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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Review of Activities and Measures in Beekeeping Sector



Rural development strategic plan

- ▶ Strategic aim is to improve competitive positions of agriculture
- ▶ Premiums for beekeepers: per hive and per produced honey bee queen
- ▶ Premium measures for capital investments and equipment - 40% of invested assets
- ▶ Support for fair organizing, study tours and scientific meetings for beekeeping sector
- ▶ Support for organizing beekeepers associations, certification, standardization etc.



Reimbursement-support to production and income

- ▶ In 2010. 55 associations and 2 cooperatives applied.
- ▶ Total: 141.303 beehives and 1.740 beekeepers
- ▶ Distribution Plan estimates 550.000,00 Euros for 2010.
- ▶ On average 3,80 Euros per beehive.



Data of the republic Institute for Statistics

Year	2000.-2004.	2006.	2007.
Number of beehives	90,051	113,440	133,669
Produced honey in tons	-	1,370	1,190



Honey products market

- ▶ Sale at the farm – “at the doorstep” 46,7%
- ▶ Sale at the greenmarket 36,21%
- ▶ Sale through associations/cooperatives 3,45%



Honey production in Republic of Srpska

- ▶ Estimate is that there are 160,000 beehives in Republic of Srpska.
- ▶ Average honey production per one beehive is 10 kg.
- ▶ Average honey production per inhabitant is 1,1 kg
- ▶ Europe import about 50% of honey.



Laws

- ▶ Law on Apiculture of RS was adopted in June 2010. 5 regulations are also planned.
- ▶ Law on Food of RS, June 2009.
- ▶ Rule book on Honey and other Bee products BIH, Council of Ministers 2009.
- ▶ All future Acts will be in accordance with EU Regulations



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UNION OF BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATIONS OF REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA



Union of Beekeepers Associations of the Republic of Srpska

- ▶ Union of Beekeepers Associations of the RS was founded in 2003.
- ▶ The seat of Union is in Bijeljini.
- ▶ Union of Beekeepers is the Association of 50 municipality beekeepers associations of RS.

Number of beekeepers and beehives through the regions, 2010.

Region	Beekeepers	Beehives
Podkozarje	480	3,060
Krajina	390	22,720
Doboj	450	32,300
Semberija - Majevica	230	13,430
Gornjedrinska	115	4,870
Birac	220	10,360
Romanija	105	5,700
Hercegovina	800	37,950
Total	2,790	158,190

Activities of the Union of Beekeepers Associations of RS

- In 2009. in Montpellier, France, the Union became a full member of APIMONDIA, with two delegates in the Assembly.



Activities of the Union of Beekeepers Associations of RS

The following things have been done:

- ▶ A uniform beekeeping data base
- ▶ `Good Beekeeping Practice` - a handbook by Gilles Ratia (current President of APIMONDIA)
- ▶ Web site of the Union www.suprs.info
- ▶ Bulletin of the Union
- ▶ Law on Beekeeping was adopted in RS
- ▶ Regular reimbursement for beekeeping sector by Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of RS.



Education

- ▶ Beekeeping Schools and Trainings for:
Professional
Beekeepers and
Beginners



Potential

- ▶ Young and trained beekeepers
- ▶ Well educated researchers
- ▶ Favourable climate conditions
- ▶ Plenty of melliferous plants
- ▶ Untouched nature
- ▶ Virgin and unpolluted area



Beekeeping potential



Products

- ▶ High quality products.
- ▶ Until 1990. our products were exported all over the world.
- ▶ During Austro-Hungarian period all honey from Herzegovina was bought up.



Centers for raising honey bee queens and selection

- ▶ 2 selection centers (Trebinje and Doboj)
- ▶ 8 Reprocenters
- ▶ Production – 14,000 honey bee queens a year.



Processing capacity

- ▶ 20 mini works for honey products packaging
- ▶ 10 mini works for beebread and beeswax foundation production
- ▶ 10 mini works for beekeeping equipment production
- ▶ In progress – building two apiculture centers in Trebinje and Laktasi



Tourism potential

- ▶ Untouched nature
- ▶ Modern apiaries
- ▶ Modern accomodation capacities
- ▶ National cuisine
- ▶ Honey roads
- ▶ Wine roads



Union of Beekeepers Associations of the Republic of Srpska

- ▶ Union representatives have actively taken part in all APIMONDIA since 2003. (Ljubljana 2003., Dublin 2005., Melbourne 2007., Montpellier 2009.)
- ▶ Regular participants of EURBEE (Prague, Ankara)
- ▶ Active participants of Coloss Project



Problems

- ▶ Lack of existence of Monitoring Plan for bee products control;
- ▶ Non-certified laboratories by EU;
- ▶ Not enough budget for scientific institutions;
- ▶ There is no possibility to export honey surplus to EU countries.



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