



Latvijas Biškopības biedrība
Latvian Beekeepers Association



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beekeeping situation
trends and statistics in country
use of EU beekeeping support money

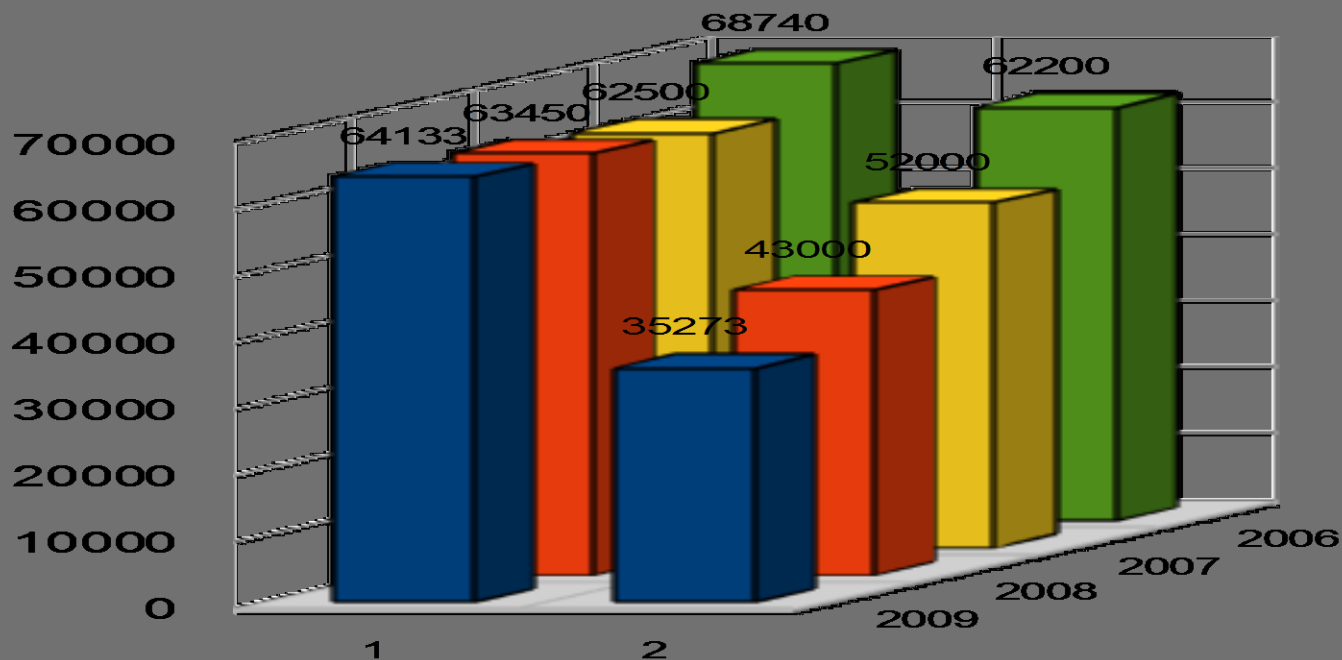
Tartu, 2011

Armands Krauze
Chairman of the Board



Number of bee colonies

