

# THE STATE AND WAYS OF UKRAINIAN FOOD INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF INTEGRATION INTO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC SPACE

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## Abstract

The aim of the work is to study the current state, problems and priority directions of the food industry development in Ukraine, based on a synthesis of international experience, which should be considered in terms of integration into the European economic space.

The information base for research are the official materials of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine. Using statistical methods (absolute and relative statistical values, sample, and series of dynamics) have been evaluated key performance indicators and defined nature of the dynamics and structure of export of food products. Based on the systematic and structural approach have been identified positive aspects of the development and the factors hindering increases in production in the food industry in Ukraine. Analysis, comparison and extrapolation international experience allowed identifying as a priority, innovative development of the food industry.

Empirically found that the problems of Ukraine's food industry are determined by the low level of institutional, investment, innovation, and staffing provision. Grounded potential areas of cooperation in the food industry, particularly in terms of specific cooperative forms of innovation (clusters, industrial parks and other similar structures) in the context of European integration of Ukraine.

The proposals regarding areas to further improve the functioning of the food industry in Ukraine in the context of integrative cooperation between all involved participants are developed. As well as strengthening the position of Ukrainian producers of the food industry in foreign markets in key functional areas according to the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

**Key words:** Food Industry, Production, Export, Investment, Innovation, Cooperation, Integration.