkek

Head of the state President, Head of the Government Prime Minister appointed by the President and approved by the Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament), Legislature: One-Chamber Jogorku Kenesh (90 deputies)

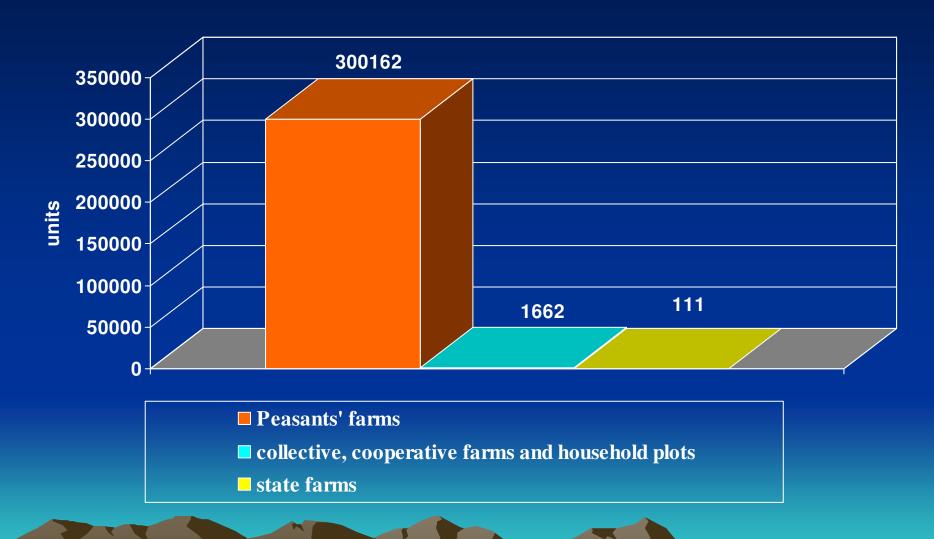
Administrative division Seven oblasts (Batken, Jalal-Abad, Issyk-Kul, Naryn, Osh, Talas and Chui), subdivided into rayons and two cities of republican significance – Bishkek and Osh

National currency Som, Electricity 220 V, 50 Hz

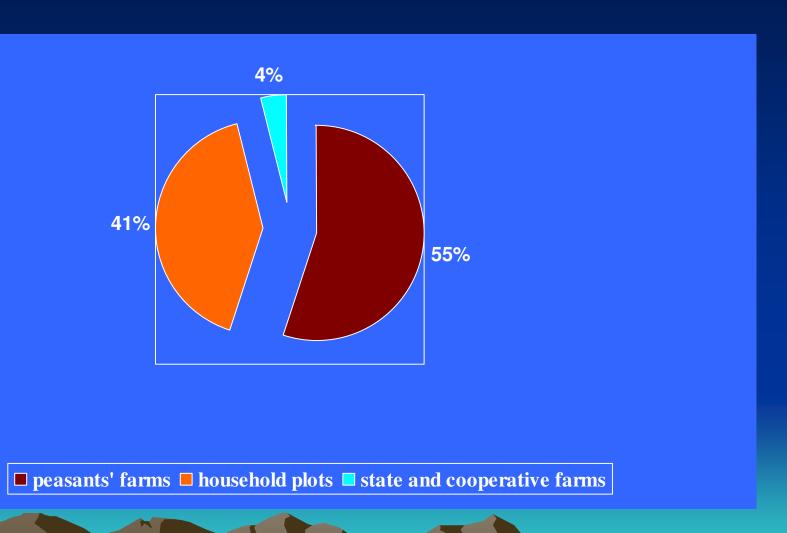
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Agricultural entities



Structure of agricultural output by categories in 2006



The following enterprises are operating in the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Producing beer, soft drinks, bottling mineral water 120 economic entities;
- Fruit and vegetable processing 22 industrial enterprises and 18 minishops;
- Meat processing enterprises 14 meat factories;
- Dairy industry 24 factories;
- Milling industry 2,161 mini-mills



Key agricultural complex development priorities

- The Concept of Agrarian Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic until 2010,
- The Country Development Strategy for 2007-2010 (CDS) including the section "Development and Agriculture and Processing Industry"



Ensuring country's food security

MAWRPI of the KR, with the ADB's support, developed a draft Strategy for the Country's Agrarian Sector Development (2007-2015):

- development of production,
- processing,
- sales and export of agricultural products,
- attraction of investments.



