

The Secretariat of Agriculture and Colima government redouble actions to increase the livestock health status of the state

- Operations will be reinforced in the 10 municipalities of entity in order to recover the Accreditation Preparatory status in bovine tuberculosis (bTB).



With the purpose of recovering the Accreditation Preparatory status in the bovine tuberculosis (bTB), the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development together with the government of Colima, integrated a prize money of 15 million pesos, with resources of 2019 and 2020, in order to support producers with the sanitary scan.

This was revealed in the framework of the Cattlemen Day celebration, where the Secretary of the National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica), Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, call the livestock producers of entity to work collaboratively with a view to recover and increase the health status.

The Officer of Agriculture considered that health is a mixed public good, so it is necessary that producers together with federal and state governments join efforts and add investments in favor of going forward.

He said that it is necessary to meet the 28 suggestions made by USDA technicians in order to recover the Accreditation Preparatory status, which allows to export live male calves with tuberculin test of the herd (mothers of the male calves) and batch.

Governor of the state, Juan Ignacio Peralta, underlined the willingness of Secretary Víctor Villalobos Arámbula, and of the Senasica to support the entity considering that its economy depends on a large extent on the primary sector.

He emphasized that people of Colima have been supported regarding bovine tuberculosis, as well as in the actions taken for the control and eradication of Mediterranean fruit fly (*Ceratitis Capitata*).

He recognized the Senasica technicians for the timely detection of the pest, which made possible that this is almost an issue overcome.

The President of the Regional Livestock Union of Colima, Jorge Salazar Barragán, announced that producers in cooperation with the Senasica, are preparing a strategic plan in order to eradicate bTB from the state territory in a period of five years.

He expressed the commitment of cattlemen to do their best with the aim of achieving this goal and maintain the status reached.

The Senasica technicians and Colima government work together with the producers, through the Livestock Promotion and Protection Committee of the entity, in the control and eradication of tuberculosis.

So far, the sanitary scan has advanced 69% in the animal inspection, informed the Committee.

The Committee indicated the necessity of finishing the control and eradication actions in the 10 municipalities of the state. The Cuauhtémoc, Minatitlán and Comala municipalities are already finished; Armería, Manzanillo, Coquimatlán and Villa de Álvarez will be completed in 2019, and Colima, Tecomán and Ixtlahuacán are expected to be concluded in the first months of 2020.

During 2019, bovine meat production in Colima grew 2.4% and is ranked as the second most important in entity, with 8,501 tons up to October, just following poultry meat, which records 9,744 tons.

The Agriculture representative in the entity, Felipe González Ochoa; the Secretary of Rural Development, Sergio Agustín Morales Anguiano; and General

Coordinator of Social Programs in Colima, Indira Vizcaíno Silva, were also present during the celebration.