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Argentina 1

Río Uruguay Seguros will offer discounts of up to 30% in hiring at Expoagro

The cooperative company will participate for the first time in Expoagro edition YPF Agro and will debut as official sponsor.

From March 10 to 13, producers from all over the country will meet in the National Capital of Agribusiness, at Km 225 of RN 9, to learn about the latest developments in technology, supplies and tools for development of agroindustrial activity. One of them, fundamental when starting to raise a campaign, are agricultural insurance.

Río Uruguay Seguros (RUS), a cooperative company with more than 60 years in the insurance market, will participate as official sponsor for the first time in Expoagro 2020 edition YPF Agro. "Expoagro is the sample of the most important sector at the national level, which motivates us to be present to boost the growth and presence of our brand in the agricultural sector, aiming to strengthen ties with this sector," they said from the company cooperative.

RUS has a wide range of insurance to cover the assets of agricultural producers. In this regard, they detailed: "We have products that allow us to cover the entire production chain, the heritage exposed to the different activities, as well as human capital, vital work force."

On this occasion, RUS will provide personalized attention to the visitors of its stand located in lot 120, focusing on the needs of agricultural producers, and will surprise you with an interesting proposal, since they will offer discounts of up to 30% in the hiring that is Perform in your space.

Among the types of insurance that RUS offers for the agribusiness sector are hail, transport, fire of silos plants, silobolsas and poultry sheds, insurance for agricultural machinery, all operational risks for collection plants, integral trade for agricultural establishments, escape of hacienda, agricultural establishments, livestock, personal accidents, health insurance, auto insurance.

Born in Concepción del Uruguay, Entre Ríos, RUS was developing throughout the country and currently has 24 business units in 12 provinces and more than 5,000 insurance producers. The insurance offered is individual insurance (personal assets, autonomous work activity, etc.) and corporate insurance (designed for businesses, agriculture, businesses and SMEs).

Zona Norte <https://www.zonanortehoy.com/san-nicolas/2020/3/1/rio-uruguay-seguros-ofrecera-en-expoagro-descuentos-de-hasta-un-30-en-las-contrataciones-79976.html>

Bolivia 2

They report more than 13,000 hectares of crops damaged by climatic events

Nearly fifty municipalities suffer damage in the country

Agricultural producers in at least 46 municipalities in the country reported more than 13,000 hectares of crops damaged by climatic events, such as hail, frost and floods, said the Director of Studies, Products and Risks of the National Institute of Agricultural Insurance (INSA), Cristian Aliaga.

"We are in a stage of evaluation of claims, to date 46 municipalities have sent us some notice of accident, which have been reporting an affected area, which is subject to evaluation for more than 13,000 hectares," he told state media.

Aliaga recalled that for the 2019-2020 agricultural campaign, INSA registered 119 municipalities and more than 226 thousand hectares of crops that have insurance coverage.

In that regard, he said that, after evaluating the accident reports, the INSA will compensate the producers who effectively lost their crops.

He recalled that INSA covers up to Bs 1,000 per hectare lost, natural disaster products.

The main crops reported as damaged are potatoes, corn, quinoa, barley, wheat and peas, the INSA official said.

"The INSA is an operational arm of the Ministry of Rural Development and Lands, currently it is attending the different claims reports that the municipalities send," he said.

[Correo del Sur https://correodelsur.com/sociedad/20200221_reportan-mas-de-13-000-hectareas-de-cultivos-siniestrados-por-eventos-climaticos.html](https://correodelsur.com/sociedad/20200221_reportan-mas-de-13-000-hectareas-de-cultivos-siniestrados-por-eventos-climaticos.html)

Bolivia 3

They report 15,000 hectares affected by climate effects

Agricultural producers from at least 53 municipalities in the country reported to the National Institute of Agricultural Insurance (INSA) the affectation of 15,000 hectares of crops, classified by the institution as damaged by hail, frost and floods.

"The data we have until last week is that 15,000 hectares were affected by these climatic effects, these 15,000 hectares are mainly from potato, corn and quinoa crops," said Director of Studies, Products and Risks of that institution yesterday. , Cristian Aliaga.

For the 2019-2020 agricultural campaign, INSA registered production in 119 municipalities and more than 226 thousand hectares of crops that have insurance coverage, state agency ABI reported.

For the crops affected so far, INSA plans to compensate at least 2,900 producing families with three million Bolivians.

