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KEY FACTS

Latvian Holstein Association has established at year 1998 by farmers. At year 2003 it was approved as official breeding organization eligible to enter cows in the herdbook in Latvia. The pedigree certificates are given to cattle breeders according the data registered in the Herd book. For this reason, the cattle of members of the association are recorded in the Herd book following the regulation of herdbook keeping.

GOALS AND METHODS OF ACTION

Main goals of Latvian Holstein Association are: development and improvement of the Holstein breed in Latvia, unification of the Holstein cattle owners and promotion the dairy farming, integration with the global Holstein breed development processes, active involvement in drafting of laws targeted at furthering the development of dairy farming in Latvia, advocating of interests of the Association members in public agencies and other institutions.

Latvian Holstein Association works on breeding advices, organization of seminars, lectures, tutorials and other extension measures for members and other interested entities on subjects relevant to Association goals, and other themes of animal husbandry; drafting of proposals for criteria relevant to obtaining of the national subsidies for acquisition of high quality genetic material and submitting of the said proposals to the Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Latvia; entering into agreements with physical and legal entities both, in Republic of Latvia and overseas, integration in undertakings and partnerships, as well as becoming members in other companies or institutions.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

Latvian Holstein Association is a democratic organization and has the following management institutions: General Meeting, where Board members are nominated and elected; the Board of amid its membership elects the Chairperson of the Board.

TODAY

At year 2016 organization had 105 members with about 13000 milking cows recorded, average herd size 130 cows and average milk yield per cow (365 days) 8600 kg with 4.07% butterfat and 3.31% protein. In three herds milk yield per cow (365 days) was over 14000 kg.