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Agriculture in Poland and Ukraine – Potential and Dynamics of Changes in Production

Abstract. The article attempts to compare the importance of agriculture and the dynamics of its development in Ukraine and Poland. The most important constraints on the development of Ukrainian agriculture were identified, including the unregulated land market, lack of coherent support programs for agriculture and rural areas, poorly developed infrastructure of the agricultural environment and lack of capital for development. It was found that agriculture in Ukraine is characterized by a high growth rate of productivity and production. The observed output gap in relation to agriculture in Poland is about 10 years. The agricultural sector in Ukraine has about 10% share in generating GDP and as much as 40% share in exports. Such high importance can be maintained even in the conditions of economic development, as there are large reserves in the development of agribusiness. The most important development factors include the introduction of a coherent program for the development of the agribusiness sector, including production of goods with high added value and increasing the availability of capital for the development of agriculture. A great opportunity is the development of trade in the conditions of affiliation with the EU.

Key words: productivity gap, agriculture efficiency, production factors, agriculture development

JEL Classification: Q00, Q17, O13, P32

Introduction

In Ukraine, as in most countries of the former Eastern bloc, after the period of economic transformation, the time has come to build new economic structures. Such activities also concerned agriculture. The situation of agriculture in individual countries varied. A strong sector of private, individual farms has been preserved in Poland, and state-owned farms had only about 20 per cent share in land use. In Ukraine, all agriculture functioned in the form of state-owned or co-operative farms. After the period of economic changes, the changes towards the marketization of economic relations in Ukrainian agriculture were much slower than in Poland. However, some developmental analogies can be noticed. Changes in agriculture are taking place there with a delay in relation to the situation in Poland, but they have a similar course. At the same time, Ukrainian agriculture is becoming a major producer of food not only in Europe, but also on a global scale.

Ukraine as one of the largest countries in Europe has a huge potential for the development of agricultural production. A special feature is that in Ukraine there are some of the most fertile soils in the world, and arable land resources are over 32 million ha.

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After the formation of independent Ukraine, the old economic structures have disintegrated. This was also true for agriculture and led to a strong decline in production, but also to a significant deterioration of the infrastructure in agriculture and its environment. After the transformation, tens of thousands of large farms were established there, but the land was given to several million small owners, who often do not even have machines for production. Strong obstacles in the development of agriculture are still such matters as the unorganized situation on the agricultural land markets, the lack of a stable law with regard to agricultural support, but also a very low level of development of the purchasing, processing and distribution system of agricultural production (Wicki and Orlykovskyi, 2016). The restriction for changes is the obsolete equipment of farms and the shortage of funds for investments (Zaika et al., 2017). It is the limited resources for development that constitute a significant barrier to changes in agriculture and the entire agribusiness in Ukraine. It is still an important sector of the economy with a 10% share in generating GDP. In Poland, after the transformation, the importance of agriculture and agribusiness in the economy decreased with the increase in the total production value of the sector, but also the share of agricultural processing in the agribusiness structure increased, which required significant investments (Wicka et al., 2016).

The inflow of funds to the agricultural sector in Ukraine is limited for many reasons. The basic one is low domestic demand for food resulting from the low purchasing power of the population (Cherevko, 2017; Grużewska et al., 2017). This affects not only the volume of production, but also its structure, because the demand for more expensive animal products is limited, and the development of such production is difficult (Cherevko, 2017). Still, part of the population consumes too little protein from animal products due to their high prices (Nemchenko, 2013; Nemchenko, 2013). Significant disturbances in the development of agriculture also appeared in connection with the financial crisis within the period 2007-2009 and the decline in the export of agricultural products and their prices (Dibrova, Dibrova, 2009; Grużewska et al., 2017).

