

# Tskhaltubo Association for Animal Production (TSAAP -2004)

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## Tskaltubo District

**Territory:** 700.1 sq. km.

**Population:** 76 889

**District centre:** Tskhaltubo



**Tskaltubo** district is located in the West Georgia. It is Balneology resort of International importance. The unique mineral water is the main medical factor. This resort was built in 1926. There are a lot of sanatoriums, pension home and the big unique park. The relief is medium mountainous. This district is rich with rivers. The main river is Rioni, with many inflows.

**Climate:** subtropical-moist, here are see-winds

**Average temperature:** winter is warm - 5.3<sup>0</sup> C; summer is hot, dry and long - 23.3<sup>0</sup> C.

**Average annual precipitations:** 1500-1800mm.

**Soil:** subtropical lightly virgin land, yellow and forest grey ground.

### Plants

There are Kolkheti forests – oak, beech, chestnut, elm-tree, pomegranate, fig tree, willow, mulberry tree, elm, ash tree, fem, hips, pear tree and others.

### Animals

Here are lowland and mountain-forest animals: wolf, fox, jackal, hare and others.

### Agriculture

There is 25.7 thousand hectare of agricultural ground in district territory. Between them ploughed fields – 12.4 thousand hectare, pastures -10.5 thousand hectare and perennial plants- 2.6 thousand hectare. The main fields of agriculture are tee growing, vegetable growing and cattle breeding. There are medium farmers in the district, who are occupied with duck breeding and cow breeding.

### Number of Livestock in Tskhaltubo district

Animals	2003	2004
<b>Cattle</b>	45696	46109
<b>Of which milk-cows</b>	20548	20829
<b>Pigs</b>	10678	10362
<b>Sheep and goats</b>	2713	2955

## Photo gallery



### Problems

Unfortunately, the crisis of recent years touched the district too. 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.

### Partnership

**Tskhaltubo** district farmers established **Tskhaltubo Association for Animal Production (TSAAP)** in 2004.

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