Agricultural insurance compensates with 1,000 Bolivians per hectare damaged, as long as it is evidenced that at least 60% of the hectare suffered damage in its performance due to floods, hail or droughts.

In addition to the data presented by the INSA, which calculates the productive affectation as a result of the "effects of the climate", the Ministry of Rural Development reported yesterday the damages caused by the rains in 10,000 hectares of crops.

"We already have 10,000 hectares of crops affected throughout the country, we have affected crops such as soybeans, corn and potatoes, the situation we are going through at the national level is unfortunate, all the support is being carried out at the emergency level," he said yesterday in conference the Minister of Rural Development and Lands, Beatriz Capobianco.

The report presented by that State portfolio also includes data on the hectares of crops that were affected by the locust plague, which these days harms farmers in the Chaco region.

The National Service of Agricultural Health and Food Safety (Senasag) sent a few technical days to the area and carries out the necessary steps to help farmers, said the authority.

The Ministry of Rural Development and Lands said that the areas most affected by the rains are in the departments of Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, Tarija and Chuquisaca.

In addition to these State institutions, the evaluation of the Agricultural Chamber of the East (CAO) presented yesterday showed that floods and droughts did not affect even 1% of the crops in the country.

"At the moment it is less than last year, we still do not have even 1% of affected cultivated area," said CAO manager Edilberto Osinaga.

FM Bolivia <https://fmbolivia.com.bo/reportan-15-000-hectareas-afectadas-por-efectos-del-clima/>

Scortoma the control of the Brazilian agricultural insurance leader

After 15 years of collaboration between the two companies, Scor acquired the controlling stake in Agro Brasil, a leader in agricultural insurance in the Portuguese-speaking country.

The French company that is the fourth largest in the world reinsurance market announced the purchase of a controlling shareholding in Agro Brasil Administração e Participações Ltda (AgroBrasil), a family business that acts as MGA (General Management Agent) in the segment of insurance of the immense agricultural business. Brazilian

Scor has long been a protagonist in the insurance and reinsurance sector for the agribusiness market in Brazil, "one of the most advanced and sophisticated in the world," says the French entity in a statement that does not mention the amounts involved in the transaction that reinforces the positioning in the special insurance market.

For its part, recognized as a specialist in the sector in which it operates, Agro Brasil has built privileged relationships with rural producers, backed by a specialized network of agronomists and an exclusive digital platform.

SCOR has been working with Agro Brasil for 15 years, "initially acting as reinsurer and, since 2013, as an insurance company, through ESSOR Seguros, a Brazilian company that in 2018 became a wholly owned subsidiary of Scor", The French company stands out.

In addition, according to the information provided, Agro Brasil will maintain its operations and continue working with the same competent professionals. "But, from now on, it will also have the support of the Scor group, promoting business development plans and strengthening investments in the technologies necessary for the company's business activities, in its profitable growth and in the development of new products" , details Scor.

Laura Neves, executive officer responsible for Agro Brasil, will continue in the direction of the Brazilian company and will integrate the ESSOR board of directors, a transition that depends on the approval of the competent authorities.

Laurent Rousseau, deputy general manager of Scor Global P&C and head of the special insurance division, notes: "Thanks to the acquisition of AgroBrasil, SCOR consolidates its operations in the special insurance business and its MGA platform. The operation will also allow SCOR to reinforce its experience in agricultural insurance, an extremely complex segment and a challenge equal to its role in terms of technical knowledge of risks (...)".

"With the support of a top-level global reinsurer, Agro Brasil will be able to consolidate its position as a protagonist in the Brazilian market, expand its product offering and

strengthen its infrastructure. I am very happy (...)”, adds Laura Neves mentioned in the same statement.

Positioned as the leader in the segment, Agro Brasil offers the country's farmers insurance solutions against the risks of loss of production or quality of fruit and grain crops.

ECO Seguros <https://eco.sapo.pt/2020/02/18/scor-assume-controlo-da-lider-brasileira-de-seguros-agricolas/>

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Rise in rural insurance subsidy will stand out

Tovese assesses that the possibility of an increase in the amount of the subsidy granted by the government will bring benefits

Since last year, rural insurance has gained space on the sector's agenda. The government broadened the debate on the issue by defending a link between the issue and agricultural credit. The profit for the producers in this harvest went from R \$ 440 million in the period prior to R \$ 1 billion. And the Ministry of Agriculture, through statements by the Minister of Agriculture Tereza Cristina, has already signaled a new increase, which should reach the value of up to R \$ 1.5 billion.

