

Secretariat of Agriculture strengthens business relationship with Henan province, China

The Secretariat of Agriculture and the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs received a Chinese delegation headed by Vice Governor of Henan province, Wu Goudin.



Mexican and Henan province, China governments agreed to strengthen their business relationship with the purpose of consolidate, over the medium term, an opening to new markets, which responds to the increasing food demand in that Asian area.

Officials of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development and, of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE), as well as representatives of the National Agriculture and Livestock Council (CNA) received, at the Agriculture headquarters, a Chinese delegation headed by Vice Governor of Henan province, Wu Goudin.

Lourdes Cruz Trinidad, the General Coordinator of International Affairs on behalf of Víctor Villalobos Arámbula, Secretary of Agriculture, pointed out that the bilateral relationship with China is at the core for the Mexican Government, considering that during 2018 products, which accumulated 482 million dollars, were exported to that country.

She said that Mexico is interested in increasing that market, consequently, Secretary Villalobos Arámbula will travel this month to the Asian country in order to sign the pending protocols to export sorghum, berries and pork viscera.

Likewise, he will negotiate the exportation of Persian lime, avocado of Jalisco, horse meat, honey, orange and grapefruit.

The Chief Director of the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica), Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, said that Mexican quarantine and health policies are aligned with those of its business partners and, in the case of China, sanitary protocols acceptable for both parties, haven been signed since 2003.

“These protocols are very effective, both countries have hold up our side of the bargain and, as a result, there are more and more Mexican products in China. Also, there is an expressed demand to increase shipments,” he said.

Nowadays, Mexico has sanitary protocols with China regarding pork meat and sub products, bovine meat, avocado of Michoacán, table grapes, blackberries, raspberries, corn, dairy products, blueberries and raw tobacco.

Mexico and China do not have a Free Trade Agreement, so each product must be valued separately in order to get the corresponding sanitary approvals.

Before the meeting, the Chinese delegation visited avocado orchards in Jalisco. In this regard, Vice Governor, Wu Goudin pointed out that the visit to Mexico has been productive, since he confirmed that health and safety mechanisms met the requirements demanded by pertinent authorities in China.

He said in advance that, as first business agreement, he will promote the Jalisco avocado and bovine meat exportation to Henan province. For this, they will seek to establish a direct air route between both countries.

He specified that Henan has a high agricultural production, of almost 65 million tons a year, which are cultivated in 2.3 million of hectares.

He added that the Henan region is connected to European, Asian and American countries by direct air routes and to 11 European nations by railway lines, in order to revitalize the business flow. Henan is also connected to the main seaports in the world and has a website for e-business.

He remarked that the area is leader in wheat, cattle, milk, oils, soybean and mushrooms production. Nevertheless, Henan demands a huge amount of food because their population is almost 109 million inhabitants.

Alberto Limas Gutiérrez, Director of International Economic Agreements of the SRE, and Carlos Aldeco Reyes Retana, on part of the CNA, were also present in the meeting.