



## Environmental health farms

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## Rural development in Latvia

- Main trends in rural development:
- Programs of Investment SPD (were accessible from June till August, 2004)
- Compensation measures supported within RDP
  - - Agro-environment
  - - Organic agriculture
- Apply environmentally friendly methods - program LIFE – Environment Health Farms (EHF)

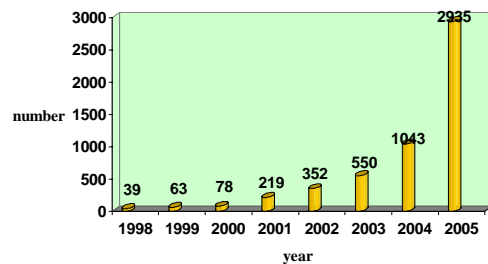


## Organic agriculture

- agricultural production
- -beef, milk, pork, vegetables, fruits , honey etc.
- save environment
- -economy nature friendly
- -composting of waste
- - 'zero-waste' methods
- environment health farms



## Development of organic farms



## Biological vegetables



## Requirements for Environmental Health Farms

- Farm has Organic Agriculture's certificate
- Farm owners have certificate for medical or alternative education
- They apply principles of sustainability in managing the farm
- They implement of new service: strengthening and improving the health (no medical treatment!)
- Offer organic food for quests
- Information for healthy life style, environmental protection



## For rural people

- EHF are centres
  - for adult education
  - for organisation of seminars
  - information on health service in state
- EHF - successful example to work friendly for nature; to live healthy; to get incomes




Practical training in health farm



## For quests, for excursions


- Health facilitate service
  - bathhouse with herbs, plant whisks
  - health trails
  - health gymnastics
- wonder from nature
- healthy food



### Benefits from EHF program

- Business opportunity, employment
- incorporate value for organic products
- environmental education for society
- diversification of rural economy
- formation customers circle for bio-products

### Conclusions

- EHF continue to acquire new skills about health and make groundwork (improving of equipment, surroundings etc.) in 2004-2006
- ALOA makes data basis about Organic Farm service, offer of organic products (online); booklet for organic farms – under preparation
- There is no work programme for local initiatives as LEADER+



## Recomendations

- to improve support for infrastructure in periphery of state through NDP /especially improve quality of roads, internet access etc./
- to ensure implementation of similar projects within RDP 2007-2013
- to popularize these kind of projects as alternative for employment
- to integrate EHF in LEADER+ programme?



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## Thank You!

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