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## **TECHNICAL PROVISION OF MANUFACTURING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BY ENTERPRISES OF UKRAINE**

It is defined by the author of the article that the level of the agricultural enterprises provision in Ukraine with tractors and basic kinds of combine harvesters has considerably decreased in 2014 as compared to 2000. There is a rather high differentiation at the level of provision with separate kinds of machinery in the regions of Ukraine, and even more on separate farms. Arable land loading per tractor varies at agricultural enterprises of Ukraine from 63 to 200 hectares. The tendencies of provision with machinery in Poltava region are the same as in Ukraine on the whole. The highest level of provision with farm machinery is observed at medium and large enterprises.

The main reason of decreasing the level of technical provision of agricultural production in Ukraine is a considerable reducing the volumes of purchasing farm machinery. The investigations of the structure of buying farm machinery by the enterprises of Ukraine reveal the tendency to purchasing the machinery of foreign production, except tillage machinery.

It is stipulated by both the reduction of manufacturing farm machinery in Ukraine and the absence of changes in improving its qualitative characteristics. While choos-

ing complicated multi-functional machinery, agricultural producers prefer more expensive technical means of foreign production. Such a choice is based on the fact that foreign machinery ensures performing high quality work and it is more reliable comparing to the machinery produced in our country, which is inferior as to the major operating characteristics. At the same time, concerning standardized basic assets, which are produced according to the similar technology, agricultural enterprises prefer more economical means, manufactured in this country.

While replenishing machinery and tractor fleet, the manufacturers of agricultural products prefer the tractors of large unit power.

It is substantiated in the article, that the lowest level of renovation (up to 5%) is a characteristic for the tractors having the power up to 60 kW, trailers, semi-trailers, and for beet harvesters, which is connected with shortening beet production branch. The highest level of renovation is observed concerning combine harvesters and machines for picking fruits, berries, vegetables, melons and gourds, and also feeders for pigs, which is a natural result of the gradual development of the branch.