

BHMC Partner Ministry

Agri-Service Moldova



About Agri-Service Moldova (ASM)

Agri-Service Moldova (ASM) was founded in 2003 and continues to provide farming assistance and other services to the people of Moldova. ASM enables people in the agricultural sector of Moldova to maximize their resources while caring for their families and the land that sustains them. The primary activity of ASM is farming assistance in several forms. All other activity is related indirectly to farming assistance.

The Republic of Moldova is a new country, relatively. It was founded in 1991 when the former Moldavian SSR was granted independence. Land privatization in Moldova was completed in year 2000. More than 1,000 collective farms were dismantled and the land and equipment given to farm members and residents of each local village. Each member received four or five acres of land based in the community where they lived. These plots are too small for efficient methods and many farmers also do not have the resources to obtain and use modern methods and equipment, and they don't realize the potential modern techniques would yield.

Farming practices are a continuation of the practices of the collective farming decades, or more primitive, but without the direction of the Soviet top-down administration. The results are compromised by these perceptions, results are declining and widespread discouragement further erodes the development of effective agricultural development. Agriculture in Moldova is basically a family operated venture. Most of these people had very little experience in caring for their own land because each worker on the collective had a very specialized responsibility.

We have conducted several seminars on general farming, and on raising hogs, cows and chickens and basic veterinary information. These seminars are conducted by farmers, agronomists and other experienced

friends from the United States and Moldova. Each partner farmer is encouraged to record the story of their business and farming progress. At seminars these local persons then show and tell what they have done, in their village or business, using only locally available resources, answer questions and hold discussions with their peers, all at ASM expense.

Adapted from the ASM website: <http://agriservicemoldova.com/>

BHMC Connection

- Daniel Ness, BHMC member, is the Administrative Secretary for ASM and a member of the board.

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