

The UNAM assists in the fight against bovine tuberculosis

We are looking to reduce the prevalence of bovine tuberculosis in our country.



Bovine tuberculosis (BT) is an infectious-contagious disease that is chronic and progressive, caused by the *Mycobacterium bovis* bacteria and which affects bovine cattle and practically all mammals.

It is worth mentioning that bovine tuberculosis is a zoonotic disease, which means that it can be transmitted to human beings through the consumption of contaminated and unpasteurized dairy products, and in rare circumstances, through direct contact with skin wounds.

The Senasica operates the National Campaign against Bovine Tuberculosis (BT) that aims to reduce the prevalence of the disease in the states, which directly benefits livestock producers, with the commercialization of their stock, and public health.

To strengthen the legal framework to prevent tuberculosis, the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Mexican National Autonomous University [*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México* - UNAM] signed a Letter of Intent that establishes the bases to soon enter into a Cooperation Agreement.

For more information consult: [The regulatory framework to protect livestock production and public health from tuberculosis is under assessment.](#)