## Mango producers receive training from the Mexican government on food safety and security

This marks progress in the fulfillment of the commitments agreed upon by the Food Safety Partnership between Mexico and the United States



The online course is the product of the bilateral cooperation established in the Food Safety Partnership between the governments of Mexico and the United States.

Personnel from mango producer and packaging companies in Mexico received training through the course named "Good hygiene and health practices on plants that treat minimally processed agricultural produce", which helps them to reaffirm their food safety and security knowledge.

The online course is the product of the bilateral cooperation established in the Food Safety Partnership (FSP, in English) between agencies from the Mexican and U.S. Governments: the Cofepris - Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), respectively.

The course was lectured by food safety and sanitary inspection specialists and technicians from September 26-28, who addressed subjects concerning contamination risks in agricultural produce, waste management, personnel health and safety, sanitary status of fresh foodstuffs, and pest management, among others.

To reinforce the compliance of establishments that process fruits and vegetables, individuals received training in the legal framework of good hygiene practices, the actions that the Cofepris and the Senasica carry out to implement food health measures, and the issuance of sanitary opinions.

This time, 150 members from over 70 companies mainly dedicated to mango packaging and exports from Chiapas, Mexico City, Colima, Guerrero, Jalisco, Michoacán, Nayarit, Nuevo León, Oaxaca, and Sinaloa, attended the online course.

Mexico is the sixth mango producer in the world, hence the importance of the training program that fulfills the commitments undertaken in the Food Safety Partnership between Mexico and the United States.

At the same time, it reinforces the joint work agreement between the Senasica, Cofepris, and the FDA, which aims to reinforce the safety of foodstuffs produced and traded between both commercial partners, for the benefit of their consumers and their common market.