

Agricultural University – Plovdiv

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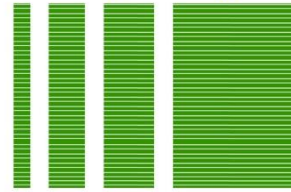


Agricultural University- Plovdiv

- Founded in 1945 today it is a national center of agricultural science and education in Bulgaria and a leading institution in proving competences in agricultural business, science and education.
- Agricultural University - **national leader** in the professional field "Crop science" and the last three years is a leader in the professional fields "Plant Protection" and "Animal breeding" according to the ranking system of universities in Bulgaria.
- In 2019 AUP was accredited by the National Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of assessment 9.61 on a scale that puts the university in the top three higher education institutions in the country.



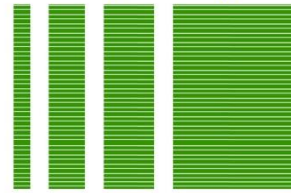
AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY



- Lecturing staff – 200
- Administrative and supporting staff – 160
- Enrolled students – 3800
- Degrees awarded – BSc, MSc, PhD
- BSc courses – 14
- MSc courses – 37
- PhD programs – 25
- 4 Faculties: Agronomy, Horticulture and Viticulture, Plant protection and Agroecology, Economy
- Departments – 20



TRAINING AND EXPERIMENTAL FIELDS

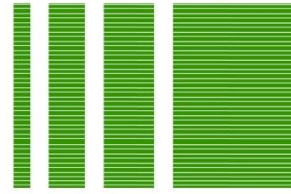


185 ha, maintaining on a high agro technical level more than 1500 biological units.





TRAINING AND EXPERIMENTAL FIELDS



A big range of subtropical and tropical bushes and tree species are grown, including lemons, oranges, kiwi, etc., offering for sale planting material with the appropriate technology for their adaptation under the conditions of Bulgarian agriculture.



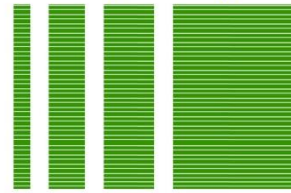
UNIVERSITY VINEYARDS AND WINERY

Vineyard with a collection of 400 table and wine grape cultivars were established. There is a modern experimental and research wine cellar with a wine collection with samples since 1968.





UNIVERSITY LIVESTOCK FARMS

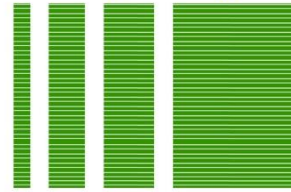


In the sheep farm have been maintained the richest collection flock with specimens from different sheep breeds reared in Bulgaria. More than 20 autochthonous and world-famous breeds can be seen. The main herd is present from two indigenous sheep breeds – White and Patch faced Maritsa sheep (local bulgarian sheep breeds).





UNIVERSITY LIVESTOCK FARMS



In the cattle farm are reared representatives from different breeds, as the main herd is from Bulgarian Rhodope cattle and the ancient autohtonous cattle breed Rhodope brachyceros .





About sheep breeding in Bulgaria



- The shepherds and the sheep breeding are a traditional ancient way of life for many generations Bulgarians, deeply connected with our traditions, legends and folklore.

About sheep breeding in Bulgaria

- The extensive pastoral sheep breeding is a traditional practice in the sheep breeding in Bulgaria in the past, and now days. In the mountainous areas, transhumance is practice as the herds in the summer climb the high mountain pastures (more than 2000 meters above sea level), and in the winter they are at the foot of the mountains.



