

RESULTS OF THE 4th PAN-AMERICAN MEETING OF YOUNG MILK PRODUCERS ORGANIZED BY FEPALE IN PANAMA

The [4th Pan American Meeting of Young Milk Producers](#), organized by the Pan-American Dairy Federation FEPALE with its partners in Panama and with the support of the Ministry of Agricultural Development MIDA was successfully held from 25 to 27 April 2019 in Panama.

The Meeting was attended by 150 young milk producers coming from 12 countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panamá, Paraguay, Uruguay, as well as by government authorities, FEPALE directors and technical representatives.

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

At the opening session the President of FEPALE, Daniel Pelegrina, highlighted the importance of discussing the processes of the dairy sector with a focus on sustainability and stressed that it is necessary to involve young people in milk production for the generational change, for the succession in the estates and their integration in the organizations of the sector.

Some of the core issues addressed in the Meeting, guided by specialists from several countries in the region, were sustainability in the dairy chain, young people and opportunity for change, the incorporation of technology and the role of young people, the use of communication technology by young people as support to the livestock sector, the succession process in the livestock family business.

During the field day, the participants visited the *Finca El Guacino*, learning about their productive system adapted to the tropical climate.

On the last day a workshop was held on topics such as leadership and intelligent optimism, leadership values, teamwork, taking responsibility and activism.



At the closing ceremony, the President and the General Secretary of FEPALE assured FEPALE's commitment to continue with this line of work. The youth delegation of Paraguay proposed to host the next *5th Pan-American Meeting of Young Dairy Farmers*, which will be held in 2021

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