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**PROFESSOR D.F. LYHVAR AND HIS ACTIVITY  
IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF FARMING  
AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY OF WESTERN REGIONS OF USSR  
(1956–1959)**

**Summary**

The purpose of this study is comprehensive coverage by historical and scientific analysis of the formation and function of Scientific and Research Institute of Farming and Animal Husbandry of USSR Western Regions under the leadership of Professor D.F. Lihvar (1956-1959). Institution was founded in 1956 in the system of UAAS based on the Institute of Agrobiology of AS of USSR, which was headed by D.F. Lihvar, Lviv Research Station of Tillage of the Ministry of Agriculture of USSR and state farm "Lvivskiy". Preconditions and specialties of institution's building, forming the main areas of research and first achievements of the team, led by Professor D.F. Lihvar, were determined. Scientist's contribution to the organization of the Institute, manifested in expanding the range of research through the creation of new departments and laboratories, including cattle, pigs, sheep, poultry and artificial insemination, and in completing of scientific personnel, which ensured proper performance of the newly established Scientific and Research Institute of Farming and Animal Husbandry of USSR Western Regions.

For research period scientists of the Institute achieved important results in introduction of scientific contribution and progressive practice, directed on expansion of sown areas and raising yields of corn, winter barley, wheat; to increase production and improve the use of local fertilizers; to increase production and reduce the cost of

vegetables production and so on. Much team work under the leadership of Professor D.F. Lihvar was directed on reorganization and strengthening of research stations subordinated to institute: Ivano-Frankivsk, Girsko-Carpathian, Transcarpathian, Ternopil, Volyn, Rivne, Chernivtsi and Drogobytshyy research fields. D.F. Lihvar assisted for international cooperation of Scientific Research Institute of Farming and Animal Husbandry of USSR with academic institutions in other countries to learn about the latest foreign scientific achievements. It was proved, that function of Scientific and Research Institute of Farming and Animal Husbandry of USSR under the leadership of Professor D.F. Lihvar was focused on practical application of scientific institute developments on farms. Success of these results and development, laid by him, scientific trends at the present, gives reason to believe that as a director of the institution scientist showed professionalism and extraordinary organizer talent.