

ABSTRACT

The concept of food security cannot be considered under the context of a single country or even an entire region. This is the global one and requires a global attitude. Many international organizations coordinate and pay attention to food security issues, especially in the developing countries, where this problem more or less exists.

Agriculture represents a significant segment of the economy of Georgia. Development of secure food for domestic consumption or export trade relies on uniform food policies and procedures that are consistently enforced by government agencies.

The basic idea of the dissertation is to identify the concept of food security, to define those important economic factors that have a huge impact on the food security performance. This study explored and described these economic factors. The assessment of these factors was conducted for Georgian food security. In particular, three factors, food utilization, food access and food availability was identified, their calculation was introduced and their impact on Georgian food security situation was studied.

The regulation and policy of European countries were analyzed in order to develop those institutional arrangements and policy examples for Georgian food security regulation. Major important regulations and laws were introduced which gave an opportunity to assess Georgian legislative situation and future perspectives.

A multi-method research strategy included a qualitative research (where major stakeholders were identified), mathematical and statistical analysis and correlation-regression analysis. Data were collected from multiple sources: documentary evidence, interviews with major stakeholders; the correlation-regression analysis allowed to discover how regional food security factors have an impact on the country level. The research was conducted in order to develop analysis and policy options on food security and food safety issues. It is expected that the policy report will provide a roadmap for government officials, EU representatives, and NGOs to address critical issues of the food security. Furthermore, during the study food security performance in Georgia was studied and analyzed, basic statistical indicators were introduced; it is important to mention that recommendations and conclusions provided by the author will greatly contribute to the establishment of the effective and complex system of food security.