



HAJDU FAMILY FARM

Farm with two balanced pillars of production – animal husbandry and crop cultivation.

Identification details

Name: Hajdu

Location: Békés county, Kötegyán, Hungary

Farm size: 90 ha

Year of foundation: 2018

Main activities: field crop production, forestry, animal husbandry, contracted animal husbandry

Web / Facebook / Twitter: N/A

The quality of the soil is better than the national average; it also serves the purposes of crop production and animal husbandry well. Starting from 2018, the farm's main activities are field crop production, forestry, animal husbandry, and contracted animal husbandry, continuing the family business traditions. The young farmer considers it important to choose a profile in farming and give preference to "standing on several legs", which creates a stable livelihood throughout the year, even in precarious situations. Owners primary motivation for starting farming was to preserve family traditions and to promote generational change.

The estate is approximately 90 ha, most of which is arable land with a small pasture and forest. Cereal crops (wheat, barley) and hoeing crops (sunflower, corn) are grown in the fields. Pastures are reserved for serving animals (cattle), providing them with food and habitat. 60% of the value produced comes from the cultivation of winter wheat, sunflowers, barley, maize, while the other 40% comes from farm animals (cattle, goats, geese).

In addition to formal memberships, informal collaborations can also be identified when reviewing the network of contacts. In the course of the co-operations, they clean the crops, store them and sell them locally at the agricultural companies in their surroundings. They attend the annual landowners' meeting on a regular basis, where they share useful advice with local farmers. As their agrarian machinery fleet is not yet complete, local enterprises are hired for activities that require machinery. The farm holds membership in the Poultry Holders Southern Hungarian Agricultural Cooperative.

No significant investment has been made since the start of the activity. The farm is distinguished from the surrounding farms by the family atmosphere. Owners long-term plans include creating a sustainable, renewable energy-friendly farm that can be carried forward by even a generation of grandchildren.

Viability of small farms managed by young farmers under new
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