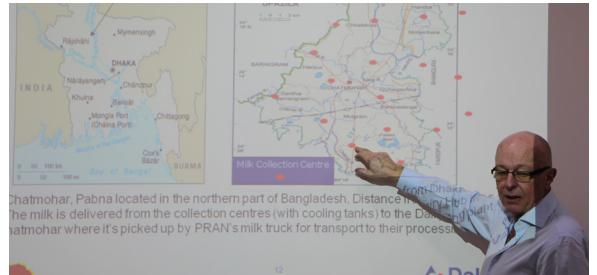




DeLaval Expert in Armenia within “Dairy Development Strategy” Program

From February 9-11, 2016, within the “Dairy development strategy in the Republic of Armenia” program the senior dairy expert with DeLaval Mr. Stephan Bergstrand, paid an introductory visit to Armenia with the aim of supporting the Ministry of Agriculture and dairy sector stakeholders to develop a national dairy farm improvement strategy.

During the visit Mr. Stephan Bergstrand and the regional director of “Delaval” for South Caucasus and Moldova Mr. Oleg Pavlov, accompanied by “CARD AgroService” CJSC director Mr. Gagik Sardaryan and “CARD AgroService” sales manager Mr. Areg Gedeonyan met with the RA Minister of Agriculture Mr. Sergo Karapetyan. During the meeting, Stephan Bergstrand presented the dairy production success in several countries as a result of cooperation with “DeLaval” company. On behalf of the Ministry Mr. Sergo Karapetyan expressed willingness to provide technical as well as professional support in the strategy development process. A number of meetings with farmers, milk collection centers and milk processors were held, as well as workshops and round-table discussions in Card Office.



The dairy development strategy aims to achieve a number of measurable improvements, especially doubling milk supply and improving milk quality.

During the strategy development program the conditions and infrastructures in the sphere will be studied and the factors that either prevent or contribute to the development of dairy sector will be clarified. “CARD AgroService” CJSC, along with “DeLaval” company has undertaken the implementation of the program by April-May 2016. The revised documents will enable RA Ministry of Agriculture, as well as development agencies, entrepreneurs and other beneficiaries to foresee and implement systematic measures, which will help to achieve the established goals.



The RA Minister of Agriculture Mr. Sergo Karapetyan Pays a Visit to CARD Foundation



On March 4, 2016 the RA Minister of Agriculture Mr. Sergo Karapetyan paid a visit to “Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development” (CARD) Foundation.

During the visit Mr. Karapetyan got introduced to the activities of CARD’s and CARD AgroCredit’s departments and had talks with the employees. He also had a meeting with the management staff, during which a number of issues of mutual interest were discussed, such as: Surveillance and Prevention of Brucellosis in RA, Animal Identification and Registration, Artificial Insemination.



The Minister was also introduced to the activities and future plans connected with Darakert Farm Service Center (FSC), which operates in the field of greenhouses. Apart from existing problems in agriculture, new opportunities of cooperation were also discussed.



During the visit a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RA Ministry of Agriculture and CARD Foundation, which aimed at extending the cooperation in agricultural sector, with the purpose of supporting food safety and balanced development of rural areas.



Mr. Sergo Karapetyan highly appreciated the long-term cooperation with CARD Foundation. He particularly mentioned: “CARD Foundation, which for already many years operates in our country, truly has a significant role in agriculture development. You are one of our most important partners, and I believe we are the best example of cooperation between state and private sectors”.

The Minister also expressed the wish to meet the newest member of the staff, Sona Telunts, who is an Agribusiness Teaching Center (ATC) graduate and has recently joined the CARD team. At the end of the visit Minister of Agriculture visited the “GREEN DAY” organic store, which operates adjacent to CARD’s office.