Fields of activity and directions of development of state agricultural companies in Russia

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Abstract. This scientific article reveals the issues of the emergence of state agricultural companies in the Russian Federation, their evolution and current state. Today, state agro-industrial complexes in the regions have a different structure, types of activities, as well as operating conditions. The paper analyzes the current state of state agro-industrial complexes and proposes measures for the further development of state agricultural companies.

1. Introduction

The Russian economy has come a long and difficult way over the past decades. The state property monopoly was overcome. A significant number of state-owned enterprises went into private ownership.

Despite several large-scale privatization campaigns the state still plays a significant role in the economy. The state is represented by the federal center and 85 regions. They own various objects. Among them are companies.

The structure of property in the form of shares in business entities vary greatly. The largest owner is the Russian Federation. It’s an owner of about 1000 companies. Russian regions have approximately 2000 legal entities.

Russia is the largest state in the world with a population of over 145 million citizens and millions of guests. The harsh living conditions in a large part of the country require a huge amount of food. This requires a big number of organizations engaged in this area in various parts of the state.

Agriculture in the Russian Federation is far from a profitable industry. However, it’s critical. For this reason and due to historical factors the state is a significant player in the agro-industrial complex of Russia.

In addition to using such organizational and legal forms like budgetary, official order and autonomous institutions [1] the Russian Federation and Russian regions quite actively apply to companies.

The raised topic hasn’t been deeply studied in Russian science. It leads to necessity of a work devoted to state agricultural companies.

2. Materials and methods

State agricultural companies don’t often become an object of researches in Russia. It’s much easier to find articles about public institutions [2-3] and administration [4], development of the economy [5],
management and legal support of activities and information about different types of companies [6-11],
alagricultural sector [12-15].
In Russian science there are only a few works on the theme of state agricultural companies [16-17].
This article will continue the author's research on the topic.
The chosen field of study makes us use general scientific methods.

3. Results and Discussion
The Soviet Union property served as a basis for the future agriculture companies with state
participation. By the decision of the parliament at the end of 1991 the state property of the USSR was
supposed to be divided into federal, regional and municipal property. Also a part of the property was
to be transferred to private.
The Soviet agricultural property was supposed to be divided between federal center, regions and
municipalities in the following way (table 1).

| Federal | Regional | Municipal |
|---------|----------|-----------|
| Breeding and horse farms | Fishing enterprises | Enterprises, public catering |
| Hybrid selection centers | Fur farms | facilities, institutions of the |
| Seed inspections and laboratories | Elevator facilities | Ministry of agriculture of the |
| Variety testing stations and plots | Refrigeration units | Russian Federation. |
| Valuable and anadromous fish species production enterprises | | |
| Serpentariums | | |

*Elaborated by the author.

As we can see the federal center supposed to keep the largest number of different properties. But, Russian history went in a different way.

Today not much of the above list has left in federal ownership. On the other hand, the Russian Federation owns shares in companies the possibility of what few could have imagined.

It’s difficult to define the exact number of federal agricultural companies. The main reasons is permanent selling of shares.

Interesting examples of state agricultural companies with the participation of the Russian Federation are JSC "Rosagroleasing", JSC "Russian hippodromes", JSC "United grain company". The federal center is the only owner of first and second economic entities. In the last one the Russian Federation has 50% plus 1 share.

JSC "Rosagroleasing" play an important role in developing agriculture companies. It leases different equipment to agricultural economic entities.

JSC "Russian hippodromes" is an owner of the biggest hippodromes network in Russia. The company has 17 hippodromes all over the country. The most famous are Central Moscow hippodrome (located in Russian capital city), Ramensky hippodrome (Moscow region), Barnaul hippodrome (Altai region) and Nizhny Novgorod hippodrome.

JSC "United grain company" is a giant Russian grain seller.

More interesting is to have a look at state agricultural companies in Russian regions property (table 2).

As we can see from the table Russian regions have different number of state agricultural companies. Even in one federal district the situation differs. The biggest number of companies in the most populated federal district (Central) is in Yaroslavl region. Given data on the other federal districts help us to compare figures and better understand the situation in different parts of Russia.
Let’s have a closer look at state agricultural companies in Central federal district (table 3).

