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Report Highlights:

After summer farmers' protests in Poland, the Prime Minister announced aid packages for the Polish countryside. If implemented, the state support would increase the investment program in former state-owned farms and for “Rural Housewives’ Clubs”. The expansion of the farmers' insurance program against natural disasters and other calamities, such as animal diseases, was also promised. In addition, the proposed governmental assistance for farmers would include: higher subsidies for agricultural fuel; the facilitation of agricultural retail trade; the Act on Family Farms; and increasing EU funding for rural development.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki Promises Aid Packages for the Polish Countryside

On August 29, 2021, in Bobolice (Zachodniopomorskie Voivodeship), celebrations of the fest "Grateful to the Polish countryside" were organized, with the participation of the Polish Prime Minister, Mateusz Morawiecki, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Grzegorz Puda, and other politicians.

During the festivities, the Prime Minister announced aid packages for Polish farmers. As stated by Morawiecki, the support program for the areas where former state-owned farms were located will be continued in 2021 in the amount of PLN 1 billion (app. US\$250 million), and in 2022 at least PLN 1.5 billion (app. US\$375 million). So far, 594 investments have been implemented in those areas.

The Prime Minister also confirmed the continuation of the support program for "Rural Housewives' Clubs" [organizations of local women living in rural areas aimed at maintaining rural culture, cuisine, and traditions], with doubling the funding amount up to over PLN 80 million (app. US\$20 million). This program will also support the Volunteer Fire Brigades (OSP) operating in rural areas. For the OSP, the law is being drafted to include a pension allowance for OSP members, as well as additional resources for equipment.

Additionally, Prime Minister Morawiecki announced the preparation of the state-supported program of farmers' insurance against natural disasters and other calamities, such as animal diseases. The head of the government also emphasized the PLN 4.5 billion (app. US\$1.01 billion) funds for combating drought in previous years.

The Prime Minister underlined that, in addition, the government has supported farmers by introducing legal protection against agricultural land sales; transfers of EUR \$32 billion for Polish farmers under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP); accelerating the disbursement of CAP direct payments; and simplification of the rules for farmers' direct sales. Moreover, he pointed out that the Polish Deal for farmers would include: higher subsidies for agricultural fuel; facilitation of agricultural retail trade; the Act on Family Farms; and increasing EU funding for rural development.

"We have restored the Polish countryside's due respect. Our next commitment is to restore its future and hope, focused around material and non-material values. I can assure you that as long as we rule, no one will decide for us how much we allocate to the Polish countryside. Our credibility lies in this. that we implement what we are talking about", stated the Prime Minister.

Source:

<https://www.polsatnews.pl/wiadomosc/2021-08-29/mateusz-morawiecki-obiecuje-pakiety-pomocowe-dla-polskiej-wsi-25-mln-zl-dla-gmin-popegeerowych/>

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