

RESULTS OF THE 3rd PAN AMERICAN MEETING OF YOUNG MILK PRODUCERS ORGANIZED BY FEPALE IN ECUADOR



The 3rd. Pan American Meeting of Young Milk Producers, organized by the [Pan American Dairy Federation \(FEPALE\)](#) with its partners in Ecuador and with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture MAGAP and the Government of the Province of Pichincha was successfully held from 25 to 27 April 2017 in the city of Yachay (Province of Imbabura, Ecuador).

The meeting was attended by 230 young people coming from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, as well as by government and technical representatives.

The meeting consisted of conferences, workshops, exchanges of experiences, field days and other activities regarding knowledge of dairy production, seeking to encourage in the new generation of producers passion for the livestock sector.

At the opening session, the President of FEPALE stressed that it is necessary to involve young people in milk production, for the generational replacement, reducing migration to the cities and encouraging the participation of the public and private sectors.

The conferences focused on important topics such as: The framework of the international dairy sector and the opportunities for Latin America; the power of social networks and their potential use in favour of the dairy chain; good practices of milk production and its relation with sustainability; generational integration, a challenge at community and family level. In working groups young people exchanged ideas and solutions for the various problems raised.

During the field day, the participants visited collection centres, heard the experiences of small and medium producers and local young people in milk production in the Pichincha Province. The representatives of the Ministry MAGAP of Ecuador presented the development of milk collection centres



managed by small producers associations and the optimization of dairy production under the grazing system. Activities were carried out in the beautiful landscapes of the territory, where livestock production contributes to the preservation of the environment. In addition, the visits showed the added value given to milk by producers such as yoghurt, cheese and white chocolate.

Other conferences were held on the 3rd day on topics related to dairy production and the role of young people. A detailed report of the various conferences and activities is available on the FEPALE website.

Other events enriched the three-day meeting as the reforestation activity at the JBY Arborium in Yachay, where each young sponsored a tree, as a symbol of a sustainable future for new generations. In the evening cultural events of music and dances were organized with the participation of groups from different countries.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the young Panamanians invited all participants to attend the 4th Pan American Young Dairy Meeting to be held in Panama in 2019.

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