

## THE SHIRON FARM

*A modern cannabis farm*

### **Identification data:**

Name: The Shiron Farm

Location: Papiškiai village, Giedraičiai eldership, Molėtai district, Lithuania

Farm size: about 80 hectares of land

Year established: 2015

Main produce: cannabis

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The Shiron family owns about 80 hectares of land, of which 40 hectares are cultivated. They used to have a dairy farm but sold two years ago and started a new activity on the initiative of his son Andrius – cannabis growing. Cannabis is grown and processed. Cannabis was first produced in 2015 when fibrous hemp was a new crop. Initially, farmers tried to sow fibrous hemp, but it grows tall, up to 2.5-3 meters, making it more challenging to harvest.

For this reason, the hemp was changed from fibrous to seed variety. Oilseed hemp is now being sown on the farm. Two years ago, the farm also received a certificate for organic products. The economic value of the farm is created in a complex way: not only are seeds sown, threshed and sold on the farm, but also educations and seminars are organised.

Andrius decided to grow cannabis because he didn't want animals; he didn't want ordinary plants; he wanted to produce something more exciting and meaningful, useful not only for his family but also for others. He wanted to grow something he would eat himself. Currently, he participates in the activities of the Association of Cannabis Growers, Processors and Business Innovators.

The farm specialisation is hemp seed oil, whole grain hemp seeds, hulled hemp seeds. Cannabis is usually sown on 5 to 11 hectares. No further expansion is possible due to crop rotation and similar aspects

The farmer has concluded contracts under which he supplies products to wholesalers, but he also supplies to smaller retail businesses and final consumers.

The non-agricultural farm activity includes hemp oil extraction and educational activities, seminar organisation, volunteering activities.

The farm differentiates itself from others by cold cannabis seed oil extraction. They grow hemp responsibly, only timely dry hemp seeds are selected for hemp oil pressing, and the oil is pressed according to quality standards. Only then it has a mild aroma and taste of seeds and nuts and is enriched with various valuable substances.

The family hoped that the circle of cannabis growers would expand and that they would create a whole Lithuanian cluster of hemp growers, processors, and traders.

**Photos:**



**Cannabis field**



**Farm holdings**

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