

**COUNTRY REPORT
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AREA 1

Actions undertaken during the last past year

The specialists of Latvian breeders associations of the different species of animal made annual inventory of the animals on the farms and the further selection work according the breeding programs. They accepted the new animals for the conservation programs of the Latvian Blue cow, Latvian Brown cow, Latvian Draught horse, Latvian Black Head sheep, Latvian native goat and Latvian white pig breeds.

Each of the animals which is used for the conservation program is evaluated and information is forwarded to the centralized data base of State Agricultural data center.

Actions planned to the next year

To improve the conservation programs of breeders associations and make the monitoring of trends and risks of the particular breeds.

Continue collaboration between Nordic and Baltic countries to characterize the rare and related breeds.

AREA 2

Actions undertaken during the last past year

The animals included at the Latvian Blue cow, Latvian Brown cow, Latvian Draught horse, Latvian Black Head sheep, Latvian native goat and Latvian white pig conservation programs were used for the production on the farm level.

Latvian Draught horse coming to be more and more popular for the driving competitions.

Actions planned to the next year

To develop production of the niche products made from the milk and meat of genetic breeds animals and their marketing system.

AREA 3

Actions undertaken during the last past year

The conservation program is done on the farm level base.

Only small part of tissues sample was stored at the laboratory of Latvian university of Agriculture.

On the farm level is conserved:

Latvian Blue cow – 361 animals,

Latvian Brown cow – 64 animals,

Latvian Draught horse – 289 animals,

Latvian Black Head sheep- 528 animals,

Latvian native goat – 48 animals,

Latvian white pig – 224 animals.

Actions planned to the next year

To increase the number of tissues samples stored at the molecular laboratory of Latvian university of Agriculture.

To involve the new farms for the participation in the conservation program of animal genetic recourses.

To increase the publicity of the animal breeding of the genetic recourses breeds.

AREA 4

Actions undertaken during the last past year

No new activities in 2009.

Actions planned to the next year

To increase the activity of the Molecular laboratory of the Latvian university of Agriculture.

To find the possibility for the specialists of the laboratory to participate in the national and international projects.