Support for agricultural development from the Ukrainian state is considered too low, which results from budgetary constraints, but is often not properly targeted, therefore is not enough to modernize agriculture (Dibrova et al., 2015; Dibrova, Chan-khi, 2013). It is believed that without institutional support under the programs for agricultural development it will be difficult to obtain the expected increase in agricultural production (Malik and Zaburanna, 2014). Support programs should be aimed at supporting those agricultural sectors that are the most delayed in development (Mazur and Pimenova, 2014) and mainly concern the introduction of modern production techniques (Dibrova et al., 2011). The importance of technical progress in the growth of agricultural productivity is now higher than the importance of increasing land inputs or industrial production resources, which is observed in countries at every level of economic development (Wicki, 2016). Due to different needs emerging in particular regions of the country, agricultural development programs must also be regionally differentiated (Chemerys and Krupin, 2015), taking into account the needs of medium and small farms (Melnyk, 2013; Orlykovskyi, Wicki, 2016) and support sustainable rural development (Moroz, 2012).

Very good production conditions as well as access to large land resources in organized units favored the emergence of very large enterprises dealing in agriculture and the appearance of foreign investments in agricultural farms (Heyenko, 2010). Many large, vertically integrated agricultural holdings were established, which raise capital even on foreign stock exchanges, also in Warsaw (Cherevko, 2012; Melnyk, 2013). The

development of agroholdings leads to an increase in the scope of food processing and export from Ukraine.

Agriculture in Ukraine has a stable share in generating GDP and in exports (Cherevko, 2015). The opening of foreign markets, including EU markets, to agricultural products from Ukraine enables further development of production, especially when not only exports of raw materials, but also exports of more processed products would take place (Dibrova et al., 2014; Bukin et al., 2015). In the structure of value-added production in agribusiness, agriculture should take the second place after food processing. This result was achieved in Poland twenty years after the transformation (Wicki and Grontkowska 2015). Another direction of development may be an increase in biomass consumption for biofuels (Galchynska et al., 2015). According to some authors, the production of rape for transport biofuels is profitable under Ukrainian farming conditions and can be implemented on a large scale (Cherevko, 2016; Zaika et al., 2014). However, such production competes with food production (Wicki, 2017), and is also heavily exposed to production and market risks (Wicki, 2013).

According to the energy balance, in 2013, the share of energy produced from biomass in Ukraine did not exceed 2%. Potentially as much as 18% of the total primary energy consumption can be generated there from the available biomass. Presently for the production of electricity in Ukraine, wood chips and sunflower husks are used the most. The use of wood biomass potential reaches 80%, whereas of husks – 59%. Therefore, it is required to concentrate on technologies, which can be cost competitive, such as biomass in by-products, energy and biogas produced from waste. Unfortunately, with low world fuel prices, the production of energy from biomass is usually unprofitable.

Agriculture in Ukraine has many strengths. These are: high quality of soils, large land resources, the possibility of obtaining surplus production in relation to domestic demand, as well as low production costs. However, the financing of agricultural development is still a problem that needs to be solved. In Ukraine there is too little capital for financing the developmental needs of agriculture due to many other, competitive applications (Vaschyk, 2012). Agricultural farms are increasingly using bank loans in financing development (Adamenko et al., 2015), but for smaller entities, access to loans is difficult (Borisova, 2009), and some managers, fearing the risk, prefer to use safer, internal financing sources (Zabolotnyy, 2016). The economic crisis observed in recent years leads to further limitation of the financing development possibilities.

In view of the many challenges faced by Ukrainian agriculture, similar to those observed in Poland since the mid-1990s, it seems reasonable to make a comparative analysis of the development trends of Polish and Ukrainian agriculture.

Aim and methodological assumptions

The aim of this study is a comparative assessment of development trends in agriculture in Poland and Ukraine, establishing development similarities and presenting perspectives for further agricultural development in Ukraine.

The study includes a critical analysis of the literature, which was used as the basis for determining the direction of further research. In the next stage statistical data presented by the FAO were used in order to make a comparative analysis of Polish and Ukrainian agriculture. This data source was chosen because of the possibility of obtaining comparable

data for longer periods. The analysis covered the years 1995-2014. The data was compiled in the form of time series and the differences in the dynamics and level of presented phenomena were assessed. A time gap in achieving productivity gains was also identified.

The comparison of Polish and Ukrainian agriculture was made in the area of overall efficiency of production factors, size and efficiency of plant and animal production as well as the size and dynamics of foreign trade in agro-food products.

