Regional Food Security: Concepts and Paradigms

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Food Security Problem: Current Theoretical Aspects. P. 4.

The paper considers the urgency of solving the problem of food security for the world community. The author identifies the fundamental differences between the concepts of «food security» and «food sovereignty», examines the conceptual aspects that should be taken into account when addressing the issue of food security at different levels (individual, national, regional, global).

Key words: food availability, food security, food sovereignty, structure, levels.

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Providing Food Security in the Siberian Region in the Conditions of Import Substitution. P. 11.

The paper analyses the current issues of providing food security in the Siberian region in the face of new challenges and threats. The authors examine the nature of regional food security; formulate the principles of providing food security in Siberia in the conditions of import substitution taking into account its innovation and resource potential. The paper deals with the system of social and economic indicators of food security with account of development trends in the food market. The authors identify the main factors having influence on regional food security; describe its development trends in the conditions of import substitution.

Key words: food security, import substitution, challenges, risks, state regulation, food self-sufficiency, principles, methods, indicators.

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Food Security in Russia: Are There Threats and How to Mitigate the Effects of the Crisis? P. 29.

The paper analyses the main threats that the food security in Russia faces and the issue of providing food security in the Siberian Federal District. The authors consider that state authorities play a big role in solving the problem of food security. However, government support without an efficient organizational and economic mechanism of food security regulation will not able to ensure sustained economic development and import independence. The role of private business in providing food security is significant as well.

Key words: food security, threats, opportunities, economic measures.

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The Role of the Agro-Industrial Complex of the Siberian Region in Providing Food Security of the Country. P. 35.

The article deals with the problems of food security in the country and the possible contribution of agribusiness in the regions of Siberia to addressing these urgent issues. The author makes suggestions on the ways to increase the efficiency of agriculture and the contribution of Siberian agribusiness to the food security of Russia.

Key words: agro-industrial complex, agriculture, import, food, food security, resources, modernization, government support.

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The Role of Peasant Farms in Providing Food Security in the Novosibirsk Region and the Problems of Their Development. P. 45.

The paper provides data about peasant farms in the Novosibirsk region: farm fields, crop acreage, changes in the structure of lands, livestock and crop production levels, and forms of financial support. The author examines start-up farms and family livestock farms, their activities and cooperation with agricultural producer and consumer cooperatives. The author proposes an economic experiment: integrating all kinds of cooperatives for achieving strategic positions of the region in solving the problems of agricultural development, import substitution, creating jobs and enhancing prosperity.

Key words: peasant farms, start-up farms, family livestock farms, agricultural cooperatives, economic integration.

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Trade in the Novosibirsk Region: Current Situation and Development Prospects. P. 51.

The paper characterizes the current situation in trade as one of the major budget revenue generating industries, its role in satisfying the demand of population for consumer goods. The author highlights a special role of wholesaling as the Novosibirsk region in its strategy claims to be the wholesale and logistics center of Siberia. The paper analyses the importance of retail chains and their role in retail of the region, shopping capacity and the compliance of retail space provided to population to the norms recommended. The problems of small retail business are raised such as support for small business, promotion of multiformat trade, balancing the contribution of small business into the overall sales volume.

Key words: situation in trade, retail chains, shopping capacity, retail space provision norms, small retail business.

Gavar I. V., CEO, Bakhetle, Dobryanka, Novosibirsk, Russia, e-mail: idb@e5-nsk.ru Food security and Import Substitution in Retail Chains of Novosibirsk. P. 60.

The paper analyses the reaction of business to the embargo and the ways of import substitution, the search for new suppliers, the use of food resources of the regional market. The author describes their practices in import substitution, the nonconventional decisions they have taken as well as product, technology, organizational and marketing innovations they have offered. The product innovations took place mostly in meat, cheese, fish, fruit and vegetable goods.

Key words: embargo, import substitution, food security, domestic market, regional market.

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Ensuring Food Security of Russia in Modern Conditions. P. 63.

The paper identifies the current problems in ensuring food security of Russia in the face of economic sanctions and a complicated situation in the world economy. In the system of food security measures and mechanisms of combatting economic threats are created. Food security also guarantees reproduction processes in rural economy which is a basis for producing high quality, healthy food for the population of the country.

The results of the research are suggestions made and mechanisms proposed aimed at solving the problems of providing food security: monitoring food security, creating conditions and encouraging businesses to produce high quality, healthy food through tax support, availability and affordability of loans for agricultural producers.

Key words: economic sanctions, food independence, ensuring food security.

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Consumer Cooperation in Siberia: Overcoming the Food Crisis during the World War I. P. 68.

The paper characterizes the activities of the Siberian city consumer cooperation in supplying food products to the population during the World War I. The research is based on the materials of the consumer society «Экономия» (Ekonomiya) in the city of Novonikolaevsk.

The paper analyzes the role of cooperatives in overcoming the food crisis during the World War I, their contribution to the economy development and the society stabilization. The author states that cooperatives produced and traded in mass demand goods in close cooperation with the city food authorities, partly with the help of state subsidies and benefits. As the problem of the shortage of goods was getting worse, the distribution functions of cooperatives were increasing. It led to the increasing financial and administrative dependence of cooperatives on the state and distortion of the nature of the cooperative movement.

The cooperative practices in the extreme situation described in the article may prove to be useful in modern conditions.

Key words: consumer cooperation, food crisis, World War I, Siberia.