1. LBA statistics;
2. Registered colonies by state agency "Agricultural data centre"

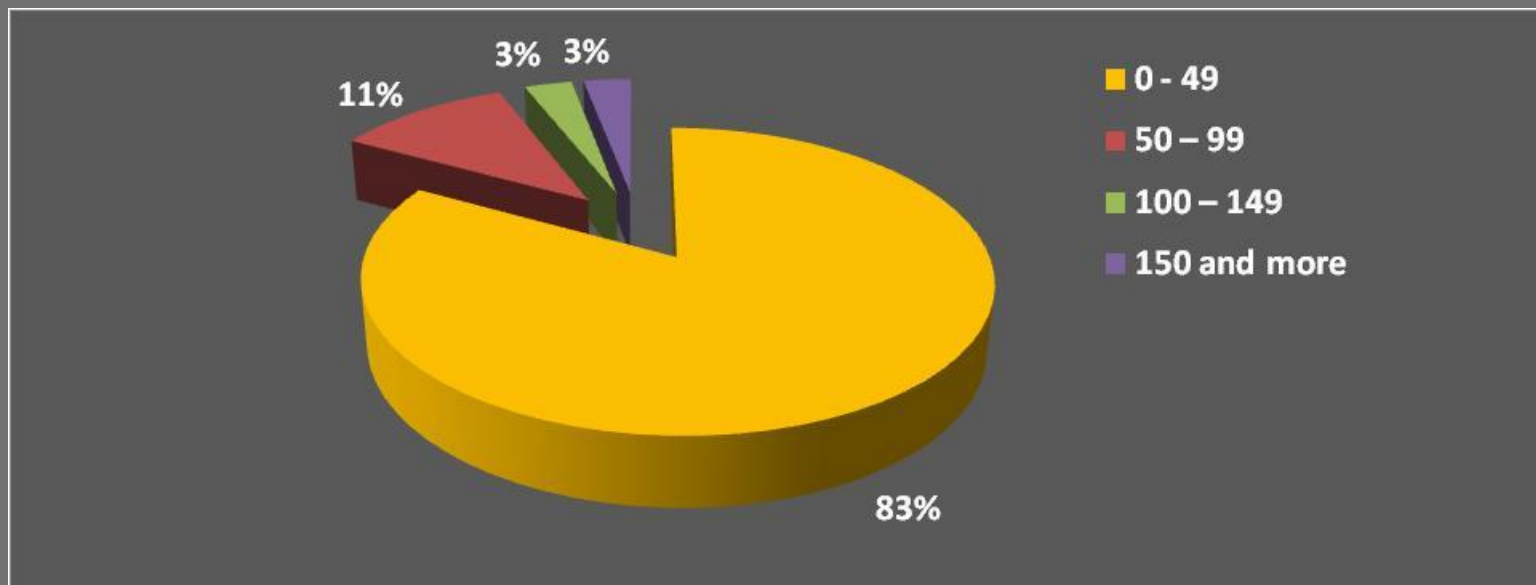




Number of bee colonies
according to **Latvian Beekeepers' Association**:

64 133

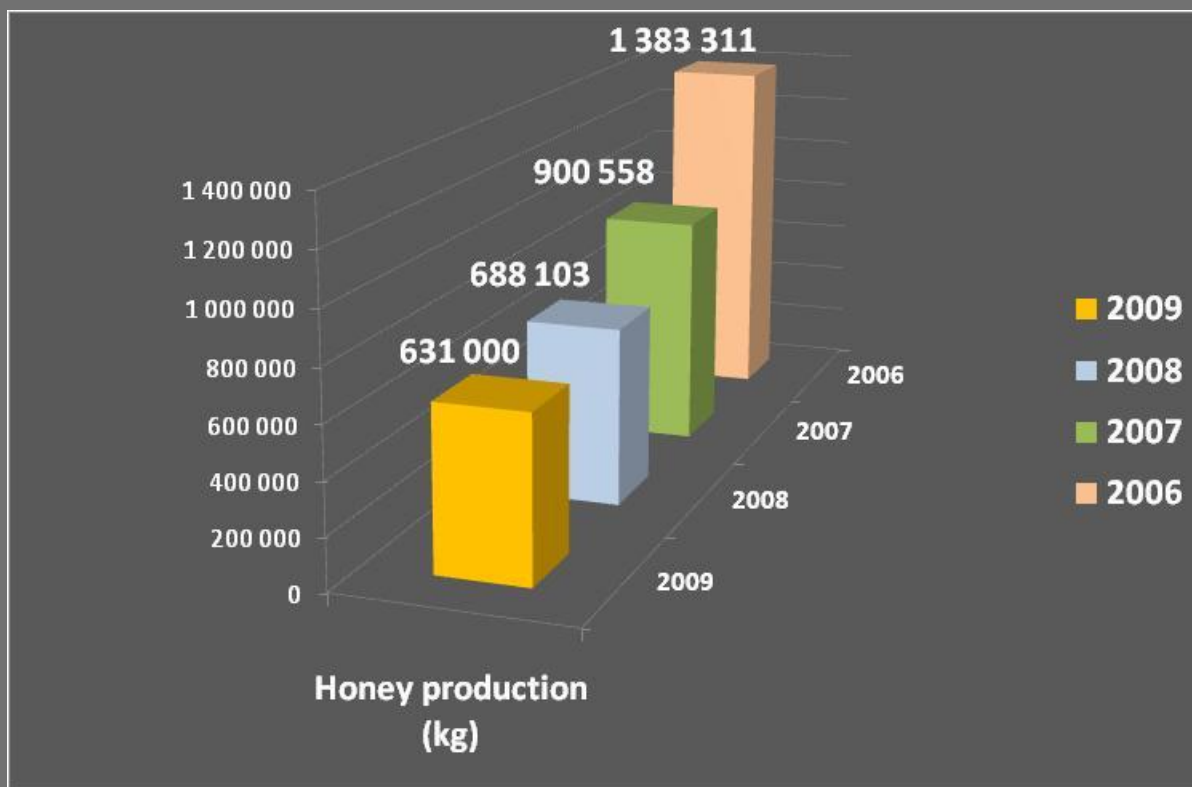
Apiary sizes (grouped by numbers of colonies per apiary, % of all):





