



## KRISTÓF SZANISZLÓ

*The 3rd generation young farmer with a big desire to be his own master and runs business with difficult soil conditions*

### **Identification details:**

Name: Kristóf Szaniszló

Location: Csongrád-Csanád county, Ásotthalom

Farm size: 40 ha

Year established: 1991

Main activities: field crop production (carrots, celery, beets, root)

Web / Facebook / Twitter: N/A

Ásotthalom is located in the southern part of Hungary, in the immediate vicinity of the Serbian border. The soil is not the most ideal for growing crops. Weakly humus-rich sandy soils have formed in the area of the settlement, mainly sandy soils with deep humus layers occur. From a hydrological point of view, it is characteristic that the groundwater is located at a depth of 100-250 cm.

Kristóf Szaniszló (25), who is already a 3rd generation young farmer, runs his business with such soil conditions. For him the motivation for farming was to be his own master, and he was also enchanted by the way of life. The history of the farm begins with Kristóf's grandfather, who recognized the opportunities offered by the change of regime and started farming (around 1991). On 40 hectares, only open field crops are grown: carrots, celery, beets, roots.

Formally, he has only mandatory memberships and in connection with agreements with purchasers. He has more intensive and beneficial informal relationships with other farmers. These include exchanging ideas/sharing information and knowledge, achieving better prices (e.g. fertilizers), working together/sharing resources (workers, machinery). The advantage of the collaborations is saving costs and time, increasing efficiency. Sales are currently to buyers and the free market. The farm is not a member of an organization of agricultural enterprises.

Since the start of the activity a major investment has been made in the spring of 2020, when a cold store was built. The unique character of the farm for its environment is given by its commitment to farming and stronger motivation. His short-term plan is the construction of another farm building, while on the long run, he plans to triple the size of the farm, and to enhance mechanization, start using high-tech solutions.

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