Resources of production factors in agriculture and their productivity

Comparison of changes in agriculture in Poland and Ukraine is justified because in the 1990s, both countries transformed the system and reformed the economy. There are significant developmental analogies, including a decline in agricultural production during the restructuring period and its development in subsequent years. The observed development gap is the basis for determining the analogy in changes occurring in agriculture. It is also possible to define medium-term prospects for using the potential of agriculture in Ukraine, taking into account the dynamics and level of productivity achieved in Poland.

Agriculture in the analysed countries has a different role in the economy. In Poland after the political transformation in the 90s of the 20th century, the importance of agriculture decreased from almost 10% to 5% of GDP. After 2000, the share of agriculture in the economy did not exceed 3% and remained at this level. In the Ukrainian economy, agriculture plays a greater role. By 2004, it was 10-14% of GDP, and in subsequent years it did not fall below 6% (fig. 1).

In Ukraine, the production potential of agriculture is very high, mainly due to the large agricultural land resources and a significant share of soils with high usefulness for agricultural production. The total area of the country is 603 thousand km², and the area of agricultural land is 41.3 million ha, of which arable land is 32.5 million ha. It is more than twice as much as in Poland, where the area of agricultural land does not exceed 15 million ha, and the arable land area is around 11 million ha (fig. 2).

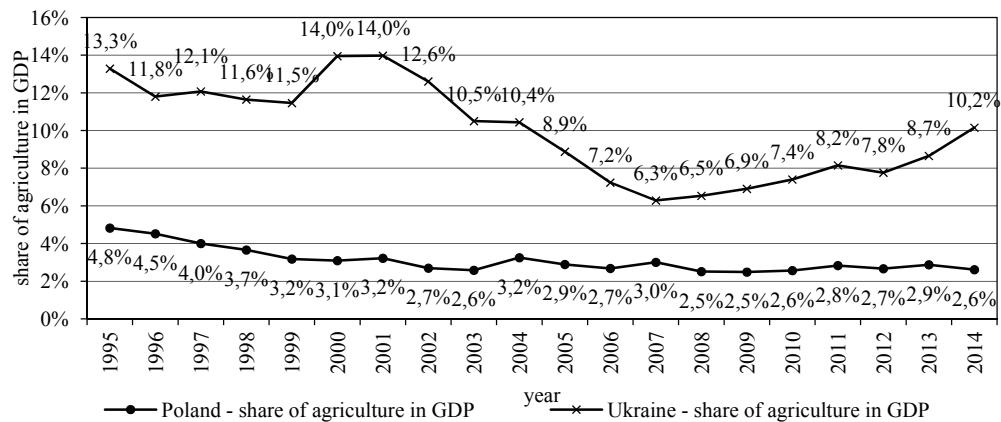


Fig. 1. Share of agriculture in GDP in Poland and Ukraine in period 1995-2014

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

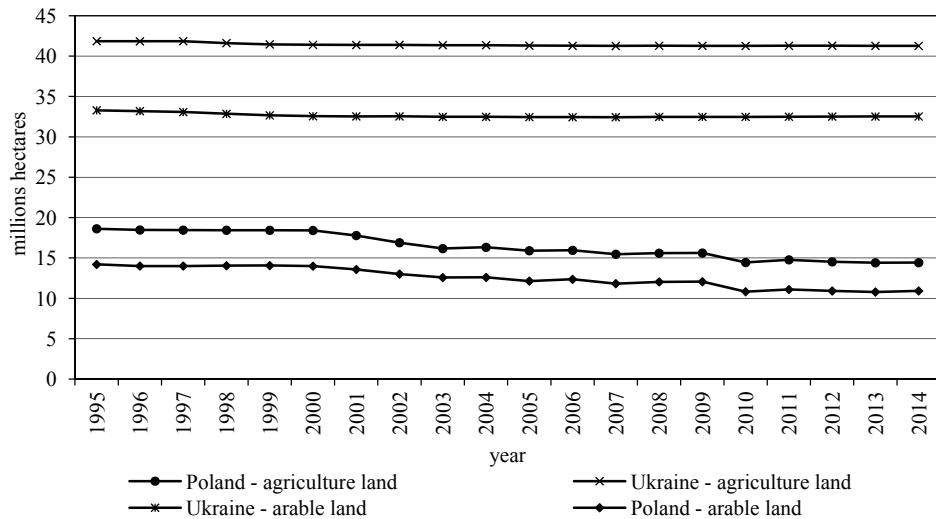


Fig. 2. Area of agriculture land in Poland and Ukraine (million hectares)