Honey production

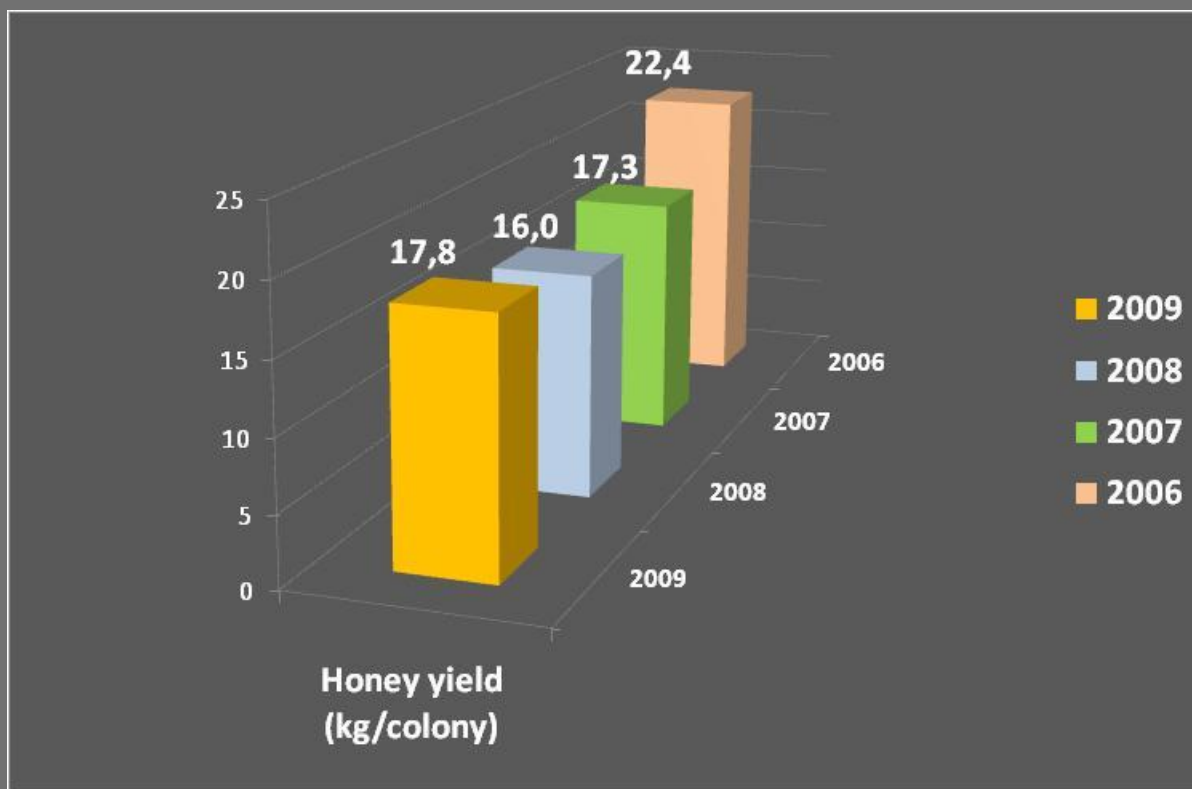
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Honey production from bee colony

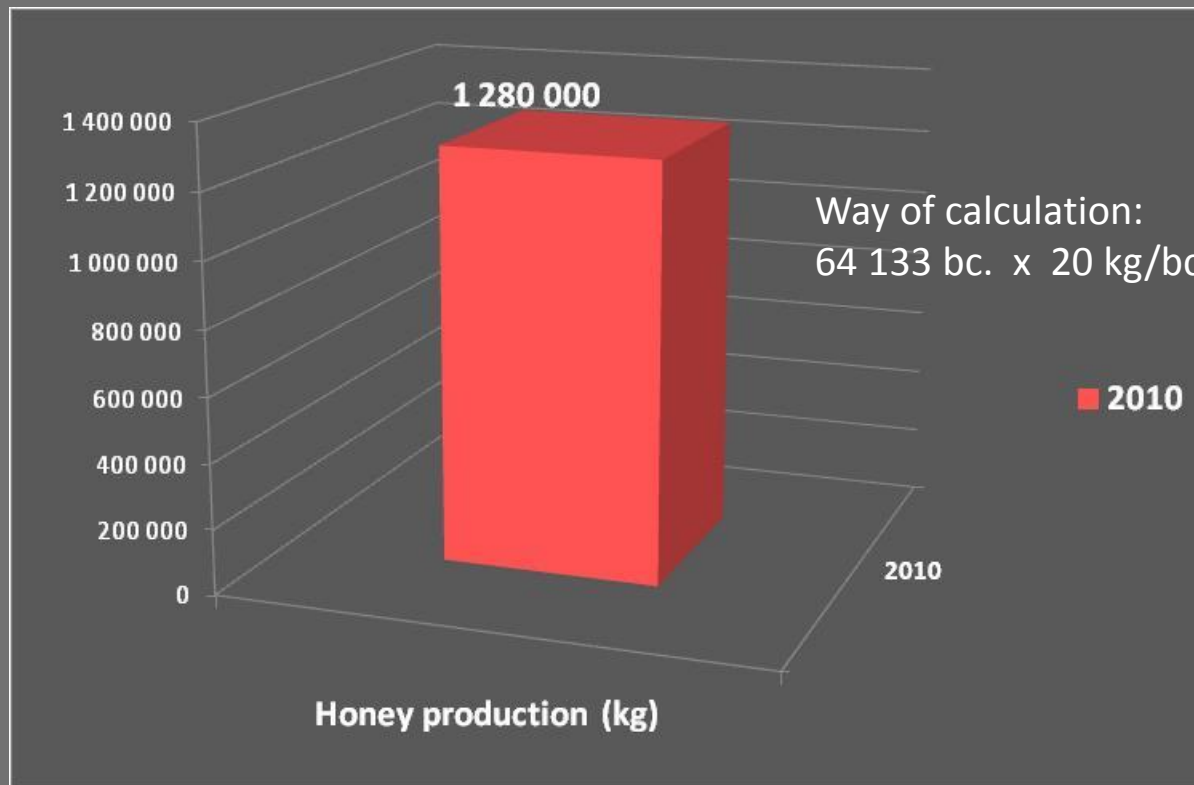
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Honey production Year 2010