Priority directions of the state policy in the KR agricultural complex development

- increasing efficiency of agricultural production
- active influence of domestic market of agrarian products
- ensuring food security in Kyrgyzstan



Agribusiness Competitiveness Center

- For a more effective implementation of the Agribusiness and Marketing Project, on November 29, 2004 the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic established the Agribusiness Competitiveness Center (ABCC). The center is a non-commercial organization with a status of a legal entity and has a southern branch in Osh city.
 - To increase competitiveness of Kyrgyz agricultural enterprises and promote their products to domestic and international markets by strengthening export capacity, the Market Development Service have been established within the structure of the ABCC.
- The Enterprise Development Component is implemented under the project to provide support to private enterprises and entrepreneurial agribusiness associations by providing technical assistance in business management, trade, marketing and products sales in domestic and external markets.



Capabilities of the Agribusiness Competitiveness Center

- Promotion and representation of interests when concluding contracts with commodity producers of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Executing functions of a permanent representative in the Kyrgyz Republic
- Promotion of products, business and ideas to domestic and external markets
- Promoting strengthening the export capacity of producers and processors in the agricultural sector of the KR



Trading regimes:

- CIS countries free trade regime,
- WTO countries most favorable regime,
- Least developed countries preferential regime.



Existing Customs Tariff Structure

The average customs tariff rate for 2008 will be 5.0%.

The customs tariff will include seven tariff bands (0%, 5%, 10%, 12%, 15%, 20%, as well as that of specific and combined rates).

- 1. Zero-rated customs tariff covers 45% (4,987 commodity headings)
- 2. 5% customs tariff rate covers 12,8% or 1,377 commodity headings
- 3. 10% customs tariff rate covers 35% and makes up 3,765 commodity headings
- 4. 12% customs tariff rate covers 2,8% and makes up 308 commodity headings
- 5. 15% customs tariff rates covers 2,9% and makes up 241 commodity headings
- 6. 20% covers 0,06% and makes up 138 commodity headings.

Specific customs tariff rates cover 0,1% and make up 11 commodity headings. Combines customs tariff rates cover 1,3% make up 143 commodity headings.

ynamics of External Trade Development of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2000-2007 (US\$ mln.)



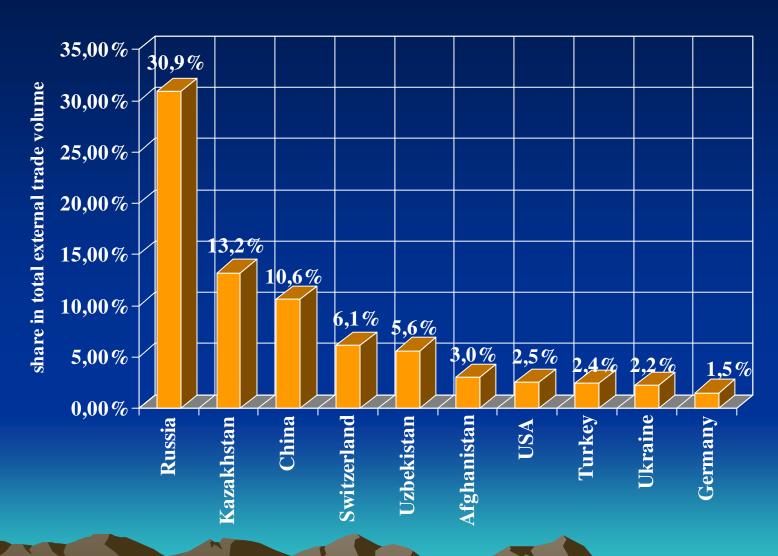
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Key trade partners of the Kyrgyz Republic



