

Senaki Association for Animal Production (SAAP -2004)

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Senaki District

Territory: 521,7sq.km.

Population: 55 000

District centre: Senaki

Senaki district is located in the west Georgia on Kolkheti lowland. Here are lowland plains (1.5-30m), hill plains (140-150m) and low mountains (max.-650 m). Relief is similar. There are terrace valleys on hill plains and boggy lowland plain. There are water abundant rivers and springs. Here is warm winter and long hot summer.

Climate: moist-subtropical.

Average temperature: 5⁰ C, 6⁰ C in winter, 23⁰ C, 24⁰ C in summer.

Average annual precipitations: 1500-1700mm.

Soil: red, yellow, subtropical virgin and boggy grounds.

Plants

Subtropical plants mainly occupied the important area of lowland after drying the bogs. Natural forests are kept on low mountains and south boggy parts. Here grow the following trees: oak, beech and others. Kolkheti plants grow on hill and lowland plains.

Animals

Fallow deer, wild boars, fox, jackal and rabbit are widely spread in the district.

Agriculture

The main agricultural fields are tea-growing, cattle breeding and silk growing. There is 25.2 thousand hectare of agricultural ground in district territory. Between them ploughed fields – 11.1 thousand and perennial plants -4.7 thousand hectare, pastures- 9.1 thousand hectare. The main kinds from perennial plants are tea, citrus and tung tree.

Number of Livestock in Senaki district

Animals	2003	2004
Cattle	24866	24916
Of which milk-cows	13722	15833
Pigs	15412	16520
Sheep and goats	2314	2265

There are small and medium farmers in the district. Most of families have 2-4 cows, some 10-15 but there are farms with livestock 60-120.

The representative of Georgian AnGR - Megruli red cow sort is widely spread in this district. It's spread summer in the Alpine mountain zone. In winter, it is eats in Kolkheti bogs, without being barn and any extra food. It is characterized by high endurance and strong constitution.

Photo gallery



Agricultural cooperative “Tkiri” SENAKI DISTRICT-TEKLATI



Problems

Unfortunately, the crisis of recent years touched the district too and local AnGR lost its characteristics. The breeding activity is damaged in the district. There are not any breeding farms, which can grow different sort improving bulls. There are not stations for artificial insemination, and that is why cows are inseminated chaotically by free insemination with unknown origin low productive bulls, which are not protected from different diseases. This eventually caused the degeneration of sorts and lack of productivity. AnGR bank is destroyed. During the last 15 years there is nothing done for save and conservation of AnGR in the district, which stopped the following development of cow breeding and brought this field to the present catastrophic results.

Partnership

Senaki District farmers established **Senaki Association for Animal Production (SAAP)** in 2004.

SAAP has close collaboration with Georgian National Association for Animal production (GNAAP).

-Agency of Economics Ministry of Netherlands “SENER”.

-American Corporation of Farmers’ Movement and Proper Agri-business Development “ACDIOVOCA”.

-Assistance Center of Factory Restructuring and Management “SERMA”.

-Agricultural Department of USA

The program for industry quality improvement of Georgian Agriculture “USDA”.

-Management program-NETHERLAND “NMCP”.

Senaki is a base district for rehabilitation and development of Georgian AnGR.