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The Importance of the Agriculture and Livestock Sector in Kurdistan
Agriculture and livestock remain foundational to the economic resilience and food security of the Kurdistan Region. With fertile soils, favorable climate zones, and a long agricultural tradition, the sector can ensure sustainable food production, local employment, and reduced dependency on imports.

Government Vision and Strategic Goals for 2025

The government aims to enhance food security, modernize agriculture and livestock, encourage private-sector investment, generate employment, and promote sustainable development through modern standards and integrated value chains.

Megal Agriculture Project (2025)

In October 2025, the Kurdistan Regional Government inaugurated the Megal Agriculture Project. The project is a US\$100 million private-sector investment spanning 366 dunams along the Erbil–Gwer road.

Project components include:

- A modern slaughterhouse for livestock.
- A livestock trading and breeding center.
- A wastewater treatment facility.
- A waste incineration unit.
- A trading center for livestock products.
- Green spaces and supporting infrastructure.

The project is expected to create more than 1,000 jobs and significantly boost food safety, modern agricultural standards, and economic diversification.



AHK Iraq & German Company Partnerships in 2025

AHK Iraq facilitated cooperation with leading German agribusiness companies in 2025:

1. Zuchtvieh-Export GmbH

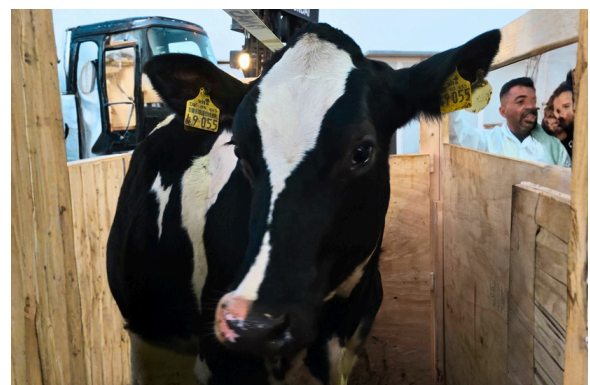
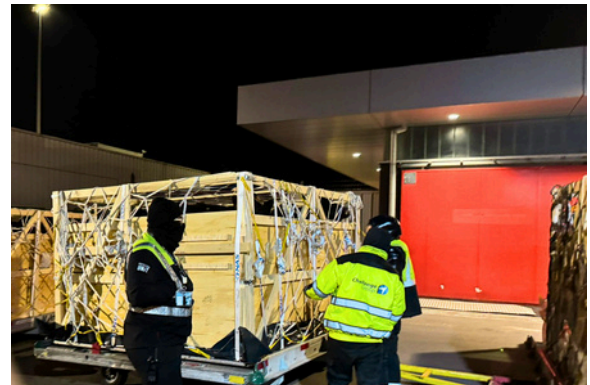
Over 2,000 high-quality dairy cows were imported from Germany, supporting major dairy farms now producing for the local market.

2. Himel Maschinen GmbH & Co. KG

Signed a major contract to provide modern feeding systems, machinery, silage facilities, and farm technology for large farms in Kurdistan.

3. GGI-SPERMEX GmbH

Provided advanced genetics, breeding expertise, and artificial insemination technologies as part of German Farming Solutions.



Agro Pack & Food Iraq 2025 (German Farming Solutions)

Agro Pack & Food Iraq Why It Matters?

What is Agro Pack & Food Iraq?

Agro Pack & Food Iraq is the leading trade fair in Iraq for the agro-food, food-processing, packaging, and related industries. The trade fair is organized by fairtrade Messe GmbH & Co. KG (Germany) and So Fuar Ltd. (Turkey).

The 2025 edition of Agro Pack & Food Iraq, held from 24 to 27 November at the Erbil International Fairground, covers the full value chain: from agriculture and livestock, to food processing, packaging, plastics, and equipment supply.

In 2025, the exhibition space spans 17,000 m², hosting 400+ exhibitors from many countries, and attracting 15,000+ professional visitors (agropackiraq.com)

The fair brings together global suppliers of modern agricultural and food-industry technologies, from livestock breeding and dairy equipment to feeding systems, processing machinery, packaging, and supply chain solutions, organized by a German Company under the name fairtrade Messe.

This makes Agro Pack & Food Iraq a strategic hub for investors, producers, policymakers, and international partners targeting Iraq's agricultural and food sectors. The fair not only showcases technology, but also enables knowledge transfer, networking, investment matching, and the strengthening of the national food supply chain.

Iraq's growing dependence on imports of food, packaging, and food-processing technologies underscores the importance of such a platform. Between 2015 and 2023, imports of food and packaging-processing technology increased from roughly €76 million to €239 million (making Iraq one of the largest importers in the Arab Middle East).

Given this context, Agro Pack & Food Iraq plays a key role in promoting “Made-in-Iraq” production, supporting food security, and attracting investment into local agriculture and agro-industry.

AHK Iraq’s Participation at Agro Pack & Food Iraq 2025 - German Farming Solutions

As part of our mission to strengthen German–Kurdish cooperation in agriculture and livestock, AHK Iraq participated in Agro Pack & Food Iraq 2025 under the label “German Farming Solutions.” Through our booth, we represented and promoted leading German agribusiness companies and their technologies suited for Kurdistan's farming demands.



Our activities at the fair included:

Organizing site visits and meetings between German partners and local farmers/investors, to evaluate opportunities for livestock farms, dairy projects, and modern feeding installations.

Showcasing modern German-standard solutions for livestock breeding, dairy production, feeding systems, and farm management, matching the emerging needs in Kurdistan.

Facilitating B2B matchmaking and partnerships linking investors, farms, and German companies to discuss supply contracts, cattle import, know-how transfer, and farm setup.

Presenting a comprehensive package: from livestock genetics (via Zuchtvieh-Export & GGI-SPERMEX), to feeding systems and farm machinery (via Himel), offering integrated solutions for Kurdistan's livestock & dairy ambitions.

Why our participation matters:

By bringing German expertise to the fair, AHK Iraq helped bridge international technology and local demand, facilitating concrete projects that support Kurdistan's agricultural strategy.

The Agro Pack, as Iraq's largest agro-food and packaging platform, gave our represented companies visibility among 15,000+ professionals, including investors, government decision-makers, farm-owners, and stakeholders, increasing the chance of real deals and investments.

It underlined our role as a facilitator and enabler of quality-focused, sustainable livestock and dairy development in Kurdistan, aligning with government goals of food security, modern farming, and reduced reliance on imports.

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