MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF GEORGIA

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

2012-2022
DIRECTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

VISION: EFFECTIVE, COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE AGRI-FOOD SECTOR;

MISSION: DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRODUCTION CHAIN.
MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY

• Increasing competitiveness of producers and farmers.

• Institutional development of the sector.

• Development of the production chain.

• Development of the regional and agricultural infrastructure.

• Ensuring food security
Increasing Competitiveness of Producers and Farmers

• Development of research stations and extension centers in the regions;

• Creation of farmers’ database;

• Development of land market through privatization of the state-owned lands and creation of land banks;

• Development of credit, leasing and insurance markets in the agricultural sector;

• Determining priority directions in the sectors of primary production and processing industry.
Institutional Development of the Sector

• Training and structural development of the personnel of the Ministry;

• Capacity building for the persons engaged in the field of agriculture;

• Improvement of quality in higher education in the field of agriculture;

• Development of production/technical skills for the personnel working in farms and agri-business;

• Establishment of effective communication and coordination among the institutions working in the agricultural sector.
Development of the Production Chain

• Introduction and establishment of new species;

• Development of National Marketing Programme in Agriculture;

• Promoting private investments for development of organized wholesale trade centers in the country.
Development of the Regional and Agricultural Infrastructure

• Establishment and further development of registration and relevant information system of the existing melioration infrastructure;

• Development of Service Centers for increasing access to agricultural machinery and equipment;

• Development of agricultural infrastructure through private-public coordination;

• Development of village infrastructure (electricity, water, gas, roads, etc) by cooperating with local and international entities.
Ensuring Food Security

• Preparing an action plan for ensuring food security;

• Determining the food security indicators by taking into account the consumption basket.
Promoting Development of Cooperatives

- Popularizing the idea of creating farmers’ unions;

- Preparing initiatives for promoting creation of farmers’ unions and their development;

- Coordinating with the donors regarding the implementation process of the union promotion programme.
PRIORITIES FOR 2012

• Exemption of primary production sales from VAT;
• Establishment of extension/research centers in 6 regions;
• Development of demonstration lands equipped with modern technologies;
• Renewing mechanization and organizing 12 service centers in the regions;
• Agri-geographical information system (e-agriculture);
• Regional departments and district divisions;
• Rehabilitation of melioration infrastructure and new technologies;
• Promoting activities directed towards popularization of Georgian production;
• Promoting diversification for wine export markets;
• Registration of geographical appellations for Georgian products;
• Strengthening food safety and veterinary control;
• Development of logistics centers and refrigeration infrastructure.
Issue of VAT

- Exemption of primary production sales from VAT
6 Extension Centers throughout the country:

- Planning and management of a farm/agri-business;
- Modern technologies for production;
- Modern methods of plant protection;
- Meteorological stations throughout the districts;
- Experimenting new species and agri-chemicals;
- Laboratories for soil and leaf analysis;
Each extension center shall be equipped with the following:

- Laboratory
  - For soil
  - For leaf
- Meteorological Stations
- Demonstration Land
- Necessary Mechanization;
- Training room with equipment.
Mechanization Service Centers:

1. Kakheti (Gurjaani, Chalaubani);
2. Kvemo Kartli (Marneuli);
3. Shida Kartli (Kareli);
4. Samtskhe-Javakheti (Akhaltsikhe);
5. Imereti (Zestaponi);
6. Samegrelo (Abasha)

Mechanization Service Centers:

1. Kakheti (Dedoplistskaro);
2. Kvemo Kartli (Bolnisi);
3. Shida Kartli (Kaspi, Rene);
4. Racha-Lechkhumi, Kvemo Svaneti (Ambrolauri);
5. Guria (Ozurgeti);
6. Imereti (Samtredia)

Note: Currently LTD Mechanization operates throughout the country in more than 30 municipalities by means of mobile groups.
Creation of 12 new service centers throughout the country and renovation of the mechanization park

• Providing farmers with mechanization services
• Technical services for mechanization
Modern technology fruit and citrus nurseries

- New fruit species
- Prolongation of citrus harvesting season
Demonstration Lands

Popularization/introduction of modern technologies

• 6 fruit demonstration gardens;
• 8 vegetable demonstration lands;
• Field days (training of 40 000 farmers)
Popularization of modern irrigation technologies
40 projects have been prepared for rehabilitation of melioration infrastructure

- Over 20,000 ha of lands shall be irrigated;
- Rehabilitation of drainage systems for 7,000 ha agricultural lands.

- Renewal of melioration park
Development of storage and processing technologies for fruit and vegetables

- Processing and exporting large volumes of production
Agro Geographical Information System (e-agriculture)

- Precise planning of production;
- Assessing land quality;
- Calculating profitability of agricultural products;
- Planning melioration systems;
- Precise registry of farmers;
- Improvement of quality of farmers’ consultation.
Crop Cultures

1) Intensifying corn/wheat production

2) Dryer/storage facilities for crops
• Strategies for wine branding and popularization on export markets
• Strengthening quality control (degustation and laboratory)
• Organizing Georgian Days
• Discontinuation of subsidy process for viniculture by the year of 2016
EXPORT SUPPORT

Harmonizing food safety legislation

Prevention (vaccination) for livestock

Registration of Georgian Geographic Appellations
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!