

# Union «Farmers Parliament» Latvia

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# Farmers Parliament - the voice of Latvian farming

NGO, where 900 producing farmers are members, founded 1999

Main tasks:

- Lobbying of farmers interests in Latvia and EU
- Active member of COPA
- Link between farming and institutions, policy makers, research
- Education and information of farmers

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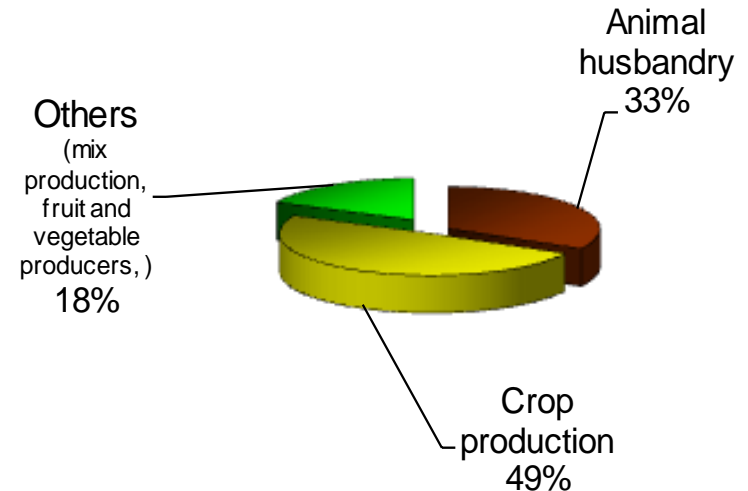
Active in projects from 2002

Bottom-up approach is developed in the organization for the assembly and introduction of innovative ideas, targeted directly to the primary producers needs.

# Farmers Parliament – about us

- Around 900 members - farms and agricultural businesses
- Members cover all agricultural sub-sectors
- Mostly family farms
- Our members: cultivate over 500 000 ha of agricultural land (1/3 of all state).
- Employ more than 4000 people
- Managed by 9 farmers, board members, representing all Latvia regions;
- Advisory board – participants from all sectoral organizations
- Office in Riga, 11 specialists.
- Budget: membership fees, projects financing, services

ZSA members specialization



# Main Activities

- Keeping track on agro-political issues in Latvia and Europe
- Elaboration and submission of recommendations for legal acts
- Communication with state institutions and officials
- Dissemination of information through mass media
- Implementation of international and national projects
- Consultations and problem solving for our members

# Animal Husbandry

## Dairy sector



- A number of dairy cows – 142 000
- A number of dairy farms – 6 000
- Average milk yield – 7 500 kg
- Breeds – «*Holstein*» 46%; «*Latvian brown*» 21%; «*Holstein red and white*» 12%
- Export experience of breeding dairy cattle (mostly pregnant heifers) are more than 5 years. Main countries are Turkey, Georgia, Uzbekistan

# Animal Husbandry Beef Sector

- A number of suckler cows – 55 000
- A number of beef farms – 5 000
- Breeds – «*Charolais*» 25%; «*Limousin*» 8%; «*Hereford*» 6%
- Export experience of breeding beef cattle are from 2016. Main countries are Turkey and Kazakhstan.



**Thank you for your  
attention!**