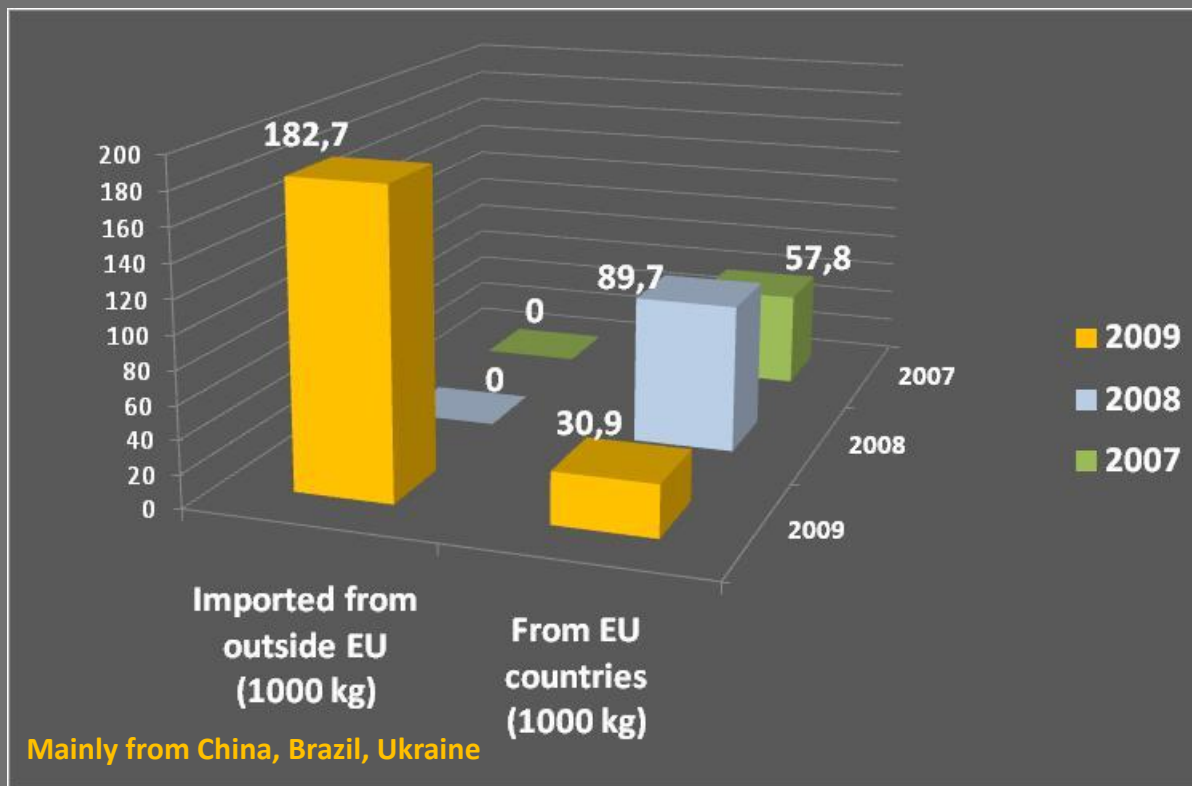
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Honey imports