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

About 2 million people work in agriculture in Poland. There is a visible downward trend. In Ukraine, it is estimated that about 3 million people work in agriculture, but they are both people working on large farms and on family farms (fig. 3). It should be noted that the data presented by the FAO differ from the data provided in other statistical data for Ukraine, in which the number of 3.1 million employed in agriculture was presented (Orlykovskyi et al., 2016), which results from a different inclusion of wage workers in statistics. The level of employment in agriculture in Poland varied from around 18 people per 100 ha of agricultural land in 1995 to 13 people per 100 ha in 2014. In Ukraine, in the same period there was a reduction in the employment rate from 12.7 to 9.9 people per 100 ha of agricultural land. Significant differences occur in the structure of farms. There are about 53,000 agricultural enterprises in Ukraine with various ownership forms, of which around 74% are farms, but the number of large agroholdings is also significant, especially in land use. Agriculture in Poland is very fragmented, in 2015 there were about 1.3 million farms with an average area of just 10 ha. This means that Ukrainian agriculture has much greater opportunities in agricultural production, and thus it can be much more competitive, especially on international markets. In the whole agribusiness, a similar percentage of employees in both compared countries is employed. It is about 17% of employees (Wicki, Grontkowska, 2015).

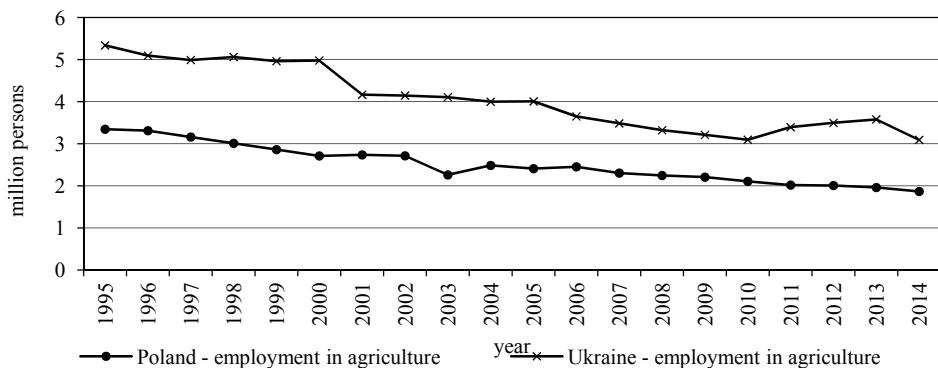


Fig. 3. Employment in Polish and Ukrainian agriculture in period 1995–2014 in million persons

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

Since 2000, the total value of production in Ukrainian agriculture is higher than in Poland. In addition, a steady upward trend can be noted, while in Poland there is no visible increase in production. In 2000, the volume of agricultural production was comparable, and in 2014, agricultural production in Ukraine was already 60% higher than the value of agricultural production in Poland. With a large difference in the resources of production factors, the differences in the volume of production in the compared countries are not large. Figure 4 and Table 1 present a comparison of the value of agricultural production in Poland and Ukraine. The value of production in Poland is much higher per 1 ha of agricultural land and per one worker in agriculture due to the higher production efficiency in some sectors, but also due to the different production structure. In Poland, higher processed animal production, reaching higher prices, accounts for about 60% of agricultural production, and in Ukraine it is about 30%. The increase in the value of production can therefore be obtained by supplying higher-processed agricultural products. This is discouraged by high productivity in crop production, which is relatively easy to obtain on good soils in Ukraine. This means that the potential of agriculture in Ukraine is still not fully exploited.