Key trade partners in import and export

Import

- Russia 978,8 mln. USD (35,0%)
- China 355,6 mln. USD (12,7%)
- Kazakhstan 312,4 mln. USD (11,2%)
- Uzbekistan 120,9 mln. USD (4,3%)
- USA 95,8 mln. USD (3,4%)
- Ukraine 79,5 mln. USD (2,8%)
- Germany 54,2 mln. USD (1,9%)
- Turkey 50,9 mln. USD (1,8%)
- Korea 39,1 mln. USD (1,4%)
- the Netherlands 36,4 mln. USD (1,3%)

Export

- Russia 234 mln. USD (20,6%)
- Switzerland 226,1 mln. USD (19,9%)
- Kazakhstan 204,6 mln. USD (18,0%)
- Afghanistan 118,4 mln. USD (10,4%)
- Uzbekistan 85,7 mln. USD (7,6%)
- China 61,9 mln. USD (5,5%)
- Turkey 43,0 mln. USD (3,8%)
- Tajikistan 28,1 mln. USD (2,5%)
- Latvia 16,6 mln. USD (1,5%)
- UAE 14,4 mln. USD (1,3%)

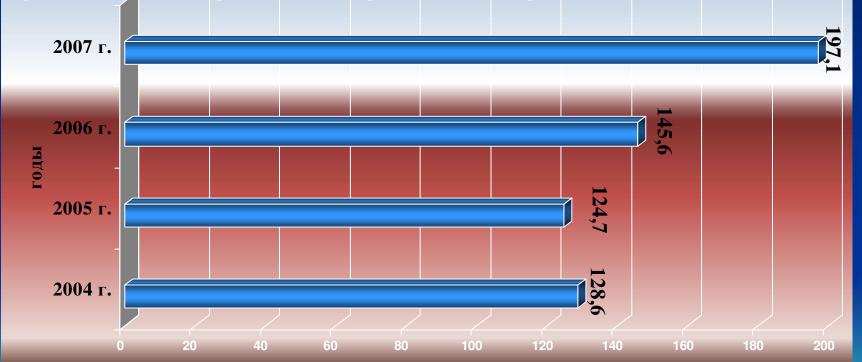


Key export items



Динамика экспорта сельскохозяйственной продукции в 2004-2007 гг.







Key export items of agricultural products

- vegetables and fruit 39,6% in total export of agricultural products,
- cotton fiber 14,8%,
- milk and dairy products -12.8%,
- raw skins -7.9%,
- tobacco -6.2%,
- finished products of animal and vegetable fat -4.6%,
- live animals 2,2%.



Key partners for agricultural products export:

- Russia (exporting tobacco, cotton fiber, sugar, wool, fruit and vegetables, natural honey),
- Kazakhstan (milk and dairy products, vegetables and fruit, meat and meat products, live animals),
- China (raw skins, wool, vegetables and fruit), Afghanistan (milk and products, flour, wheat),
- Tajikistan (flour, wheat, vegetables and fruit),
- Turkey (vegetables and fruit, cotton, raw skins, natural honey).

share in total imports,% Oil products **Machines and** equipment **Ferrous and** non-ferrous metals Electric equipment Ground support equipment **Farmaceutical** products Natural gas Wheat 2,5 % **Plastic** products **Timber Rasin and** products

Key import items



Key imported agricultural products

- wheat (21,3%),
- cocoa and cocoa products (9,8%), tobacco products (8,5%),
- sugar (6,8%),
- meat and meat products (6,7%),
- **vegetable oil (5,7%)**,
- wheat flour (4,6%),
- raw sugar (3,3%).



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