

Senasica and AgroAsemex work in insurance to protect property of producers

Both institutions seek a financing scheme to support producers in case of contingencies derived from pests and diseases of economic importance.



National Service of Food Safety and Agricultural Quality (Senasica) and AgroAsemex work on the creation of a financial mechanism that allows agricultural producers to secure their assets against risks such as pests, diseases, climate change and commercial variables or related to bioterrorism.

The head of Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (Sader), Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, said that this strategy will provide certainty to production sector to notify health authorities about potential risks, being guaranteed that their source of income is insured.

He stressed that based on timely notifications, the early detection of an outbreak is vital, as it allows confinement and eradication of pest or disease in less time and at a low cost.

The federal official explained this during his participation in VI Forum on Climate and Biological Perspectives, organized in Querétaro by AgroAsemex, national insurance institution of Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit (SHCP) that aims to protect the property and productive capacity of rural sector.

Trujillo Arriaga said that having agricultural risk insurance is necessary to also promptly address pests and diseases which are not present in Mexico, for which Senasica applies measures with a preventive approach and in which introduction risk actions due to mobilization of people and agricultural and food products by commercial, tourist, and climatic and migratory phenomena are taken into consideration.

He explained that there is a plague and a disease in the international agri-food sector that represent threats to banana and pig production of the continent: Fusarium (FOCR4T) and the African Swine Fever (ASF), respectively, for which the Senasica has special operations Epidemiological surveillance and phytosanitary inspection at the main points of entry into the national territory.

The head of Research and Development of AgroAsemex, Luis Fernando Rodríguez, said that agricultural insurance is the best ally of producers in face of climatic, sanitary and biological emergencies, so that agency will work hand in hand with Senasica to establish

appropriate financial schemes in accordance with needs of the productive units with the greatest risk.

The secretary of Agricultural Development of Querétaro, Carl Heinz Dobler Mehner, stressed that prevention in the agricultural sector is essential to translate public policies into benefits for producers, mainly small ones.

The head of the National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (Conabio), José Sarukhán Kermez, indicated that Mexico is one of the five countries with the greatest biodiversity in the world, and in order to protect it, Sader operates a program to establish the best planting areas that do not affect the environment.