**Table 2.** State agricultural companies in Russian regions.

| Federal district | Region                   | Total number of companies | Number of agriculture companies | Percentage of total number of companies, in % |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Central          | Ivanovo reg.             | 11                        | 2                              | 18                                         |
| Central          | Yaroslavl reg.           | 18                        | 3                              | 17                                         |
| Central          | Kaluga reg.              | 15                        | 2                              | 13                                         |
| Central          | Vladimir reg.            | 17                        | 2                              | 12                                         |
| Central          | Belgorod reg.            | 21                        | 1                              | 5                                          |
| Ural             | Tyumen reg.              | 20                        | 5                              | 25                                         |
| North-western    | Pskov reg.               | 10                        | 1                              | 10                                         |
| South            | Rostov reg.              | 14                        | 1                              | 7                                          |
| North Caucasian  | The Dagestan Rep.        | 53                        | 2                              | 4                                          |
| Volga (Privolzhsky)| Nizhny Novgorod reg.    | 13                        | 0                              | 0                                          |
| Siberian         | Krasnoyarsk reg.         | 8                         | 0                              | 0                                          |
| Far Eastern      | Magadan reg.             | 4                         | 0                              | 0                                          |

*Elaborated by the author.

**Table 3.** Main fields of activity of state agricultural companies in Central federal district.

| Region               | Company name                                | Main fields of activities                       | Holding type | Share, % |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Ivanovo reg.         | JSC "Ivanovo agrarian leasing company"      | Leasing of agricultural machinery               | -             | 100      |
| Ivanovo reg.         | OJSC "Sovkhoz "Teplichny"                   | Growing vegetables                               | -             | 100      |
| Yaroslavl reg.       | OJSC "Yaroslavl bakery №4"                  | Baking                                          | -             | 100      |
| Yaroslavl reg.       | OJSC "Greenhouse complex "Tunoshna"          | Growing vegetables and seedlings                | -             | 100      |
| Yaroslavl reg.       | OJSC                                        | Leasing of agricultural machinery               | -             | 100      |
| Vladimir reg.        | JSC "Vladagroleasing"                       | Leasing                                         | -             | 100      |
| Vladimir reg.        | JSC "Vladimirsky greenhouse plant"          | Growing vegetables, flowers and seedlings       | -             | 100      |
| Belgorod reg.        | JSC Scientific and production company "Belselect" | Is in the process of liquidation                  | -             | 100      |
| Kaluga reg.          | JSC "Sovkhoz Rosva"                         | Livestock and milk production                   | -             | 100      |
| Kaluga reg.          | LLC "Hunting farm "Petrovskoe"              | Organization of hunting                          | -             | 51       |

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In other federal districts the situation is the following (table 4).

**Table 4.**

4. Conclusion
The conducted research allows us to draw the following conclusions.

The Russian Federation and Russians region are large owners of agricultural companies. Some of companies changed shareholders but still remained in state property. For example, earlier in federal property were OJSC "Sovkhoz "Teplichny" (Ivanovo region) and JSC "Sovkhoz Rosva" (Yaroslavl region). Now they are in regional ownership.
Table 4. Main fields of activity of state agricultural companies in different federal districts.

| Federal district | Region             | Company name                                           | Main activities                        | Holding type | Share, % |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| North-western    | Pskov reg.        | LLC "Pskov fishing complex Zalita"                     | Fish farming                          | -            | 100      |
| Ural             | Tyumen reg.       | JSC "Agrotechnical center"                            | Grain growing and harvesting services | -            | 100      |
| Ural             | Tyumen reg.       | PJSC "Poultry farm "Borovskaya" named after A.A. Sozonov" | Poultry farming                       | -            | 99.9     |
| Ural             | Tyumen reg.       | OJSC "Sovkhoz "Chervishevsky"                         | Livestock and milk production         | -            | 99.9     |
| Ural             | Tyumen reg.       | JSC "Tyumen agroindustrial leasing company"           | Leasing of agricultural machinery     | -            | 89.9     |
| Ural             | Tyumen reg.       | LLC "Biotex-group"                                    | Flour production                      | -            | 82.7     |
| South            | Rostov reg.       | JSC "Regional leasing company for Rostov region"      | Leasing of agricultural machinery     | -            | 100      |
| North Caucasian  | The Dagestan Rep. | JSC "Dagagrosnab"                                     | Leasing of agricultural machinery     | -            | 55.4     |
| North Caucasian  | The Dagestan Rep. | "Shamkhalkhleboprodukt" JSC                           | Fodder production                     | -            | 49       |

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The most common fields of activity of regional agricultural companies are growing vegetables and leasing of agricultural machinery.

State companies play an important role in different agricultural spheres and help do develop Russian economy.

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