

Baja California Sur is declared free of bovine, caprine and ovine brucellosis.

The aforementioned declaration raises the competitiveness of producers and quality in livestock origin food.



Based on the sanitary actions taken by producers of the State of Baja California Sur for the diagnosis, control, eradication, and active and passive epidemiological surveillance, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (Sader) declared as a Brucellosis Free Zone caused by *Brucella abortus*, *Brucella melitensis* and of brucellosis in ovine population caused by *Brucella ovis*, the bovine, caprine, and ovine population of this entity.

With this declaration, Baja California Sur joins Sonora as a region free of brucellosis due to smooth species (*B. abortus*, *B. melitensis* and *B. suis*); Campeche, Colima, Guerrero, Nayarit, Quintana Roo and Yucatán are on eradication phase.

The declaration, published on the Federal Official Gazette, favors the trade of these animals, the products and byproducts from this region, which will positively impact bovine, caprine, and ovine production of the entity —valued in over 607 million pesos— and the competitiveness of the entity's livestock.

It is issued after technicians of the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica) confirmed the sanitary conditions of animals, according to the requirements established by the Mexican Official Standard NOM-041-ZOO-1995, about the National Campaign against Brucellosis in Animals.

Official personnel of the Senasica took representative samples in bovine, caprine, and ovine populations during the last 36 months and, after verifying there was no positive case, the Sader issued the declaration.

It is worth remembering that the Sader operates the National Campaign against Brucellosis in Animals to control and eradicate the disease in bovine, caprine, and ovine in low prevalence zones slaughtering positive animals, vaccinating infected herds and confirming free herds. In medium and high prevalence zones, massive vaccination is performed.

Brucellosis is a bacterial infectious disease, which affects several animal species and spreads quickly and damages national livestock. Therefore, the Sader performs epidemiological surveillance, diagnosis, and vaccination activities to reduce its presence in the country.