## Winners of the 2022 National Plant Health Award have been announced!

We celebrate our phytosanitary professionals



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Mexico is a country free of more than a thousand plant pests and diseases of economic importance, such as the khapra weevil, tuta absoluta, several species of fruit flies, wheat stem rust and tropical banana fusarium, all of which have a severe impact in other regions of the world.

All of these are of severe impact in other regions of the world. This is no coincidence, as 122 years ago the Mexican Government formally initiated the surveillance and combat of the main threats to our agriculture, both in the field and in the universities, and began to educate groups of phytosanitary professionals who assist in preventive and control tasks.

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Starting with the 2017 edition, the recognition was divided into two categories, the Scientific Work Award and the Phytosanitary Merit Award, which will be given this year to MS Antonio Segura Miranda and MS Jorge Manuel Valdez Carrasco, respectively.