

Welcome to all our visitors!

I am Csaba Hegedűs, a 47-year-old agricultural engineer specialising in animal husbandry. Together with my partner Eva, we are bringing up two children, the 15-year-old Csongor and the 2-year-old Csenge, in Poroszlo. I am grateful to Eva, because besides providing us with a cosy home, she actively takes part in the care of the pigeons too, helping me to cultivate this beautiful hobby in addition to my work.

I was brought up in a family dedicated to animal husbandry, so I have never had any doubt that I wanted to be a livestock farmer, and as long as I can remember, I have always fancied cows and pigeons. Breeding Holstein-Friesian cattle and dairy farming became my job. Fortunately for me, I have achieved a lot of positive things in my profession with my colleagues. Our farm has been producing over 12 600 kg average lactation for many years, with some animals exceeding 18 000 kg. The highest daily milk production was 86 kg. 9 of our cows have reached 100 000 kg of lifetime production, one of them reaching the very rare 130 000 kg. We have also been successful at exhibitions, and our cow, Matild was awarded Grand Champion at the most prestigious national show in 2016, winning all the intermediate prizes and the title of "the most beautiful udder" at the show. Thanks to these production and exhibition results, I have been awarded the MAster Breeder Award of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association. I have had the opportunity to participate in the development of a software for the management on my premises and the construction of a milking parlour of my own design. Nowadays, besides production, our main energies are invested in an embryo breeding program, one of the first successes of which is the birth of Multiton Oxterril Margó53-ET, which has a top 10 production breeding value based on genome test results with a base of 3 million individuals.

I went from admiring all kinds of pigeons to becoming a homing pigeon fan when I was 12 years old, after a visit from a relative of ours, Mihály Balsánszki. The next time he visited us, I received 10 specimens from him, to the great delight of my parents, and we were able to create a new home for the noble pigeons. Because of my studies and my job, I have only been a theoretical pigeon fancier for 30 years, but I have always had a connection with the homing pigeon sport. In high school, the local club had their collection and dismantling in the school grounds, and we spent long afternoons with our teacher, Otto Nagy. In college, pigeon racing was a perennial topic, until I decided to make homing pigeons the subject of my thesis. When I was working in Nyírtelk, I helped János Csizmarik with the daily care of the pigeons. I started competing 4 years ago, influenced by my friend, Gergő. and my experiences in the Z40 club in Szentistván. I immediately said "yes" to Gergő's idea of a test site, I think it is a fantastic thing from the point of view of the breeders, to have the opportunity to compete pigeons in uniform conditions where there is a realistic chance that genetics will make the difference.

To whom can I heartily recommend sending a pigeon?

For successful breeders who want to prove the quality of their pigeons to the sceptical. For the average pigeon keeper who cannot provide all the conditions (finances, free time) for their pigeons. For those who, regardless of their results, are tired of their daily routine, but would not give up their beloved hobby completely. For sportsmen and sportswomen who want to build up a strong team with a smaller number of animals and thus get more feedback for the selection. And for the eternally curious.

I look forward to your enquiries and questions.

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