



## PETER FRANCISCI

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### Identification data:

Name: Peter Francisci

Location: Košúty, Slovakia

Farm size: 300 ha

Year established: 2014

Main activities: cereals, pellets

Web / Facebook / Youtube: <https://youtu.be/ipWA18iz6gg>

The young farmer Peter Francisci manages in the cadastre of the municipalities of Košúty, Čierny Brod, Sládkovičovo.

Farmers in the lowlands, located in a drier and warm agricultural area in the district of Galanta. Precipitation is less frequent here than in other parts of Slovakia, it is one of our driest areas. It is still part of the Danubian Lowland, so the lands are high quality, mostly black earth. This characteristic also determines the composition of cultivated crops - cereals, corn, oilseeds, peas.

He has been active in agriculture since his youth, when he and his brother took part in agricultural work on his father's farm. He enriched the knowledge gained from the older generation with an education at the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra.

Peter Francisci is primarily a cereal grower. It carries out its activities in person and with the help of employees who are in charge of service work.

If we talk about Peter Francisci's company, we are also talking about his father's and brother's company.

They are members of an exemplary agricultural family, where the division of labor between the company of Peter Francisci, his brother Andrej and his father works perfectly. The cooperation between the two, and I guess the third generation to come, works as an example, as even the small son of Peter Francisci rides his tractors between his tractors and, in his childhood, his father and grandparents. And because they let him find a space and activity that he enjoys, they support the youngest generation's relationship with land and agricultural work.

Through hard work, the family gradually became fully agricultural, ie fully dependent on income from agricultural production. In addition to crop production, they also deal with small animal production, especially for the needs of family. There are several dairy cows and calves in the farm.

Franciscan cooperation does not end with agricultural work. As good farmers, they try to make products also from plant waste. In 2014 they started the production of pellets from plant residues, which, as one of the few, tries to creatively look for solutions to the current situation. This production complements the income part of the economy of the cooperating farms, they process practically all vegetable waste into heating pellets. (bran, bark, plant waste)



For farmer Peter Francisci, we clearly see the benefits of farmers' cooperation, in the form of division of labor - complementing them in seasonal work in the field and in the "background", where brothers and their father can help each other in the case of repairs of agricultural machinery.

Joint planning is also an important aspect. Coordination of procedures streamlines production, thus reducing labor and financial costs. And since financing is also related to joint planning, the interaction in setting financial expenditures and their proper timing eliminates the risks associated with investing.

That's why Peter Francisci's company is doing well. It is an example of how to look for space for application not only directly in primary agricultural production, but also in related activities. Another important aspect is the diversification of farm family incomes and the reduction of dependence on one activity.

The next step will therefore be the transition from conventional production to ecology. It is a challenge that the company will certainly cope with in cooperation with the family.

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