



CZUBAK FARM

Pig farm managed by a young farmer interested in modernising the infrastructure

Identification details

Name: Jan Czubak

Location: Grębów, Wielkopolskie Voivodeship, Poland

Farm size: 1000 pigs, 16 ha (11 owned)

Year of foundation: 2015

Main activities: pigs, wheat, maize, barley

Web / Facebook / Twitter: N/A

Farm is managed by 27-year-old man, who completed agricultural technical school. He started the agricultural activity in 2015 when he took over the farm from his parents. Agricultural tradition and a passion for agriculture made him starting agricultural activity.

The utilized agricultural area (UAA) of the farm about 16 ha, including 11 ha UAA owned by the farm manager. The rest of the agricultural land is leased. Specialization in pig production is taken on the farm. Around 1 000 pigs are produced annually. Plant production is carried out in order to provide animal fodder. Wheat, maize and barley are grown and the sown area is changing year to year.

Since 2016 the farmer is a member of agricultural producers' group, which is organised as a limited liability company. Basic activities of that agricultural producers' group cover joint sales of pigs, as well as joint purchases of fertilizers, soybean and rapeseed meal, other feed and concentrates for pigs and cattle. Through joint organisation of purchases the farmer pays lower prices for means of agricultural production by around 5%. Due to the joint organisation of sales the prices obtained are not significantly higher, but the smooth collection of fattening pigs is guaranteed and the payments are regular. This satisfies the farmer and makes the competitive position of his farm stronger. The farm manager is also involved in social activities and is a member of the volunteer fire brigade. In order to broaden the knowledge and skills, the farmer attends trainings on plant protection products, new plant species and news related to agricultural machinery.

He believes that modern infrastructure and owner who keeps up with the times are of key importance to the successful agricultural activity and can give the farm an advantage over the competitors. That is why a new livestock building was built on the farm. However, the farmer plans his business in the short term rather than in the long term. He points out that too many fluctuating factors affect farming to plan agricultural activity for such a long time as for example 20 years.

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