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"FAO's contribution to the development of the livestock sector in Georgia" (10 mn)

LIVESTOCK VALUE-CHAIN IN GEORGIA
LIVESTOCK WEEK
"BIG &SMALL RUMINANTS"















Key figures:

- Animal production contributes to 56% of the agricultural GDP
- 1.2 Mio cattle, 0.8 Mio sheeps, but figures vary
- 10 large livestock markets, 110 slaughterhouses. Home slaughter is reducing
- Limited skills, poor sanitary conditions, low winter input, uncontrolled mixing resulting in low farm biosecurity















FAO's contribution to the livestock sector:

- National Animal Identification, Registration, and Traceability System ("NAITS"), funded by SDC and ADC
 - First phase: 2016 2021
 - Second phase: 2022 2025
 - ENPARD III, funded by the EU, 2018 2022
 - ENPARD IV, funded by the EU, 2022 2025















NAITS:

- A system to collect and record information to identify animals, their keepers, health-related information, and holding locations around Georgia
- The objectives are to improve food safety, to lead to an improved food system, and to facilitate trade.
- NAITS is used by 900 users, including NFA veterinarians and inspectors, 250.000 animal holdings, and data for more than 1 million bovines (birth and origin, vaccination status, illness, health condition, and slaughterhouse). From farm to plate.















NAITS:

- Work included the design, building, and implementation of the system.
- Outreach was key too, with information disseminated to the vast majority of animal keepers, and training of hundreds of veterinarians.
- The focus of the second phase is now to build sustainability and long-term impact













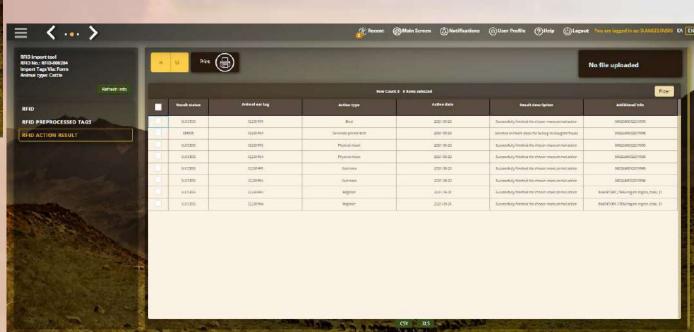
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ENPARD III:

Support under both the extension and the grant components:

- Grant component:
 - Dairy and meat were both selected focus value chains
- 62 matching grants worth 1,7 Mio USD were disbursed, total investment in the value chain reaching over 4 Mio USD (40% grant) worth of equipment
- Investments mostly in fodder production, feeding and milking equipment, processing equipment...















ENPARD III:

Extension component:

In 2022, 549 female dairy producers were trained in Tsalka, and 43 FFS created

- Training mostly around milking practices, mastitis, cheese production technique, artificial insemination, and gender equality.
- Milk sampling to measure aerobic bacteria (plate count) and somatic cells.
- Small scale sanitary equipment distributed (milk cans, udder care and mastitis kits)













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ENPARD IV (in collaboration with the Czech Development Agency):

- Livestock is one of the key focus value chain
- Provide support to all stakeholders to improve food safety within the industry:
 - Support package for FBOs (training + matching grant)
 - Technical assistance to NFA (Assessment of the food control systems + QMS + training of inspectors and staff + policy support)
 - Capacity building of laboratories (public and private)
 - Increase consumer awareness and promotion of quality schemes



