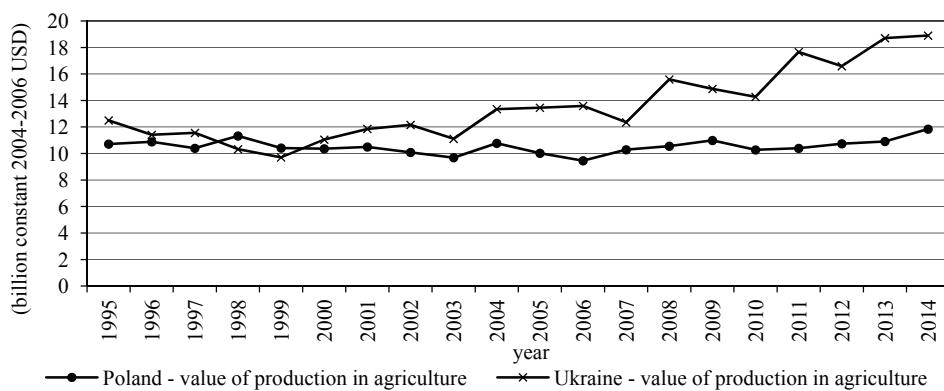


Fig. 4. Value of agriculture production in Poland and Ukraine in period 1995–2014

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

Taking into account the productivity of labour and land, it is worth noting that the growth rate of productivity in Ukrainian agriculture was much higher than that observed in Poland (tab. 1).

Table 1. Labor and agriculture land productivity in Poland and Ukraine (constant 2004-2006 USD)

Year	Labor productivity per worker in thousand constant 2004-2006 USD		Agriculture land productivity per 1 ha in constant 2004-2006 USD	
	Poland	Ukraine	Poland	Ukraine
1995	3204	2343	575	299
1996	3289	2241	589	273
1997	3291	2318	563	276
1998	3763	2041	614	248
1999	3642	1957	565	234
2000	3823	2221	563	267
2001	3837	2846	590	286
2002	3718	2934	597	294
2003	3900	2705	599	269
2004	4473	3339	660	323
2005	4088	3360	630	326
2006	4105	3725	593	329
2007	4579	3547	665	299
2008	4784	4694	677	378
2009	5216	4634	704	361
2010	5091	4612	711	346
2011	5177	5204	703	428
2012	5480	4745	739	402
2013	5845	5230	757	453
2014	6510	6113	821	458
Change (1995-1999/2010-2014), (1995-1999=100)	163	238	128	157
CAGR (%)	3.3	5.8	1.7	2.9

Source: own elaboration based on FAO and State Statistics Service of Ukraine data.

Labour productivity in Ukrainian agriculture grew at a rate of 5.8% per annum, and in Poland it was only 3.3% per annum. It should be emphasized that labour productivity in agriculture in Poland is still significantly lower than that observed in more developed EU countries (Wicki 2012). Similar differences were observed in the rate of increase in land productivity. In Polish agriculture, an average annual growth of 1.7% was observed in the analysed period, and in Ukraine it was 2.9% per annum.

The amount and efficiency of production in agriculture

The amount of agricultural production depends both on the sown area of individual plants and the number of animals, as well as on productivity. While the production area is stable under normal conditions, performance changes can have a significant effect on production. Table 2 shows the production area and population of selected groups of plants and animals. The size of production in Ukrainian agriculture is much higher than in Poland. The decrease in cereal and potato production and the increase in the production area of oilseeds is evident in both countries. It is also worth noting the strong growth of poultry production in Ukraine with a strong, over 30% decline in cattle and pigs. In Poland, changes in production volumes were much lower, which proves a more stable situation in agriculture and its environment.

