Industry Overview: Agriculture

At glance

- ✓ Agricultural sector 40% labor force
- ✓ Contribution to GDP 20% (#2 sector)
- ✓ Country Land Area 19,880 (ths., ha)
- Agricultural area 10,541 (ths., ha)
- ✓ Forest area 629 (ths., ha)
- All Taxes exemption for all agricultural products

<u>Dairy</u>

- $\checkmark \qquad \text{Milk production} \mathbf{1} + \text{mln. ton p.a.}$
- ✓ Own milk processing 2.5%
- Export to EEU 45 ton (2017)
- ✓ Dairy, eggs, honey export: \$33 mln (2% of total export)

Fruits & Vegetables

 Vegetables export: \$61.9 mln (3.7% of total export)

Key challenge: undercapitalization

<u>Meat</u>

- ✓ Sheep livestock 6+ mln.
- ✓ Meat production 200+ (ths., ton) p.a.
- ✓ Certified exporters (to EEU) 5
- ✓ Key market (meat) Kazakhstan
- ✓ Other export destinations UAE, Iran
- Key objective increase processing capacity

Total cultivated area – 1.35 mln. ha (12% of cultivable area)





ORGANIC AGRICULTURE. BIG POTENTIAL

Kyrgyz rural population that generates income mostly by working in the agricultural sector can substantially benefit from practicing organic agricultural techniques. Policies and practices of organic agricultural development and its implementation could be framed within the national sustainable development strategy of the country for 2018-2020. As a result, organic agriculture could improve the investment climate of various regions and attract additional investment and financial flows in the country.

OPPORTUNITES

- Stable demand for agricultural products, which are resource base for the food industry. Therefore, its growth highly correlates with the growth in the agricultural industry;
- Access to Eurasian Economic Union market;
- GSP+ status of Kyrgyz agro products to the European market;
- Processing of primary agricultural products using new technologies;
- Development and strengthening of small producers of environmentally friendly products with high export potential;
- Investment in niche market using high-quality raw materials with low operational costs;
- Development of the high-value and organic food products.

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