

Vice-President AGRION report SLOVAKIA

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Information about Slovak agriculture

▶ Agricultural land	2,4 mil. hectares
- arable land	1,4 mil. hectares
▶ Number of employees	47 800
▶ Number of farms	24 473
- legal entity	2 276
▶ The average area of farms	80 hectares
▶ The average area of legal entity	695 hectares
▶ Value of agricultural production	2 080 mil eur
- crop production	1 215 mil. eur
- animal production	865 mil. eur

History of AGRION - Slovak association of suppliers of agricultural technology

- ▶ 1994 - Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers' Association in Slovak Republic was established by 26 Slovak enterprises dealing in development, production and sale of agricultural machinery
- ▶ 1995 - First machines demonstration (machinery only in fair before)
- ▶ 2006 - Established first specialized international agricultural machinery fair
- ▶ 2014 - 20th anniversary of association AGRION



AGRION Members

- ▶ 49 companies from the Slovak Republic.
- ▶ AGRION represents the major importers of tractors on Slovak market: Case, Claas, Deutz - Fahr, Farmtrac, Fendt, Hattat, JCB, John Deere, Kubota, Lamborghini, Massey Ferguson, New Holland, Same, Valtra and Zetor.
- ▶ AGRION represents the major importers agricultural implements.
- ▶ Slovak agricultural university is member of AGRION
- ▶ AGRION is co-organizer of specialized international agricultural machinery fair AGROSALON. In 2015 attended 42 members companies.



ACTIVITIES

► Machines demonstration

- in May FORAGE MACHINES (about 20 companies and 100 machines)
- in October CORN MACHINES (about 15 companies and 80 machines)

► Fairs

- in March AGROSALON
 - established 2007
 - periodicity every two years
 - next exhibition in 2017
 - area of agricultural machinery 24 500 m²
- in August AGROKOMPLEX
 - established 1974
 - every year
 - area of agricultural machinery 10 000 m²



SERVICES for members of AGRION

- ▶ Statistics of agricultural machinery sales in Slovakia
- ▶ Information about EU support
- ▶ Conferences (in 2015: in february - approval, in march - support, in may - forage)



ACTIVITIES - Education

- ▶ Problem: Agricultural schools are not interesting for students
 - Number of agricultural employees in past 20 years decreases.
 - Average salary in agriculture is only 75 percent of average salary in national economy
 - Students (and their parents) consider agricultural education as not perspective
- ▶ Situation is changing now (the lack of agricultural experts increases their value in labor market)
- ▶ AGRION cooperate with high school students and explain them the benefits of agriculture.
 - free entrance for agricultural students in fair AGROSALON
 - free transport for school on machinery demonstration
 - communication about requirement and learning tools
- ▶ The main goal of AGRION is to change system of technical agricultural education from three years programme now to four year programme (cooperation with Slovak agricultural and food chamber and high schools). AGRION will be partner for schools with four years programme.