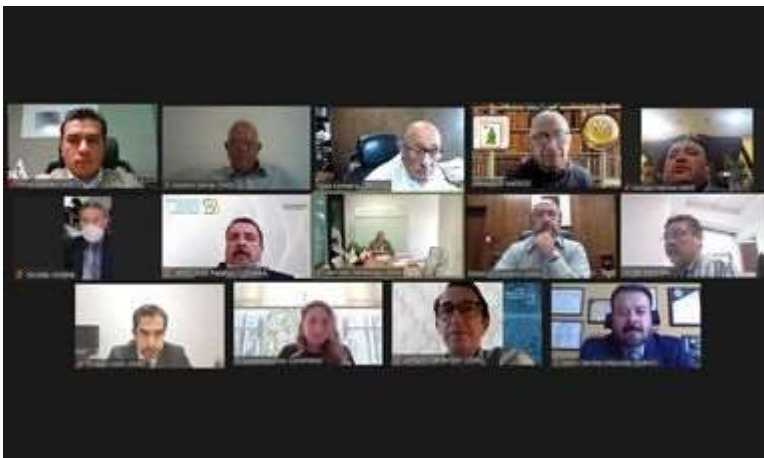


# Veterinarian Ofelia Flores Hernández receives the 2022 Animal Health National Award

The jury that selected the winner of the 2022 Animal Health National Award consists of representatives of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, academia, trade associations, and the meat industry



Voting took place during the virtual meeting chaired by Juan Gay Gutiérrez, Senasica's general director of animal health, on behalf of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development

As reported by the National Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA), the 2022 Animal Health National Award jury granted the award to Ofelia Flores Hernández, veterinarian-zootechnician, due to her work in the registry and measurement of toxic residues in foodstuffs.

The award winner is a graduate of the School of Veterinary and Zootechnics Sciences of the Mexican National Autonomous University (FMVZ-UNAM) and holds a master's degree in Veterinary Sciences from the same college.

The 2022 Animal Health National Award consists of a medal, a diploma, and economic compensation, and the award ceremony will take place during the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Conasa (National Animal Health Technical Advisory Board) that will be held in Chihuahua, Chihuahua, this next October 7<sup>th</sup>.

As per the Call published on June 22 in the Federal Official Gazette (DOF), voting was conducted during a virtual meeting chaired by Juan Gay Gutiérrez, Senasica's general director of animal health, on behalf of the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Carlos Alberto Peña Meneses, as representative of the General Directorate of Animal Health, acted as secretary of the jury organized to select the winner of said award.

The jury consisted of: Jorge Paredes Pérez (General Directorate Of Agriculture and Food, Aquaculture and Fishery Safety); Nicolás Molina Cruz, (General Directorate of Plant and Animal Health Inspection); Enrique Herrera, (INIFAP-National Institute of Forestry, Agriculture and Livestock Research); and Francisco Suárez Güemes, (FMVZ-UNAM); Igor Francisco Romero Sosa (Pronabive-National Producer of Veterinary Biologics); Arturo

Sánchez Mejorada (FedMVZ-Federation of Colleges and Associations of Mexican Veterinarians-Zootechnicians); José Palafox Uribe (Conasa-National Animal Health Technical Advisory Board); and Armando Mateos Poumián (Mexican Veterinary Academia).

Representing the productive chain: Arturo Calderón Ruanova (UNA-National Union of Poultry Producers); José Zaga Mizrahi (Opormex-Organization of Mexican Pig Farmers); and Jesús Guzmán San Martín (Anetif-National Association of Federal Inspection Type Establishments).

Rounding the jury: Enrique López López (AMEG-Mexican Association of Beef Producers); Alexandra Luna Orta (Infarvet-Veterinary Pharmaceutical Industry); and Homero García de la Llata (CNOG-National Confederation of Stock Breeders' Organizations).

### **Key activity for opening markets**

During the meeting, Mr. Gay Gutiérrez explained that the work of Ms. Ofelia Flores Hernández, PhD, has been essential for the Mexican foreign trade, as she headed efforts to adapt and validate techniques within the context of the National Program to Monitor and Control Toxic Residues and Pollutants.

Implementing said techniques has opened the doors of international markets to our national producers, which has made possible for Mexico to stand out as an exporter of meat products.

The award winner worked in the SENASICA for nearly 30 years, acting as director of Livestock Services and Verification, deputy director of Verification and analyst in the Cenapa (National Animal Health Verification Services Center).