Table 2. Area of main crops and livestock population in Poland and Ukraine

Year	Cereals Potato Sugar beet Rape Sunflower										Cattle Poultry Pigs					
	PL	UA	PL	UA	PL	UA	PL	UA	PL	UA	PL	UA	PL	UA	PL	UA
	in million hectares										in million heads					
1995	8.6	12.9	1.5	1.5	0.4	1.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.0	7.3	20.4	53.6	157.0	20.4	13.9
1996	8.7	11.7	1.3	1.5	0.5	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	7.1	18.0	51.7	143.0	18.0	13.1
1997	8.9	13.8	1.3	1.6	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	7.3	18.1	56.3	145.0	18.1	11.2
1998	8.8	12.2	1.3	1.5	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.0	2.4	7.0	19.2	54.7	138.0	19.2	9.5
1999	8.7	12.0	1.3	1.6	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.0	2.8	6.6	18.5	54.3	129.0	18.5	10.1
2000	8.8	12.2	1.3	1.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	2.8	6.1	17.1	54.6	139.0	17.1	10.1
2001	8.8	14.3	1.2	1.6	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.0	2.4	5.7	17.1	53.3	123.7	17.1	7.7
2002	8.3	13.8	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.0	2.7	5.5	18.7	55.6	136.8	18.7	8.4
2003	8.2	10.6	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.0	3.8	5.5	18.6	173.9	146.9	18.6	9.2
2004	8.4	14.4	0.7	1.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.0	3.4	5.4	17.0	167.6	141.9	17.0	7.3
2005	8.3	14.2	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.0	3.7	5.5	18.1	152.8	152.1	18.1	6.5
2006	8.4	13.8	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.0	3.9	5.6	18.9	141.6	161.5	18.9	7.1
2007	8.4	13.1	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.0	3.4	5.7	18.1	150.5	166.2	18.1	8.1
2008	8.6	15.1	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.4	0.0	4.3	5.8	15.4	145.3	168.8	15.4	7.0
2009	8.5	15.1	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.0	4.2	5.7	14.3	140.6	176.5	14.3	6.5
2010	7.9	14.2	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.0	4.5	5.7	14.9	131.9	190.1	14.9	7.6
2011	7.7	15.0	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.0	4.7	5.8	13.5	143.3	202.5	13.5	8.0
2012	7.6	14.5	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.0	5.1	5.8	11.6	130.0	199.8	11.6	7.4
2013	7.5	15.5	0.3	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.0	0.0	5.1	5.9	11.2	140.4	213.2	11.2	7.6
2014	7.5	14.4	0.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.0	5.2	5.9	11.7	146.6	229.0	11.7	7.9
Change*	87	118	28	91	48	36	197	1017	-	219	82	67	-	145	67	66
CAGR (%)	-0.8	1.1	-8.7	-0.8	-4.7	-7.1	5.1	19.2	-	5.3	-1.1	-2.6	-	2.5	-2.5	-2.8

* - change between 1995-1999 and 2010-2014, (1995-2000=100), “-“ no data or indicator cannot be calculated because of differences in time data collection method

Source: own elaboration based on FAO and State Statistics Service of Ukraine data.

In the analysed period, an increase in productivity in plant and animal production was observed in both countries. The level of productivity in Poland is still higher than in Ukraine, despite the average worse conditions for production, but yields have already been obtained in the production of cereals and rape (tab. 3). The dynamics of cereal yield increase in Poland amounted to 1.6% per year, and in Ukraine 3.2% per year. Similar growth dynamics was obtained for other plant species and in the case of milk yield of cows (fig. 5). Productivity in Ukrainian agriculture grew much faster than Polish. This is another proof of the high potential of Ukrainian agriculture, which has not been and is still not fully used.

Table 3. Yields in agriculture in Poland and Ukraine

Item	Poland		Ukraine	
	average in 1995-1999	average in 2010-2014	average in 1995-1999	average in 2010-2014
Cereals (dt/ha)	30	37	22	36
Potato (dt/ha)	177	223	101	160
Sugar beet (dt/ha)	367	580	179	386
Rape (dt/ha)	20	27	9	21
Milk yield per cow (litres)	3594	5211	2186	4315

