

**The SADER and state governments reach an agreement to strengthen the agricultural and livestock sanitation of the Baja California peninsula.**

The SADER will continue working to guarantee and strengthen the international reputation of Mexico regarding sanitation issues.



The Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) and the governments of Baja California and Baja California Sur (BCS) agreed to a closer cooperation to strengthen the sanitary campaigns in the region.

In the third meeting of the Board of Agri-food Sanitation and Safety Board of the Baja California Peninsula it was informed that the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) will reinforce the tuberculosis and bovine brucellosis campaigns in Baja California Sur to raise the sanitary status of the region so the producers may raise the value of their cattle heads for up to 84% and attain the status as exporters.

Currently, the state produces 38,000 calves per year and most are traded in Baja California at a low price because they do not have the status as a bovine diseases free zone.

This number of calves generates an annual income of around 380 million Mexican pesos. The SADER aims to increase that value to up to 700 million Mexican pesos with the reinforcement of the campaigns operated by the SENASICA.

Víctor Villalobos Arámbula, Secretary of the SADER, announced at the meeting that the plan to reinforce the bovine brucellosis and tuberculosis campaign will be recorded in the section of priority regional projects that will soon begin operations.

“We are very interested in reinforcing the sanitary status to facilitate trade and passage of cattle heads across state lines. This subject is among the most relevant, and President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has been very receptive in this regard”, stated the Secretary.

He said that the Secretariat of Agriculture will continue working to maintain the international reputation of Mexico regarding sanitation issues.

Along this lines, the Head of SENASICA, Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, said that the alliance between both states, with the support of the federal government, contributes to improve the sanitary status of the country.

The governor of Baja California, Francisco Vega de Lamadrid, emphasized that his state will support BCS to multiply their cattle heads, which will make the region one of the most competitive in the country.

The Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock Development of Baja California, Manuel Valladolid Seamanduras, commented that plant and animal health are “matters of public and financial health for the producers”, due to the increasing number of sanitary and safety requirements for trading agri-food products.

During the meeting, Manuel Valladolid passed the presidency of the Health Peninsular Board to Andrés Córdova Urrutia, his counterpart from Baja California Sur, who promised to keep collaborating with the Mexican government to promote good practices in the regions, so the producers, specially the small ones, reap greater benefits.

Other subject included in the section of priority projects was the unification of the two Internal Verification Points (IVPs) located in the border zone between the states.

It was agreed to reinforce the structure and operations part of the IVP located in Baja California to achieve an efficient control of the mobilization of agri-food products from the region.