

A photograph of a large brown cow standing in a field. In the background, several people are visible, some wearing green uniforms. The scene is outdoors with trees and a building in the distance.

# **Cattle production trends in the region of ex Yugoslavia**

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# Introduction

- history
- number of cattle
- breed composition
- farm size (owners age structure)
- political frames (laws, subsidies, support)
- organizational frame



# Problems

- transition period
- uncertainty
- knowledge and awareness
- land
- organizational frame (breeders associations)
- subsidies and loans



# Success stories

- general picture could be better but ...
- young farmers with their families
- growing number
- open mind, new ideas, more knowledge and seeking for more, eager to cooperate, take active role, accept new technology, pushing experts to do their best

# Example of success stories

## Dzakula family farm



# Example of success stories

- 60 cows with calves + 100 calves in fattening
- 135 sheep
- 200 pigs
- 6 horses + 5 donkeys
- 110 ha own land + round 200 ha
- demonstration farm



# Conclusion

- cattle number ↓ → meat production? (↓)
- milk production ↑
- traditional breeds ↓
- milk breeds (Holstein) ↑
- farms getting bigger slowly
- smallholders (age)
- depopulation of rural areas
- where are we going?



# Opportunities

- disadvantages or advantages?
- sustainable livestock production
- environmentally friendly
- stopping depopulation in rural areas
- saving biodiversity
- strategies to be built