



### **Partners in Agri-Food: Assisting Beekeeping Institutes**

*In a project targeting beekeeping institutes in Kyiv and Cherkassy, Canadian Ken Solomon worked in an apiary, and provided technical advice on beekeeping, laboratory routines and honey gathering.*



*Apiary of the Agri-Farm Victoria in Selo Vovkivtsi, Borschiw Region, Ternopil Oblast, Western Ukraine.*

their perspectives on the issues and challenges of privatization, and future prospects of their firms and their country.

Ms. Johnson also discussed technical information and experiences with Mr. Adjiev Timur from Uvecon, a local consulting firm with expertise in the area of property evaluation.

The privatization program is politically controversial in Ukraine. Johnson notes, "I developed a profound respect and admiration for the staff at the Public Service Assets Fund who strive to meet their objectives in this extraordinarily challenging political environment".

## **PARTNERS IN AGRI-FOOD**

*The CUPP Agri-Food Sector program, managed jointly by the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, provides technical expertise to the Ukrainian agri-food sector to improve their production techniques to that of global standards and to enable them to adapt to the market economy. Project placements are varied and have been developed to be sustainable. Whenever possible, participants are encouraged to develop long-term linkages either between institutions or a farmer-to-farmer*

*relationship. Agri-food projects are divided into the areas of:*

**Institutional Support** where projects are designed to facilitate the establishment and strengthening of scientific agricultural societies and farm organizations, providing leadership, and facilitating the exchange of technical and practical experience.

**Human Resource Development** where projects include: scientific and professional agricultural workshops and seminars; agricultural extension; education and training on topics such as farm management, appropriate technology and methodology (ie. zero tillage, land use and soil conservation techniques); and, to promote ongoing cooperation and collaboration through exchanges between Canadian and host country farmers and agricultural professionals and scientists.

**Scientific and Professional Agricultural Development** which includes: institutional strengthening and cooperation through partnerships with counterpart organizations in Ukraine, Canada and internationally; and, the collaboration in transferring scientific agricultural research and technology, from both farm and laboratory, to the producers.

The following example details the five Ukraine projects involved with the Volyn Oblast Forage Team initiative. The Project participants were Bryant Kirychuk and Wallace Vanin.

### **Volyn Forage Project**

The northern half of the Volyn Oblast in Ukraine has climatic conditions and soils advantageous for livestock feed production and livestock production on pastures. Soils are predominantly sand and peat with high water tables. Extensive peat soils are found in the northern portion of the Volyn Oblast. The peat soils have high levels of nitrogen but are low in phosphate, potash and micronutrients. Phosphate is available from a phosphate deposit in the Stara Vyzhivka region. Drainage canals have been constructed to permit forage production and grazing on peat soils. Precipitation is 650 mm per year with low precipitation during late July and early August.