

Ukraine backs fruit, vegetable and greenhouse farming to secure food supply

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Ukraine's state support programs for the agricultural sector delivered tangible results in 2025, driving the development of horticulture, greenhouse farming, and niche crops, while laying the groundwork for future storage infrastructure, according to official data.

Under the government's business grant support program this year, 47 grants worth UAH 162.4 million were approved for the development of horticulture, berry growing, and viticulture. In addition, 22 grants totalling UAH 110.8 million were allocated to support greenhouse farming projects. Together, these initiatives are expected to create more than 6,000 jobs, including 157 permanent and 5,407 seasonal positions in horticulture, and 117 permanent and 280 seasonal jobs in greenhouse operations.

Beyond traditional crops, interest in niche agricultural segments is also growing. In March 2025, Ukraine launched the Register of Legal Entities engaged in the cultivation and processing of industrial hemp. To date, 33 companies have declared plans to cultivate industrial hemp across 3,124 hectares, signalling increasing business interest in alternative and high-value crops.

Looking ahead, the government is preparing new support mechanisms to strengthen the sector further. From 2026, Ukraine plans to introduce grant programs for the construction of vegetable storage facilities, a move aimed at reducing post-harvest losses, extending storage periods, and ensuring more stable year-round vegetable supplies.

"Even in difficult war conditions, farmers do not stop and are ready to invest in development," said Taras Vysotsky, Deputy Minister of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine. "The state's task is to provide them with clear and predictable tools, grants, access to European markets, and transparent working conditions. This allows us to maintain production today, plan investments for tomorrow, and strengthen the competitiveness of the Ukrainian agricultural sector."

Despite ongoing military challenges, Ukraine's agricultural sector continues to adapt and expand, supported by targeted state funding and long-term policy initiatives aimed at resilience and sustainable growth.