

But top agrarian officials in the oblast, it appears, are not exactly eager to rush into action.

"There isn't an adequate supply of standard equipment," complains B. Prokopchuk, chairman of the Tyumen Oblast Agro-Industrial Committee (APK). "And on top of that, there have been delays in re-assigning the personnel of the now dissolved "Minleppishchemash" (Ministry of Mechanical Engineering for Light Industry, the Food Industry, and Household Appliances) to manufacturing plants."

And so it goes. It's just that the APK has apparently forgotten that expanding capacity for the processing of agricultural products is its direct responsibility.

A lot of good work is going on in the Tyumen Oblast. Its residents are good, hardworking people. One must not walk over their needs, especially when it's a matter of essentials, such as bread. One can, of course, cite good examples in the oblast: excellent "French" baguettes are being baked in Novyi Urengoi, for example. But what people want is to have them available everywhere in Tyumen Oblast.

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