

POLICY OF THE ANDALUSIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED NATIVE BREEDS

POLITICA DEL GOBIERNO ANDALUZ EN LA CONSERVACION DE RAZAS EN PELIGRO DE EXTINCION

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SUMMARY

Our institution was very concerned about the rapid decrease of the Andalusian Autochthonous Breeds census. For this reason and following the FAO recommendation on Animal Genetic Resources Conservation, we decided to take the necessary actions to guarantee the conservation and preservation of the Andalusian Autochthonous Livestock.

In this technical note we present the development of these actions, from the study of the present situation of the breeds, until the designation of concrete planes.

RESUMEN

Nuestra institución sensibilizada por el rápido descenso del censo de las Razas Autóctonas Andaluzas y siguiendo las recomendaciones de la FAO sobre Conservación de Recursos Genéticos Animales, decidió desarrollar las acciones necesarias para garantizar la conservación y preservación del ganado autóctono andaluz.

En esta nota técnica se presentan estas acciones, desde el estudio de la situación actual de estas razas, hasta el diseño de planes concretos

PRELIMINARY STUDIES

The first step given, was the investigation of the present situation of these breeds; their pure stocks and tendency, their geographical distribution, etc. (Delgado *et al.*. 1991, Rodero *et al.* 1990a and b) as a basis of understanding in order to plan the correct actions for the conservation of these breeds. In this way, we financed the project *Conservation of the Andalusian Autochthonous Breeds* to the Departments of Genetics and Animal Production of the University of Córdoba.

As a result was published the first catalogue of endangered Andalusian breeds (Delgado *et al* 1992).

ACTIONS

The Andalusian Government has presented a Subprogram relative to *the improvement of Andalusian Farm Breeds and their System of Reproduction, throughout the Association of Farmers, to the Operative Program of*

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the EEC support. Among the objectives of the subprogram figure *to avoid the loss of the Genetic Patrimony constituted by a group of autochthonous breeds highly in a danger of extinction.*

This programme is cofinanced by EEC (50%), Spanish Ministry of Agriculture (25%) and Andalusian Government (25%).

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Decree 53/1992 of the Andalusian Government establishing grants for the improvement of the Andalusian Autochthonous Breeds and their Systems of Reproduction.

Order of the *Consejería de Agricultura y Pesca de Andalucía* of 9th June,

1992, for the development of the decree mentioned above. In this order are established the grants to conserve and improve the farm breeds of Andalusia and the optimization of their system of reproduction.

SUPPORT TO THE FARMERS

- Agreements with association or farmers of autochthonous breeds.

- Specific contracts with farmers for the development of *Conservation Programmes*, reaching the subventions up to the 75% of their cost.

- Maintaining of stocks of endangered breeds on farms belonging to, or dependent from the *Consejería de Agricultura y Pesca*.

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