

Viability of small farms managed by young farmers under new "farm-to-fork" strategy (2020-1-CZ01-KA203-078495)



PETER TRIŠČ

Farmer with a close relationship with nature and animals since his childhood.

Identification data:

Name: Peter Trišč

Location: Svinia, Slovakia

Farm size: 106 ha

Year established: 2013

Main activities: beef cattle breeding

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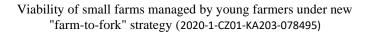
Peter Trišč graduated two universities: the Technical University in Zvolen, the Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Studies and the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra, Faculty of Natural Sciences. He has had a close relationship with nature and animals since childhood. The culmination of this idea was the establishment of the farm. He never wanted to work in the office at a computer. Working on a farm gives him freedom. As the type of work on the farm is constantly changing, the work is not monotonous.

The farm was established in 2013. The initial large investment was the purchase of 7 cattle, later the construction of a shelter for animals and the purchase of agricultural machinery, which they still repay. Since the beginning, everything was financed from own funds. In 2018, the farm joined the "Young Farmer" project administrated by the Ministry of Agriculture, which turned out to be successful in their case, and the farm began to draw funds from this project.

All neighboring farms farm their fields in a conventional way, but Trišč farm is based on the principle of sustainable development – in the wider area it is the only one in an ecological way of farming.

The farm is a member of the Association of Slovak Young Farmers in Slovakia (ASYF). The advantage of membership in ASYF is the acquisition of the latest information in the field of agriculture, exchange of experience, acquisition of new know-how, the opportunity to consult with other members in case of problems, the opportunity as an association to comment on various proposals for changes in legislation concerning the agriculture.

The farm is not part of any sales association, but local farmers and agricultural cooperatives always try to help each other, especially by helping with agro-services. In the pandemic situation of Covid-19, in the event of a staff failure due to illness or quarantine Peter assisted with his agricultural equipment in the fields of the cooperative. On the other hand, in the case of the loss of his cow's milk (colostrum) supplies the neighboring Agricultural Cooperative helped Peter with this product.







In the future, Peter would like to create a strong stable family eco-farm, which will be of the breeding type, where he would raise breeding animals. He believes that in the near future he will be able to set up regular sales of organic meat.

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