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

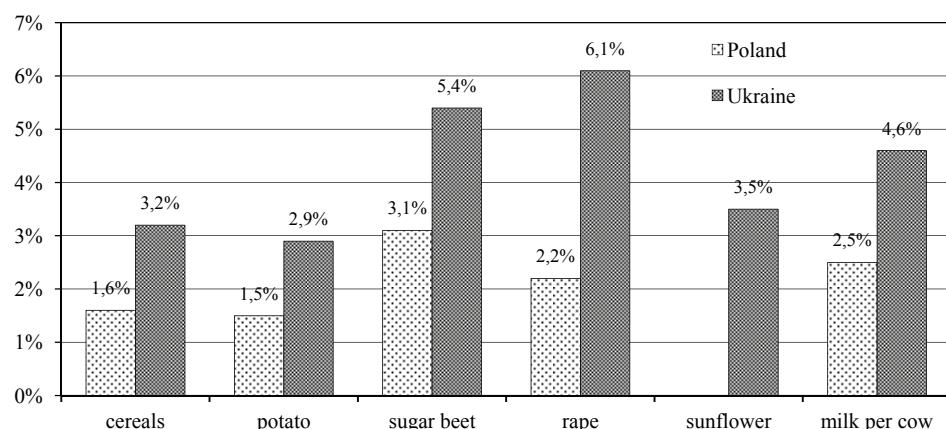


Fig. 5. Average annual growth rate of yields in Polish and Ukrainian agriculture in period 1995–2014

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

Changes in the area of plant cultivation and animal population as well as the increase in unit productivity result in changes in the production volume. Despite increasing productivity, production of some agricultural raw materials decreased. Cereal and oil crops increased and production of potatoes and sugar beet decreased. A significant increase was observed in cereal production in Ukraine, which almost doubled from 30 to over 60 million tonnes per year. In Poland, cereal crops increased by 10%. Beet harvest decreased by over 20%, rapeseed harvest increased significantly. In Poland, it was a 150% increase and in

Ukraine it was multiple (tab. 4). In animal production, the changes were slightly smaller. Milk production in Ukraine even decreased, and in the production of meat there was a change in the internal structure of production - pork production decreased and poultry production increased. It is worth noting that in the analysed period there was no increase in animal production in Ukraine, with the exception of poultry production, which developed in large industrial farms. Production of cereals, potatoes and oil increased in crop production. No such large changes were observed in Poland, but the production of oilseeds and poultry meat increased. It can be assumed that with the development of agriculture in Ukraine, animal production will be increased, which can be done based on feed from domestic production.

Table 4. Changes in production of main agricultural commodities in Poland and Ukraine (million tons)

Commodity	Poland		Ukraine	
	average in 1995-1999	average in 2010-2014	average in 1995-1999	average in 2010-2014
	million tons			
Cereals	25.9	28.4	28.0	53.3
Potato	23.8	8.2	15.6	22.4
Sugar beet	15.0	11.7	20.0	15.5
Rape	0.9	2.4	0.1	1.7
Sunflower	-	-	2.5	9.0
Beef	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.4
Pork	2.0	1.9	0.7	0.7
Poultry	0.5	1.5	0.2	1.1
Milk	12.1	12.6	14.6	11.0

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

Foreign trade in food products

The products of agriculture and the food industry constitute a significant share in the foreign trade turnover both in Poland and in Ukraine. Exports of grocery products from Poland reached about USD 26 billion, and the positive balance amounted to about USD 8 billion (fig. 6). The share of agricultural and grocery products in exports in recent years amounted to 11-13%. Exports of agricultural and food products from Ukraine was increasing and reached USD 17 billion, with imports of around USD 7 billion. The positive trade balance in agricultural products was therefore even USD 10 billion. Export of agricultural products from Ukraine constitutes up to 40% of the total export. Cereals and vegetable oils have the largest share - as much as 65%. With the development of agri-food processing, it will be possible to increase the share of highly processed products in exports and increase its profitability.

Considering the importance of exporting agri-food products in Ukraine's exports, it should be noted that it is much higher than the share of agribusiness in the economy, which is ca. 16%, and also higher than the share of employment in this sector (17%). The value of

Ukrainian foreign trade in agri-food products may grow with the further development of agriculture and agribusiness in this country unless new trade barriers emerge. The increase in the share of agri-food products in foreign trade turnover has not been recorded since 2013 despite the increase in turnover in nominal terms. Considering the stable level of production in agriculture, it can be assumed that there will be no further increase in the importance of agribusiness in Polish foreign trade. In Ukraine, the level of saturation in the development of foreign trade in agri-food products has not yet been achieved.

