



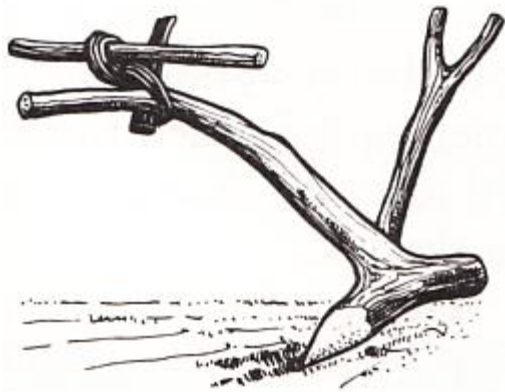
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How historical background influenced size and efficiency of farms in Central and Eastern Europe



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**Development in agriculture
had always striking effect on
development of whole society**



INTRODUCTION

- **What is Central and Eastern Europe**
- **Short history of farming**
- **Important milestones**
- **Main effects**



CENTRAL EUROPE



- Experience with Austro – Hungarien Empire
- Experience with soviet social experiment



BALTIC TRIPLET



NORTH BALCAN



EASTERN EUROPE



MAIN PLAYERS IN REGION



MAIN EFFECTS



Religion
Revolutions
Wars
Personal freedom

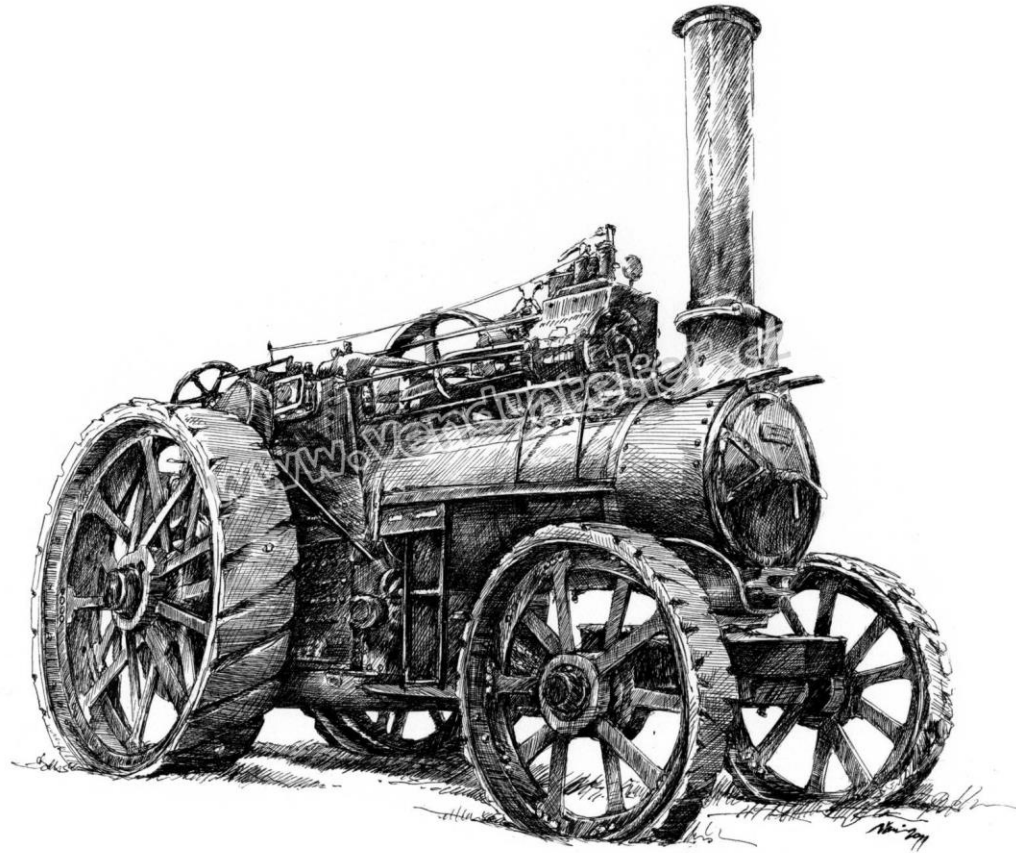


MILESTONES

- 1517 – reformation
- 1526 – battle of Mohacs
- 1760 – industrial revolution
- 1789 – Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen
- 1781 – 1785 serfdom abolishment in AHE
- 1790 – AHE possibility to pay of the oblique work
- 1792 – 1815 Napoleonic wars
- 1848 – 1849 European bourgeois revolutions
- 1914 – 1918 1st World War
- 1917 – Great October Socialistic Revolution
- 1939 – 1945 2nd World War
- 1989 – colaps of Soviet social experiment
- 1990 – 1995 civil war in Jugoslavia



INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION



Good condition for agricultural development in CE between world wars

EE under soviet control



EFFECT OF SOCIALISTIC WAY OF FARMING

- Planned economy
- Rural areas collectivization
- Increase of productivity
- Investments to production
- Large scale technology development
- Herd and field size increased
- Management problems
- No small holders officially tolerated



People have lost sense for land and private property



AFTER SOVIET SYSTEM COLAPS ...

- Colaps of market – colaps of sector
- Small holders
- Reduction of production
- Decrease of herd numbers
- Privatisation
- Restitutions
- Transition period
- Finding most suitable model
- 2004 EU



FAMILY FARM SIZE

1993 – 87 ha / family

2010 – 136 ha / family

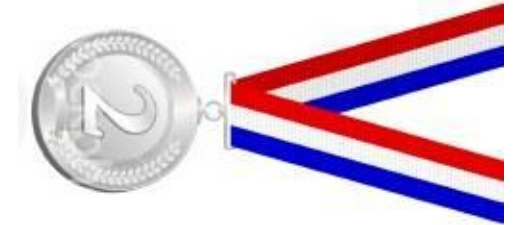


FARM EFFICIENCY : OWNERSHIP

1. Private farmers



2. Business companies



3. Cooperatives



WHAT WE IN CEEC COUNTRIES NEED THE MOST ?

- **Equality**
- **Stability**
- **Social status**



CONCLUSION

- It can not be said which farm size or form of ownership is most efficient
- **Important are people, farmers who crates succesfull stories**



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