

Meat products production at TIF establishments grew by 9.5% in 2019

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The Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development reported that as result of the joint work with the national livestock breeding sector, from January-October 2019, meat products production in Federal Inspection Type (TIF) establishments reached 12,411,563 animals, an increase of 9.5% (1,086,757 heads) compared with the same period in the previous year.

11,324,806 bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine cattle heads were slaughtered in these type of establishments during the first 10 months of 2018. The total slaughter this year amounted to 13,773,340 animals.

The National Service for Agro-Alimentary Public Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) reports that, from January to October 2019, 1,616,672 tons of poultry were processed at TIF establishments, an increase of 5,746 tons compared with the production over the same period in 2018.

The processing of pork, beef and poultry products represent 97% of the total meat products production. Goats, sheep and horses amount for the remainder production.

During January-October 2019, pork meat products recorded the highest increase and reported a slaughter of 8,860,413 animals, 10.6% higher (850,680 heads) than over the same period the previous year.

Beef slaughter during the first 10 months of the year amounted to 3,222,480 heads, and increase of 8.3% (248,502 animals) compared with the slaughter over the same period in 2018.

70% of TIF establishments produce meat products for national consumption, while the remaining 30% produces for 65 international markets.

There are currently 471 TIF establishments operating in 30 states, which employ 286 official veterinarians authorized by the SENASICA.

The plants are distributed as follows: Nuevo Leon 79, Estado de Mexico 60, Mexico City 51, Jalisco 39, Guanajuato 22, Sonora, Chihuahua and Puebla 20 each, Coahuila 19.

Some establishments have various activities: 297 plants produce cold cuts and meat products, 224 are dedicated to cutting and deboning, 203 are dedicated to meat processing, 174 are slaughterhouses and 17 are distribution centers.

Concerning exports, the TIF certification issued by the SENASICA has enabled 140 establishments to penetrate international markets.

According to SENASICA's records over the last two years, the main consumers of Mexican meat products are the United States, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and China.

Exports to China have increased and will be boosted after the negotiations for the commercialization of pig and beef entrails between the SENASICA and the Chinese Ministry of General Administration of Customs are finished.

Onsite verification of TIF establishments is an essential requirement of international markets; therefore, during this year the Service has been audited by the governments of Peru, Canada, Dominican Republic, Chile, China, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Korea and Taiwan, which are interested in purchasing Mexican meat products.

A TIF establishment is a slaughter, supply, conservation or transformation facility for meat products, which undergoes permanent health inspections carried out by veterinarians authorized by the SENASICA.

The TIF seal is property of the Mexican government, therefore anyone who wishes to use it must obtain the safety certification issued by the Secretariat of Agriculture.