

## The characteristics of cold-blooded horses qualified to breeding at the territory of Warmia and Mazury

### S u m m a r y

The studies covered the population of cold-blooded stallions and mares qualified to breeding on the territory the Warmia and Mazury Horse Breeders Association in the years 1999-2005. The detailed analysis covered the number, biometric parameters (height at withers, chest girth, circumference of fore cannon) and point-scale estimation (in the three groups:  $\leq 79$ , 80-82,  $\geq 83$  points) characteristic for the observed population. During the examined period changes were found in the group of cold-blooded stallions and mares qualified to breeding on the territory of Warmia and Mazury:

- significant increase in number of young licensed horses, the most pronounced in mares group. Almost three times more females were qualified to Main Stud Book in 2005 than in 1999;
- an increase in biometric parameters and estimation points of stallions qualified to breeding and sold in the exhibitions;
- an increase of calibre and quality in licensed mares qualified to Stud Book. In the same time females qualified to Main Stud Book were higher, had bigger chest girth and better quality than mares qualified to Preliminary Stud Book.