

# Tianeti Association for Animal Production TAAP - 2004

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## Tianeti District

**Territory:** 932 sq. km.

**Population:** 16 000

**District centre:** Tianeti



**Tianeti** district is located on the east branch of Caucasus in the East Georgia and has middle and high mountain relief. The main river in this district is Iori with multi inflows. There are frequent floods in spring, but winter is a low-water season. Sioni reservoir and Sioni Hydroelectric Power Station is built on the base of the river Iori. Also there are several lakes in Tianeti district.

**Climate:** Moderate moist climate (up 2400-2500m. there is not summer season).

**Average temperature:** Winter is stern and cold. In the high mountain the temperature is  $-10/-12^{\circ}\text{C}$ , in the low mountain  $-2/-3^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Height of snow blanket is 0,2-2 m. Summer is long and cool -  $23.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**Average annual precipitations:** In low part - 620 mm, in high part - 1300-1800mm.

**Soil:** In low part - forest brown, in the high mountain – hilly and hilly-peaty mountain soil.

### Plants

Oak, hornbeam and beech forests are mostly extended here. Sub-alpine meadows change mountain forest zone. There are alpine meadows on small territories.

### Animals

In the high mountains dwells Caucasian goat, in the forests - Caucasian deer, Caucasian black bear, wolf, fox, badger and rarely – lynx. There are a lot of rodents. Endemic Caucasian wild turkey and Caucasian black grouse are preserved on alpine meadows. We meet mountain eagle in the high mountain. Black kite, hawk, woodpecker, blackbird and jay dwell in the forests. There is a lot of trout in the rivers.

### Agriculture

Animal breeding is the priority agricultural field of the district. Arable lands occupied 9.215 ha, perennial saplings- 810 ha, hayfields and pastures – 24.185 ha, forests and bushes – 51.320 ha. The leading field of crop cultivation is growing of cereal and other food cultures. The development of fruit-growing is limited because of high location.

## Number of Livestock in Tianeti district

Animals	2003	2004
Cattle	8788	8759
Of which milk-cows	7302	7296
Pigs	6864	5826
Sheep and goats	3518	2709

### Photo gallery



### Householder Jimshitashvili



### Problems

There were rabbit-breeding farms, poultry factories, complex of pig-breeding, agro-service center, experimental station of species, cheese-butter, wine and fruit-berry factories in Tianeti district during Soviet period. All these are destroyed presently. 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

Tianeti district farmers established **Tianeti Association for Animal Production (TAAP)** in 2004. TAAP has close collaboration with Georgian National Association for Animal production (GNAAP).