## RESULTS OF THE 5th PAN AMERICAN MEETING OF YOUNG DAIRY FARMERS ORGANIZED BY FEPALE IN PARAGUAY

From 25 to 27 of October 2023 the 5th Panamerican Meeting of Young Dairy Farmers organized by the Panamerican Dairy Federation FEPALE was held in Paraguay.

The Pan American Federation FEPALE together with the Paraguayan Chamber of Dairy Industrialists CAPAINLAC, Committee of Young Dairy Farmers of Paraguay at the Association of Milk Producers and Dairy Breeders APROLE, has organized this edition of the Meeting with the support of the Vice Ministry of Livestock of Paraguay.



The event has been realized at the SAPLE premises of the Cooperativa La Holanda in the Department of Caaguazú.

More than 250 young people from 12 countries in the region participated at the meeting. The objective of the event was to generate a meeting and integration space for young people linked to the dairy sector of the Americas, as well as to promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences. At the event, in fact, various thematic axes have been addressed such as integration and generational change, the role of young people in the incorporation of technology, motivation and leadership and participation in decision-making.

In addition, the difficulties and limitations that arise for generational replacement and integration in the dairy sector were addressed, motivating and strengthening the initiatives presented by the different countries and linked to the integration of young people in union organizations. The challenges facing milk production have been discussed from a perspective emphasizing the vision young people have about them

As in previous editions, the Meeting featured keynote lectures by renowned national and foreign speakers and specialists in each topic addressed at the Meeting. Workshops for the exchange of experiences and technical visits to the different production models in the area were also held during the 3 days of the event, as well as social, cultural and tourist activities.







Since 2013 the Pan-American Dairy Federation FEPALE has defined the work with Young Dairy Farmers as one of its strategic areas and convened the Pan-American Meetings of Young Dairy Farmers where among other related topics, issues such as the role of young milk producers, the replacement of generational change in milk production, the succession in farm management, the role of young people in incorporating new technologies, the participation of young people in dairy organizations and entities have been discussed.

In 2013 the 1st Pan-American Meeting of Young Dairy Farmers was held in the city of Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay. In 2015, the 2nd Meeting was held in Juiz de Fora, Brazil, with the participation of more than 200 young people from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Panama, Uruguay and Venezuela representing the dairy sector. The 3rd Meeting was held in Ecuador, in the Provinces of Pichincha and Imbabura, in April 2017, with the participation of more than 230 young people from 12 countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. In 2019 the 4th Meeting was held in Panama.

In addition to participate in large number in the 2023 edition of the Meeting in Paraguay young dairy farmers from the aforementioned countries demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to the future of dairy farming in the Americas as well.

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