



TURČIAN HONEY

The farm aim is to increase honey production and sales.

Identification data:

Name: Peter Baranka

Location: Kláštor pod Znievom, Slovakia

Farm size: 1 ha

Year established: 2016

Main activities: beekeeping

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Peter Baranka became interested in beekeeping in 2012 thanks to my parents, who started beekeeping earlier. He decided to train in beekeeping and successfully completed the accredited educational program "Beginning beekeeper" focused on beekeeping, honeybee biology, beekeeping, bee grazing, diseases and pests of bees and bee products. He graduated from this program at the Secondary Vocational School in Banská Bystrica, about which he obtained a certificate of completion (see appendix). In the autumn of 2015, he also completed the training of an assistant veterinarian (AUVL) in Banská Bystrica. At the beginning of 2016, he completed course in Economically Oriented Beekeeping.

It currently has 105 hives registered in the Central Hive Register. The hives are housed in a nomadic wagon that is adapted for beekeeping. In the car, it stores hive frames and the necessary equipment, which include a hand-held three-frame honeycomb, a pipe, a spacer and a whisk. He wants to expand his breeding and thus contribute to the development of beekeeping in Slovakia. From his point of view, this is a beautiful hobby associated with pollination activities and associated revenues from the sale of bee by-products such as honey, pollen and propolis, thanks to which it is possible to cover the costs associated with breeding and make a profit.

Its business plan is to reach the amount of hives from 10 to 157 over the next three years and thus increase honey production and its final sale to consumers, including other products - pollen, propolis, mead, wax products. He wants to gradually increase this situation, at least maintain it.

The number of beehives 157 as a company wants to reach by buying strong production families from registered beekeepers within the region in which I decided to do business, or within the territory of Slovakia. Gradually, I plan to acquire another 40 production bee families in the first year and join them to the current ten hives. At the beginning of the first season, I will reach the number of 50 production hives. The next season depends on the overwintering of beehives and thus the death of families. Assuming that all bee colonies survive to the next season of order, I want to acquire another 50 productive families during the next season, which will bring us to the number of 100 bee families. Next season, assuming a favorable development of bee families, I will procure at least another 57 quality production bee families, which will get us to the required goal of 160 registered beehives. In the event of the death of bee colonies or a bear attack on an apiary (a recurring phenomenon in the Turiec region),

it will be necessary to purchase the planned number of bee families from a registered breeder in the region, resp. from a breeder in Slovakia.

The owner of the company, Mr. Baranka, has extensive experience in agricultural activities, as he helped his grandparents on the farm as a child. He has also completed several high school courses. If necessary, if it is necessary to complete an accredited course for special plant and animal production, which is one of the conditions for being able to obtain the said support and be able to obtain the status of a young farmer, he is ready to complete the course.

I will be employing my father, Stanislav Baranka, full-time for five years. The father also completed the accredited educational program "Beginner Beekeeper" at the secondary vocational school under Bánoš in Banská Bystrica. He also participated in the course of economically oriented breeding of bee colonies for advanced in the sample apiary SZV with Ing. Tibor Jókay in Želiezovce and also completed a course in VAT treatment with doc. Ing. Ján Haščík, PhD, which is a great benefit for the company.

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