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INTERACTIONS BETWEEN TRYPILLIAN FARMERS AND SREDNIJ STOG PASTORALISTS IN THE DNIEPER AREA AT THE END OF THE 5TH MILLENNIUM BCE

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Migration of Cucuteni-Trypillia farmers from the Carpathian region eastwards in the second half of the 5th millennium BCE subdivided the Trypillian complex into a number of relatively isolated local groups. At the same time, some of these groups came into contact with nomadic pastoralists of the Srednij Stog complex from the northern part of the Pontic steppe. At the Trypillian site of Kolomiytsiv Yar Tract in the middle Dnieper area, evidence of Srednij Stog influence on Trypillian kitchenware pottery (Cucuteni C) has been identified. Human remains uncovered at the site allowed to directly date the Kolomiytsiv Yar Tract settlement to the end of the 5th- beginning of the 4th millennium calBCE. The analysis of diet isotopes of the Kolomiytsiv Yar's remains suggests that the individual's subsistence was that of a pastoralist, such as a member of the Srednij Stog community. This finding further supports close relationships between Trypillia and Srednij Stog during the BI-II stage of Trypillia culture chronology.

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