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Ukraine as a food supplier and guarantor of food security: pre-war and wartime realities

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Abstract: (1) **Background:** Sustainable food systems ensure food needs of a growing world population. But they are subject to many risks, including the danger of war. The purpose of the study is to describe the role of Ukraine as a supplier in the global food market; analyse the damage to Ukrainian agriculture due to the ongoing military aggression of Russia. (2) **Methods:** Analysis of time series, structure and structural shifts was applied. (3) **Results:** As Ukraine is a net exporter of agricultural products on the international market, the russian invasion caused a number of price, logistical, and humanitarian risks and threatened food security at national, regional, and global levels. The Grain Corridor mitigates these risks, but its functioning is again jeopardised. (4) **Conclusions:** Despite the colossal damage to the agricultural sector, Ukraine remains committed to its role as a reliable partner for countries dependent on its supplies and uses every opportunity to export food commodities.

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