



POSITIVE CHANGES FOR FARMERS

On 15 June 2022, the provisions of the Act of 28 April 2022 amending the Act on social insurance for farmers entered into force. A number of changes have been made, the most important of which are as follows:

▶ **Full agricultural pension without the need to dispose of agricultural property**

A retired farmer does not have to give up his farm in order to be entitled to full payment of his farm pension. He may continue to carry out agricultural activities on his holding without the risk of suspending the supplementary part of that benefit.

▶ **Addition of periods of military service to the amount of the agricultural pension**

Persons born after 31 December 1948 who do not have a fixed right to a pension from the Social Insurance Institution (ZUS) will have added to the basis of the calculation of their agricultural pension the period of their active military service in the Polish Army before 1 January 1999 – as per 1% of the basic pension for each year.

▶ **Reduction of the period of the lease agreement when receiving a temporary agricultural pension due to the incapacity for work**

A person entitled to a temporary agricultural pension may, in order to cease his agricultural activity, conclude a lease agreement for a period of less than 10 years (e.g. for the period for which the right to a such pension is granted).

▶ **Extension of the catalogue of persons covered by social insurance for farmers**

Farmers and household members who are covered by the full scope of social insurance of farmers are, by virtue of this Act, still covered by this insurance in certain circumstances, despite also being covered by ZUS social insurance. These circumstances are:

- receiving an integration benefit or scholarship during a period of training, internship or vocational training for adults to which such persons were referred to by a poviát employment office,
- receiving a scholarship during a period of training, internship or professional preparation for adults to which such persons were directed by entities, other than poviát employment offices,
- obtaining a scholarship on the basis of the provisions on employment promotion and labour market institutions concerning postgraduate studies,
- performing active military service as a non-professional soldier, or performing substitute service.

Farmers and household members who meet the above-mentioned conditions may at any time withdraw from their coverage by farmers' social insurance by submitting a statement on this matter to the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund (KRUS). However, this insurance shall cease not earlier than on the day on which the statement of withdrawal from the insurance was submitted to KRUS.

▶ **Restoration of farmers' social insurance coverage**

Farmers and household members who were excluded, on the above mention grounds, from the social insurance of farmers before 15 June this year may have their coverage by this insurance during the periods of such exclusion retroactively reinstated. This reinstatement of the social insurance of farmers requires submitting an application in this matter to the appropriate organisational unit of KRUS by the deadline of 15 December 2022.

This will make it possible to supplement the missing period towards obtaining the right to retirement and pension benefits or in order to demonstrate an uninterrupted period of insurance, which is required, among other situations, when a farmer or a householder starts a non-agricultural business. The application form (KRUS UD-98/2022_06) is available in each KRUS field unit and also on the KRUS website.

▶ **Rehabilitation in the KRUS Agricultural Rehabilitation Centres for farmers – pensioners**

From 1 January 2023 KRUS will be able to direct persons entitled to an agricultural pension to medical rehabilitation. Such rehabilitation stay will last 21 days.

▶ **Regeneration stays for caregivers of people with disabilities**

From 1 January 2023 KRUS will be able to direct insured caregivers of people with disabilities to KRUS Farmers' Rehabilitation Centres. Such regeneration stay will last 7 days.

Detailed information available at: www.krus.gov.pl