

# Agrometeorological conditions are suitable for deep plowing and pruning in apple and pear cultivation

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During most days of the next seven-day period, the agrometeorological conditions will be determined by relatively dry weather and temperatures above the climatic norms for the third ten-day period of December. In the field regions, the mean daily temperatures will be within ranges

that will maintain the autumn-sown crops in dormancy. In wheat and barley, the third leaf and tillering stages will predominate, and in winter rapeseed – the rosette stage.

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