

CYPRUS

Renewable sources & waste management

Location
Larnaca

Programming period
2014 – 2020

Priority
P5 Resource efficiency & climate

Measure
M04 – Investments in physical assets

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A family farm used investment support to set up a state-of-the-art sheep farm for the production of high-quality sheep milk.

Summary

The Symeou family has a long history, spanning over four generations, as sheep farmers, dairy farmers and in large scale grain production. Until recently, the farm had focused solely on grain production, however, given the increasing demand for sheep milk products the family decided to take advantage of this trend. The farm thus returned to producing sheep milk to be used in the production of Halloumi cheese and other sheep milk products.



As part of the investment project, a completely new farm unit was built. The modernised farm is now equipped with an electronic system for monitoring the sheep and includes a milk production building which can accommodate around 700 milk producing sheep. The sheep pens are fully equipped with the necessary drinking and feeding troughs, manure cleaning paths and ventilation.

Results

A new farm unit was constructed using state of the art technology ensuring the production of high-quality milk.

The introduction of modern feeding belts has made sure that food is always available with no food waste, reducing costs and increasing utilisation. The automation of the farm ensures that labour costs are kept to a minimum.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ Without the EU's support this investment would not have been possible, or would have taken a lot longer to become a reality, thus using up valuable time and funds.
- ❑ Good cooperation and interaction between the many different stakeholders was a key factor in ensuring the successful transfer of knowledge and experience.

Main Results

A new farm unit was built, and state-of-the-art technology installed, to produce high-quality milk. The introduction of modern feeding belts has made sure that food is always available with no food waste, reducing costs and increasing utilisation. The automation of the farm ensures that labour costs are kept to a minimum.

The new technology allows only the best milk producing sheep to be kept on the farm, thus improving the overall quality of the milk produced. All of the above have made the running of the farm much easier and cost effective.

Key lessons

The project demonstrates that EU support facilitates the development of sustainable farms. As this example shows, the RDP can support investment in innovative technologies to encourage the development of sustainable and competitive agriculture.

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