Source: EUROSTAT





Honey consumption

1,2 kg *per capita*

Source: Survey after 3 year Honey Promotion program

0,716 kg *per capita*

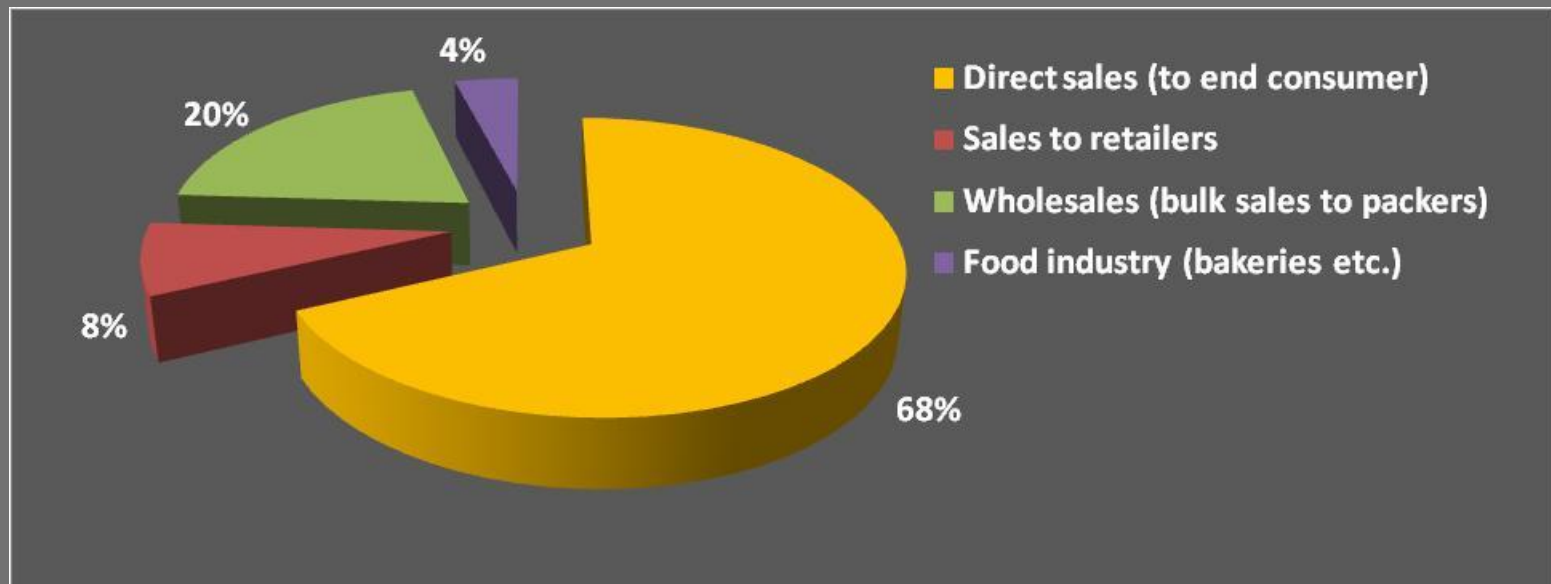
Way of calculation:

Number of bee colonies	64 133
Honey yield per colony (kg)	25
Honey production + imports (kg)	1 282 660
Number of population	2 238 000
Honey consumption	0,716



Honey distribution

Direct sales (to end consumer) :	68 %
Sales to retailers :	8 %
Wholesales (bulk, to packer) :	20 %
Food industry (bakeries etc.) :	4 %





Honey prices (average)

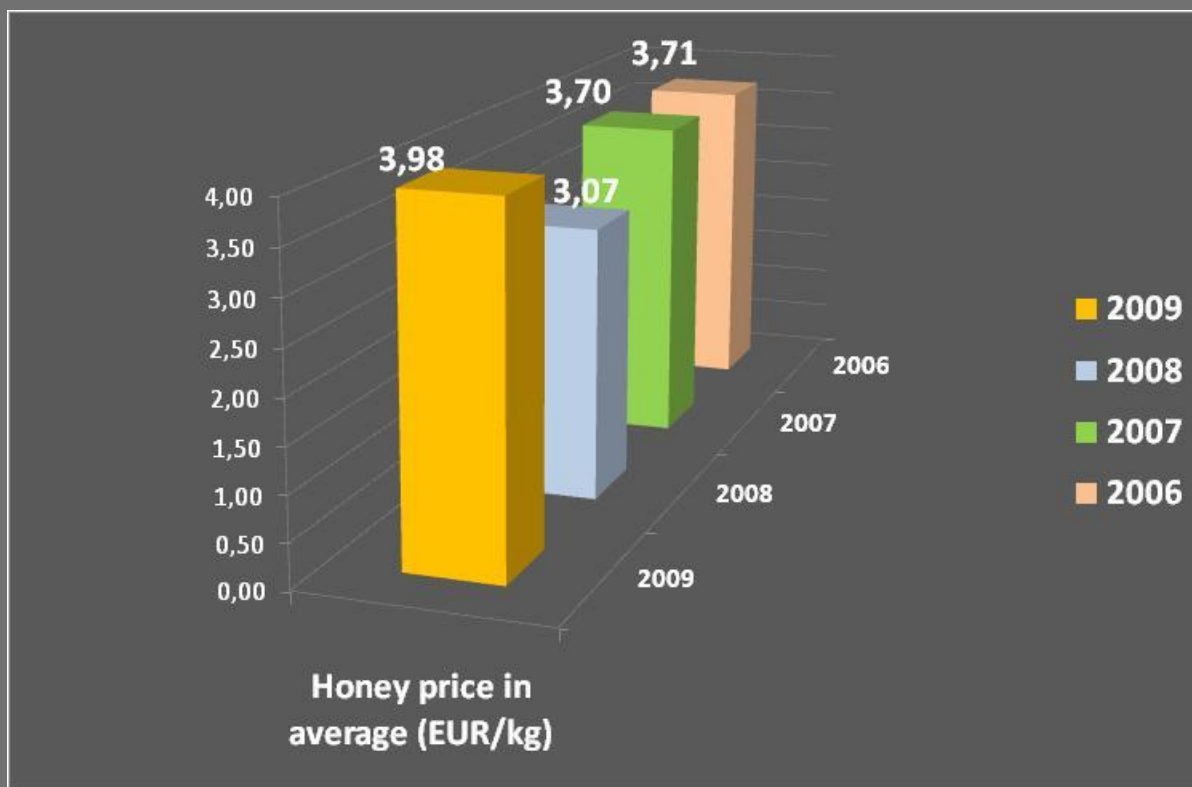
Direct sales (to end consumer) :	4,50 EUR / kg
Sales to retailers :	4,00 EUR / kg
Wholesales (bulk, to packer) :	2,50 EUR /kg
Food industry (bakeries etc.) :	2,80 EUR /kg