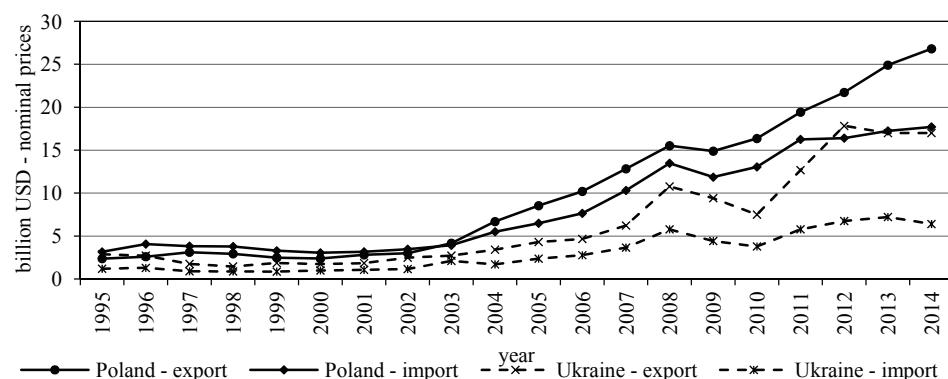


Fig. 6. Foreign trade in agri-food products in Poland and Ukraine in period 1995–2014

Source: own elaboration based on FAO data.

Conclusions

1. Agriculture in Ukraine has a high share in the creation of gross domestic product. Its development may contribute to the development of the entire economy and to achieving a higher standard of living. There are significant limitations in this respect. The most important ones include: lack of regulation of land ownership, limited access to capital for agricultural development, as well as insufficient preparation of domestic programs for the development of agriculture and rural areas. Strengths include high land provision, the opportunity to obtain surplus food relative to domestic consumption, as well as low production costs.
2. An important factor for the growth of the agribusiness sector is the legislative and financial support for the development of the agricultural environment, such as production and distribution infrastructure. At present, only large agro-holdings have a sufficiently vertically integrated system covering production, processing and distribution. Farms need support to develop this type of integration on an arm's length basis.
3. In Ukrainian agriculture, similar productivity was achieved as in Polish agriculture, but land productivity is twice lower there. An opportunity for further, rapid increase in labour productivity is a high concentration of land in farms in Ukraine, and for increasing land productivity - an increase in production intensity.

4. In the years 1995-2014, an increase in productivity in plant and animal production was observed in Ukraine. The development gap in this respect in relation to Polish agriculture concerns the production of rapeseed, sugar beet, potatoes and milk production. The time gap is about 10 years.
5. In Ukrainian agriculture, there was a faster growth in crop production than in Poland. This resulted both from the lower reference base and the greater potential associated with good natural conditions for production development. It should be assumed that in the Ukrainian agriculture it is possible to obtain higher yield in crop production than in Poland in the perspective of 10-15 years.
6. The production of basic agricultural raw materials in Ukraine: cereals and oilseeds, exceeds domestic demand. This is the basis for the development of export of agricultural products. The share of agricultural exports in total Ukrainian exports is as much as 40%. There is also a USD 10 billion trade surplus observed. With the development of animal production, the profitability of production exports may increase.
7. Ukraine is a major producer and exporter of agri-food products in the world and can benefit from favourable natural conditions to increase the production of grocery raw materials, food with high added value. There is a rapid increase in productivity and production in agriculture. In the period of 10-15 years, it is possible to achieve the level of efficiency observed in other countries of Central and Eastern Europe.
8. The success in further development of agribusiness in Ukraine depends to a large extent on the introduction of nationwide programs for the development and support of agriculture and rural areas. The unstable economic and political situation in Ukraine observed for several years and the related deficiencies in making pro-development regulations and in accessing capital is one of the main factors limiting the development of the sector.

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