

agri benchmark in the Media

In the course of the Cash Crop Conference 2013 the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS spoke with Yelto Zimmer about future perspectives in crop production globally and the specific situation of Russian farmers. This interview was published in several Russian publications.

Interview ITAR-TASS with Yelto Zimmer:

German expert: Russian farmers have to find their own path of agricultural development on the basis of the experience from other farmers

VORONEZH, July 3. / Correspondent ITAR-TASS /. The situation in agriculture after Russia's accession to the WTO can be called "the time of trial and error", when people are looking for the best options for their next steps. This opinion was expressed in an interview by Yelto Zimmer, Thünen Institute, Germany. Together with 50 other experts from 30 countries he takes part in the First International Agricultural Conference "Where the margin is 2013, which is held in Voronezh."

According to him, at present, "the most important task of the farmers is to determine the most appropriate tillage systems and what crops to grow in order to be profitable ". Climatic conditions in most regions of Russia are similar to Canada and the northern parts of the United States. "The Russians ought to make use of the experience of other farmers in order to develop their own solutions. This is particularly true when they want to define the economical appropriate degree of intensity in input usage" – said Zimmer.

According to Zimmer, the Thünen Institute recently included Russia into a global project ("agri benchmark" – the translator), which intends to inform farmers about different production systems and their economics in different countries. Provided Russian producers draw the right conclusions from this exchange of experience there is good potential for them to become one of the globally leading crop production regions in the world.