Honey prices

Source: EUROSTAT





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Beekeepers:

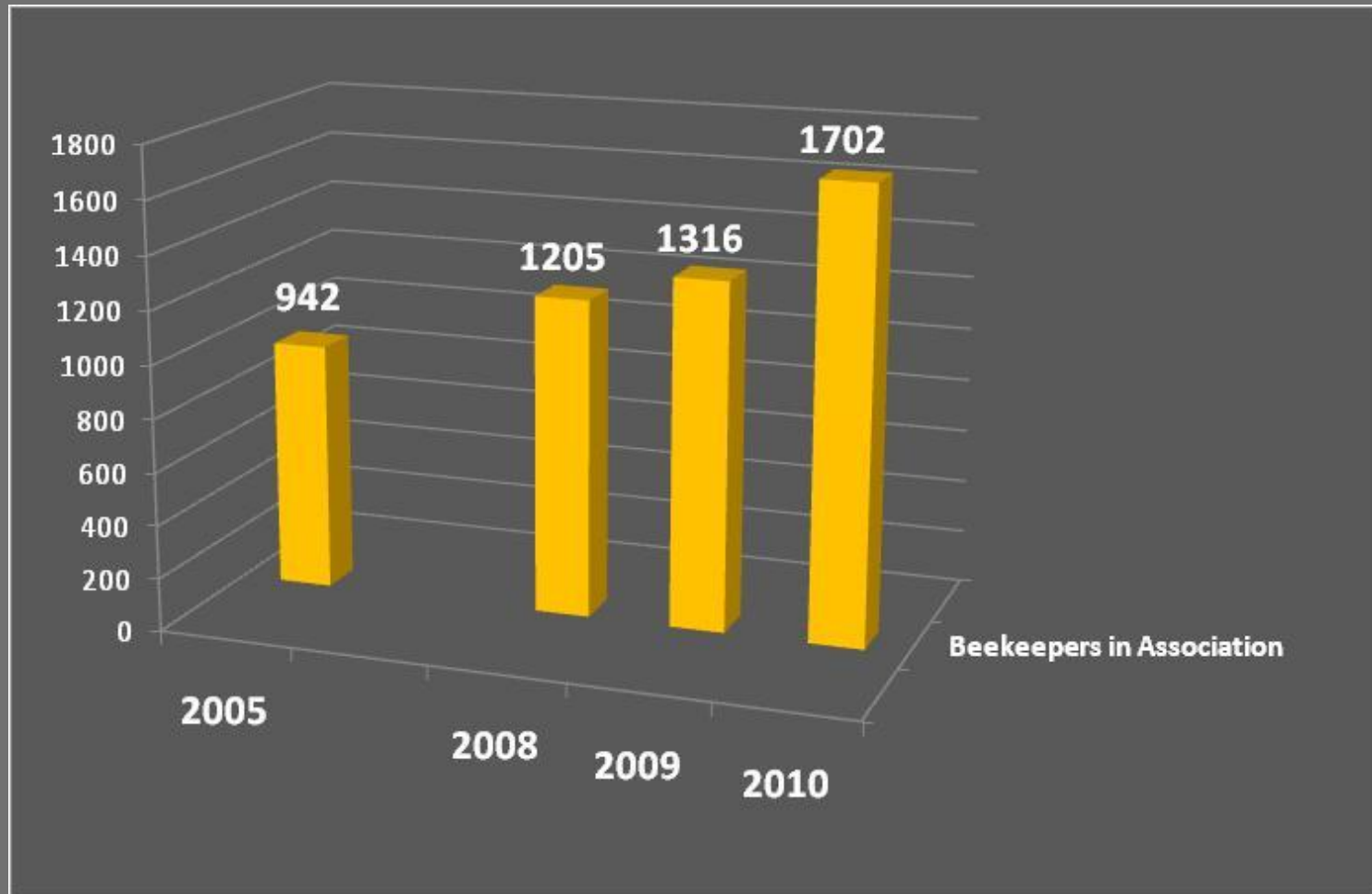
~ 3 000 total

1 702 members of Latvian Beekeepers association



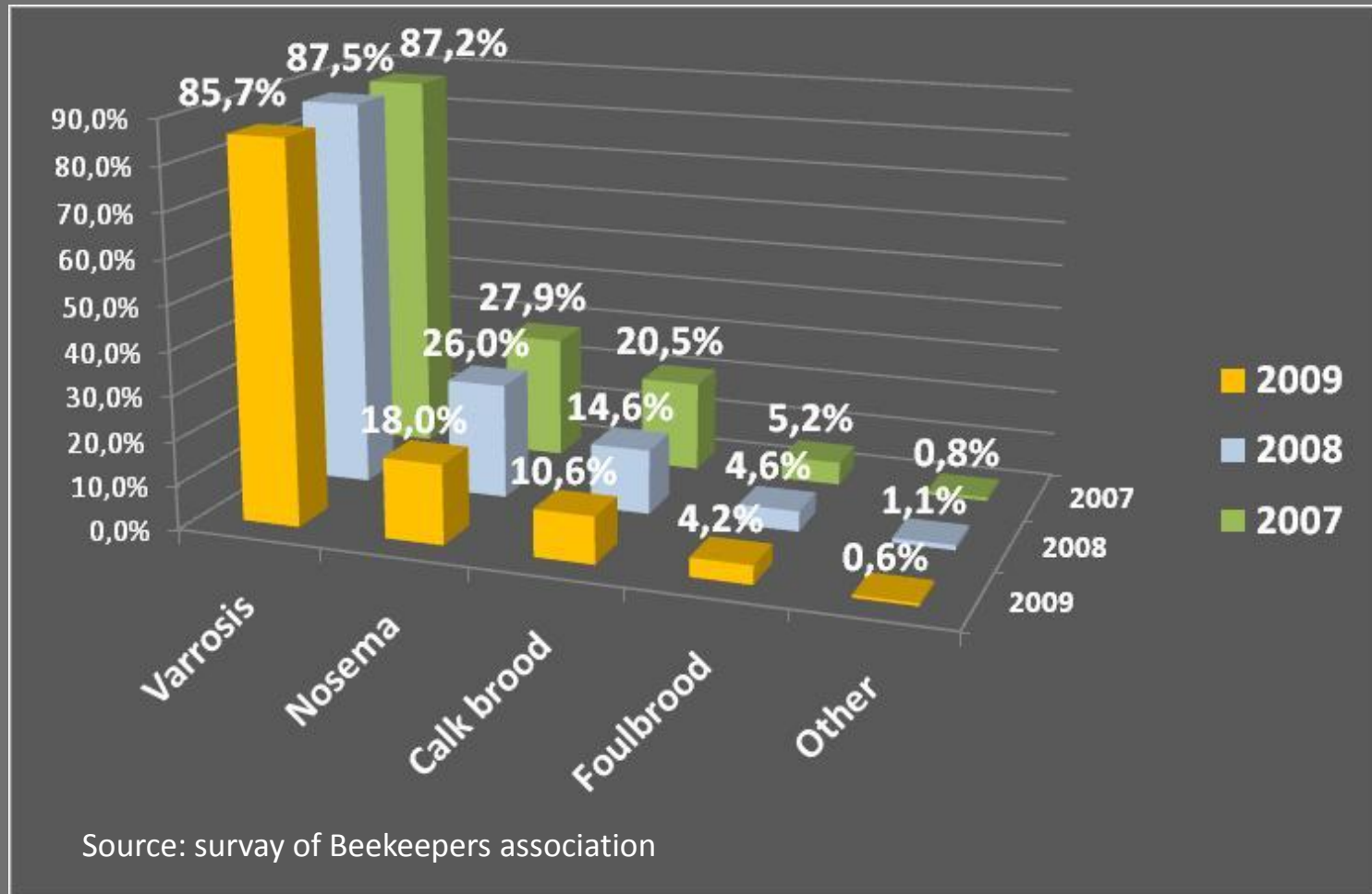


Growth in numbers of members in Beekeepers association



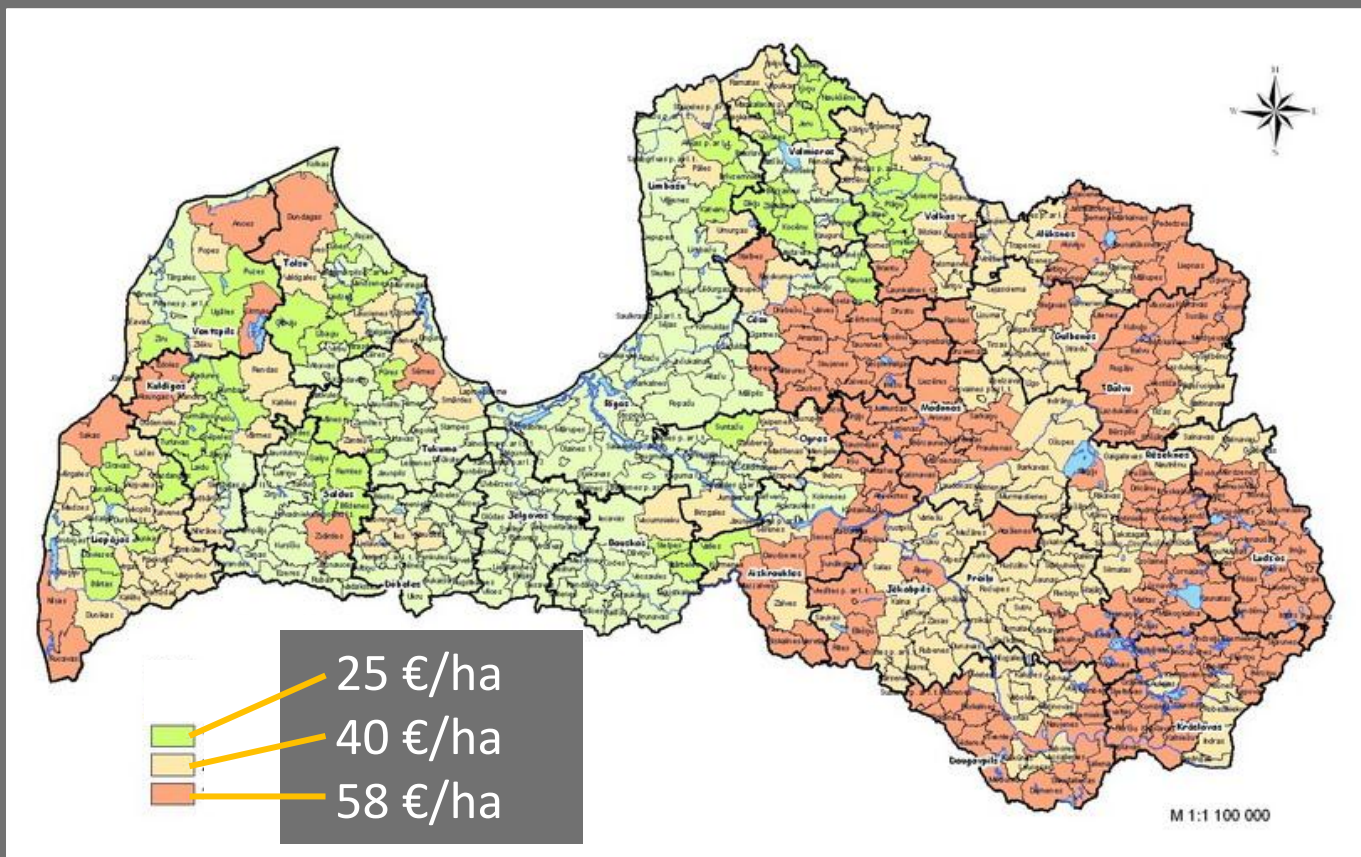


Beekeepers think, their bees have:





Support to the lessfavoured areas,
available also for beekeepers.
Payment goes to ha of the natural pastures





Beekeeping National Programme Years 2008 – 2010 (EUR)

	3 year period	on average per year
<u>Total:</u>	<u>741 596</u>	<u>247 199</u>
technical assistance	403 838	134 613
varroasis prevention	205 003	68 334
restocking of hives	68 267	22 756
applied research	64 489	21 496



Technical assistance

- 284 seminars, workshops for beekeepers
- Participation at international congresses, meetings
- Training workshops for LBB consultants
- Two conferences for beekeepers
- Two annual beekeepers' meetings
- Maintenance of demo – apiaries
- Adviser consultations to beekeepers



Beekeeping National Programme Year 2011

<u>Total:</u>	<u>270 192 EUR</u>
technical assistance	135 096 EUR
varroasis prevention	81 058 EUR
restocking of hives	27 028 EUR
applied research	27 010 EUR



Latvian beekeepers like to travel

Gratitude for
very well organized
trips to:

Denmark - special thanks to
Mr. **Asger Søgaard Jørgensen**

Lithuania - special thanks to
Mr. **Sigitas Uselis**

Estonia - special thanks to
Mr. **Aivo Sildnik**





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Thank you for attention!

