

## Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development

# NEWSLETTER



### AZATAN FVSC EXTENDS ITS SERVICES



Farm and Veterinary Service Center (FVSC) of Azatan community has been functioning in Shirak marz since 2012. The center, specialized in artificial insemination and equipped with up-to-date tools for veterinary services, extends the scope of its operation, offering agricultural machinery services for the farms of Azatan and adjacent communities. On October 14 a leasing agreement was signed between the FVSC director, Mr. Vardan Papoyan and CARD Agrocredit UCO CJSC on the acquisition of a John Deere tractor and a rotary tiller.

The implementation of the new service type will enable the modernization of the machine-tractor fleet, saving a lot of time and increasing the efficiency of the implemented activities. Card Foundation organized a demonstration of the USA John Deere, Indian “Shaktiman” and “FieldKing” company equipment, providing the farmers with an opportunity to see the performance and the benefits of the machines. As noted by the CARD representative, “As a result of studies of the European and Indian markets, comparisons and assessment of the quality and price, we realized, that by purchasing the Shaktiman company production we get European quality for a rather affordable price”.



## LATVIAN KNOW-HOW IN ARMENIA AND GEORGIA VIA AUSTRIAN AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (ADA)

*On October 16-23, CARD Foundation hosted a private veterinarian from Latvia Mr. Andris Zalitis. Mr. Zalitis has an invaluable contribution to the private veterinary sector development in Latvia, overcoming all the difficulties of the post-Soviet period. The visit aimed at the exchange of experience and training of veterinarians.*



Within the frames of the “Animal Health Management” project, financed by the ADA, Mr. Zalitis conducted trainings in Armenia and Georgia on veterinary ethics, economy, as well as the role and importance of the veterinary field in ensuring the safety of the food. Mr. Zalitis stressed the importance of veterinary associations and their collaboration with the farmer associations. During individual meetings he provided information on mastitis, one

of the actual and serious problems, having a significant impact on the food safety and economy. Practical trainings on cow comfort and feeding were conducted when visiting specific farms. The visit was quite productive and informative. It's worth mentioning that the cooperation between CARD and Mr. Andris traces back to 2004 and we highly value his input and provided knowledge in the sphere of open-air barns, artificial insemination technologies, and dehorning practices.

