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In Ukraine, legislation excludes the purchase of farmland by foreigners. Some large agricultural companies working in Ukraine operate on leased land. The overall amount of leased land concerned is estimated by researchers at 3-4.3 million hectares, which corresponds to about 7% to 10.5% of the 41 million hectares of agricultural land which Ukraine had in 2020. In general, the agricultural companies operating in Ukraine sell their products on the international commodities markets thus providing food security for about 400 million people around the world.

The Commission supports Ukraine in maintaining and improving its export infrastructure, including via the Black Sea ports, so that it can continue contributing to global food security.

The EU accession negotiations, policy conditionalities and financial support under the Ukraine Facility¹ contribute to the reforms of the agricultural sector of Ukraine and its regulation in line with EU standards. This benefits all private investors in the sector, particularly the EU ones, which are already familiar with this Regulation. Moreover, Ukraine Facility offers incentives for European businesses to invest in Ukraine, including in the agricultural sector.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202400792