

TWO DECADES SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE

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The idea of setting up a society to promote the ecological agriculture took shape in 1992. It was put into practice at the same time with the publication of the first number of the magazine "Agricultura- Revistă de știință și practică Agricolă" (Magazine of science and agricultural practice). This magazine appears under aegis of USAMV Cluj-Napoca, of the Society of Ecological Agriculture and of some institutions and agricultural research stations from Transylvania. In the magazine there are published both scientific papers and articles that promote the ecological agriculture. It is intended to specialists and to other owners of agricultural lands and of consignments of animals, to workers from the associative farming and to all those who want to inform themselves efficiently and competently about the strategy of agriculture workings execution. It supports the practitioner in knowing and applying the long-lasting agriculture in Romania.

The Society of Ecological Agriculture organizes periodically scientific meetings with the topic "Ecological agriculture and environmental protection"; the areas that are approached are: Components of ecological agriculture; Ecological agriculture and environmental protection in Romania; Perspectives of long-lasting agriculture in Romania; Romanian legislation in the area of environment; Perspectives of development of ecological agriculture globally and in Romania; Considerations about the position agro-food products have to occupy in rural territories in the new context of long-lasting agriculture; Ecological engineering in shaping the rural space etc. The materials are published in the magazine "Agricultura" and in other specialized publications.