

The Secretariat of Agriculture and the industry form permanent work groups to solidify the country's agro-alimentary health and safety

The CNA (National Agriculture and Livestock Board) is a strategic partner of the National Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA) since it acts as a link between the producers and the actions operated by the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development to protect the Mexican countryside against pest and diseases



The Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the CNA formed a Commission to Monitor the Consensus Agreement executed by both parties in 2020, and which will coordinate and supervise the joint actions to be implemented to boost health and safety practices in the agriculture, livestock, aquaculture, and fishery production in our country.

The work teams from the National Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA) and the CNA, headed by their respective principals, Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga and Juan Cortina Gallardo, executed the Articles of Incorporation of the Monitoring Commission, which establishes responsibilities for both the federal government and the productive sector.

The organizations agreed to form two permanent work groups to address plant and animal health issues, who will be complemented, when required, by specialists in health inspection, agro-alimentary, aquaculture and fishery safety, and projects and institutional development.

Mr. Trujillo Arriaga pointed out that the CNA is a strategic partner of the Senasica, as the ideal link between small, medium, and large producers with the actions operated by the Secretariat of Agriculture to protect the Mexican countryside against pest and diseases, and thus guarantee the food supply.

He pointed out that the partnership with the CNA makes possible for producers to join the work carried out by the

veterinarians and biologists of the agency of the Secretariat of Agriculture, and adopt as their own the plant and animal health campaigns and good manufacturing practices, which bring tangible economic benefits in the short and medium terms.

The SENASICA is dedicated to work for the producers, and the campaigns are implemented for their benefit and to make them more competitive, so they can promote development and improve the quality of life of rural communities and maintain the food supply for the population.

Juan Cortina Gallardo, president of the CNA, pointed out that the Agreement signed two years ago has made possible for the productive sectors to commit to agro-alimentary health matters, and recognize the work of protecting food production carried out by the agency that reports to the Secretariat of Agriculture.

In his words, “Mexico is proud to have a strong institution that is receptive to the needs of producers, and we will continue to assist in the production of healthy and safe foods for our country and the world”.

Mario Puente Raya, vice-president of Agro-alimentary Health and Safety of the CNA, pointed out that the periodic meetings with the specialists of the SENASICA will contribute to reinforce the actions to prevent the introduction of pest and diseases foreign to Mexico, and to timely address any endemic and reemerging threats.

Further, he informed that the Board would contribute with relevant information that will be analyzed by the technicians and considered for the works operated by the Secretariat of Agriculture on agriculture and livestock, aquaculture and fishery health and safety matters on the 32 federated states.

The Consensus Agreement signed by and between the SENASICA and the CNA also establishes cooperation channels to prepare risk analysis of pests and diseases, and to join efforts in the implementation of agriculture and livestock programs, and emergency national devices and measures issued by the Secretariat of Agriculture.

The CNA represents 1.8 million producers from all agro-alimentary activities, and two thirds of which are small and medium scale producers.