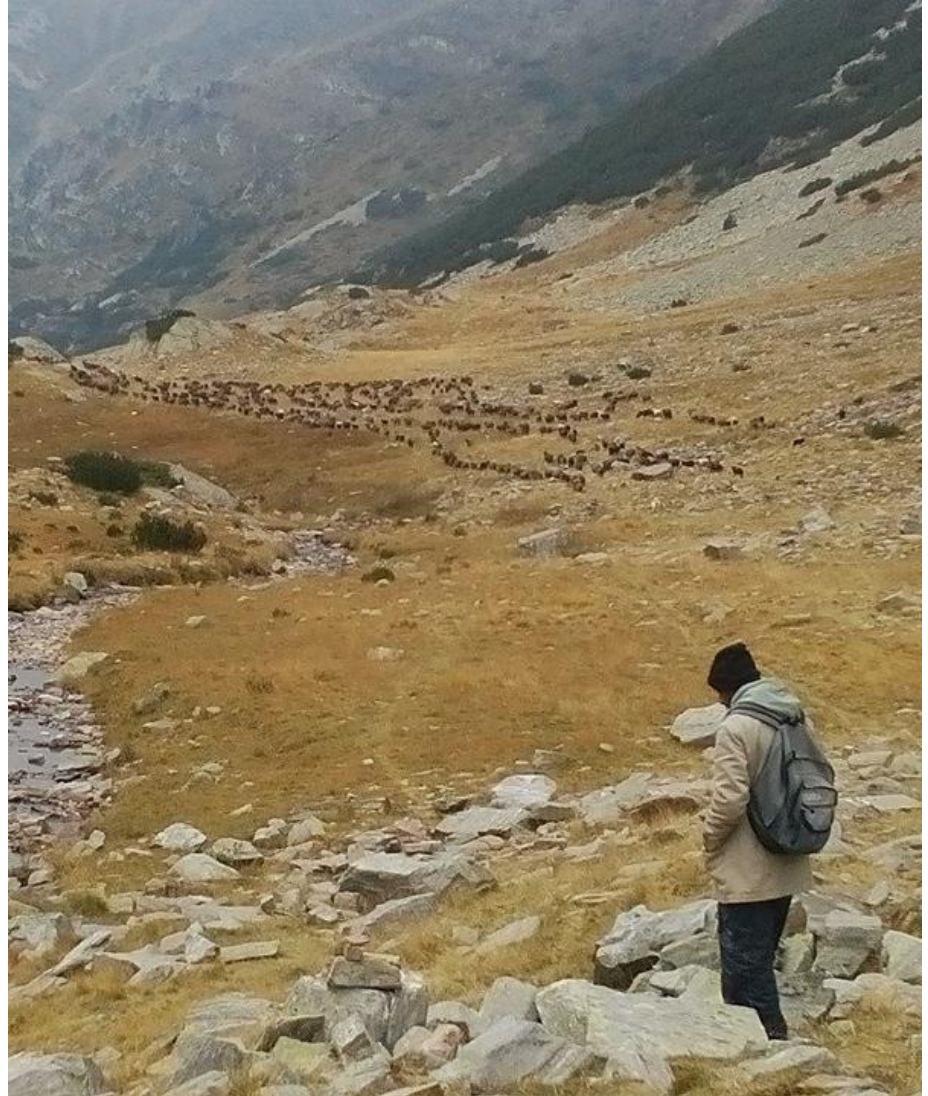
About sheep breeding in Bulgaria

- The intensive technologies in the sheep breeding are not traditional for mass farming systems in Bulgaria. With the introducing of the world – famous, highly productive sheep breeds, in our country in recent years, intensive farms have been created, but the percentage is relatively low. Although the natural resources, ecological conditions and traditions in Bulgaria, are a prerequisite for the development of the extensive grazing sheep breeding.



About Sheep breeding in Bulgaria

- In the past, the status of shepherd was a symbol of prestige and elite in the society. Today the profession of shepherd is considered as one of the most undesirable in our country. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find people responsible and qualified for this profession. This is a colossal problem in this sector as a whole.

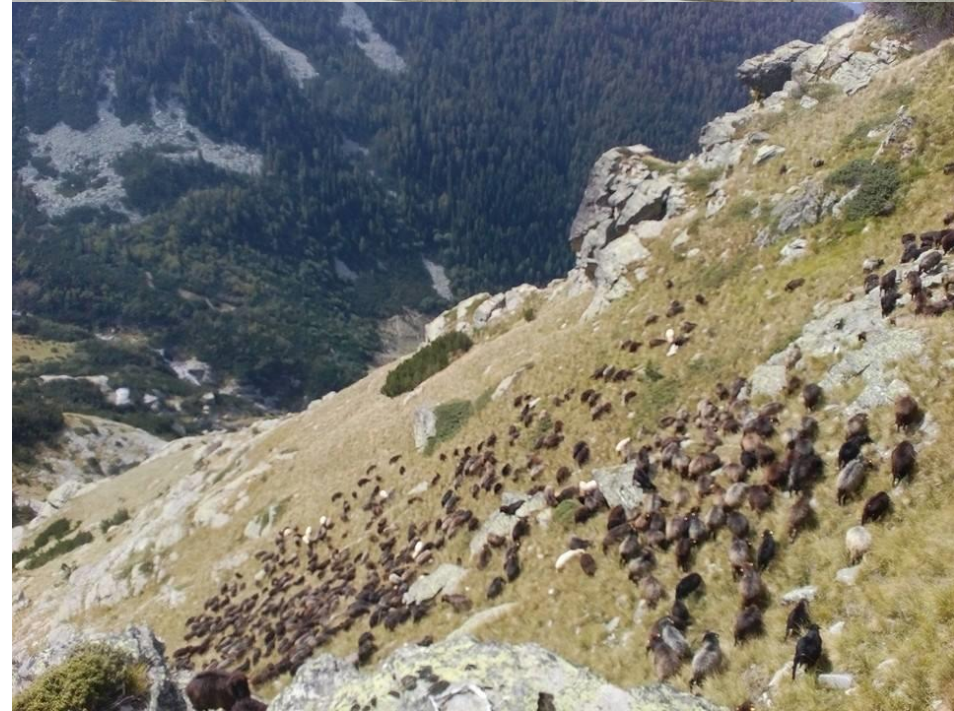




Sheep breeding and science



- The Agricultural University - Plovdiv, as a partner in the current project, has the potential and resources to assist in the raising of prestige in the “Shepherd” profession, and to meet the need for skilled labor in the extensive sheep breeding in our country.





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