The impact among companies that work with rural insurance has been positive. The director of Tovese Corretora de Seguros, Otavio Simch, points out that during ExpodiretoCotrijal the company will offer advice to rural producers on the procedures to contemplate the federal subsidy. “The sooner the producer takes out the insurance, the more chances he has to be covered. Even with the increase in the subsidy, where insurance will grow a lot in 2020, it can have surprises at the end of the period if you don't anticipate it”, he says.

In addition, according to Simch, the broker will launch insurance options for winter crops, such as wheat, canola, oats and barley. It will also advance in terms of insurance for complexes within rural properties such as silos, warehouses, warehouses and goods. “We will guide the producer on the best option to hire according to their needs. We want to provide a consultancy for the producer to make the best decision, because this choice is only yours”, he observes.

During ExpodiretoCotrijal, Tovese Corretora de Seguros will show the producer the advantages and benefits of rural crop insurance. The company's stand will be in the central area, next to the financial institutions.

Agrolink https://www.agrolink.com.br/noticias/alta-na-subvencao-do-seguro-rural-sera-destaque_430720.html

Chile 6

They reinforce the call to contract agricultural insurance policies in the region

Given the series of climatic phenomena present in the region that have affected the normal development of silvoagropecuaria work, the regional agricultural portfolio reinforces the call to local producers to ensure their productions, through the contracting of agricultural insurance policies with State subsidy provided by the Ministry of Agriculture through Agroseguros.

An initiative that seeks to increase the number of contracts for this state subsidy, whose objective is to protect producers, through a financial instrument that compensates them, in case of losses, that are caused by adverse weather events.

“During the last year we have seen that the number of contracts has been slightly low, so we call our producers to take out this state silvoagropecuaria insurance, which guarantees them a protection of their productions against climatic accidents. Today we are facing complex times, where various climatic phenomena are increasingly frequent and harmful, for the normal development of productive activity”, said Rodrigo Órdenes Seremi of Agriculture.

The current condition of water deficit, which is presented as one of the largest droughts in the history of Chile and the increasingly frequent presence of frost in much of the regional territory at different times of the year, have become true threats to the productive development of the sector, generating an atmosphere of uncertainty, where the climate projections for the current year are not very encouraging, so creating greater awareness and concern in this scenario is vital to safeguard the productive activity, thanks to the protection tools, which the Ministry of Agriculture has, to deal with these types of risks.

It is under this premise, to provide more adequate guarantees for the development of the activity and to expand the levels of risk coverage, which is driving the execution of a pilot plan in the region, corresponding to catastrophic - parametric insurance, focused on addressing effects of climate change. An instrument, which is intended to be executed, to give protection against a risk, differentiating itself from traditional insurance, in its activation and way of operating, because it pays based on a climatic variable (trigger) instead of based on the consequences of the climate, such as differences or losses in production. This strengthens the mechanism for determining an emergency and achieves a new financial instrument at the service of farmers in the region.

Ricardo Prado, Executive Director of Agroseguros, referred to this plan, noting that, “the objective is to implement parametric insurance in the area, benefiting the vast majority of agriculture, which is affected by accidents. This type of insurance works worldwide and benefits the agriculture of self-consumption or subsistence in farmers who live in the countryside. This region is one of the ones with the most index information, which are the ones that are managed for this type of insurance”.

In fact, Prado pointed out that the funds to contract these parametric insurances come from the regional governments and actively participate in its creation the Municipality, Seremi and all mayors, informing their climatic realities to be considered in the implementation of this insurance for the region.

Finally, the head of agriculture in the region, Rodrigo Órdenes, referred to the importance of having this type of insurance, "With this new mechanism we seek to have resources in a timely manner, so that we can face emergencies, to support in time and form, the productive recovery of those who today cannot access traditional insurance. These insurances are usually contracted by governments, in this case, by Agroseguros, whose payment is based on the behavior of a variable that has a high correlation with the risk to be covered".

Some of the insurable crops in the Coquimbo region are: oatmeal, corn, wheat, chili pepper, pepper, garlic, chili pepper, artichoke, pea, betarraga, broccoli, onion, lettuce, melon, potato, cucumber, cabbage, watermelon, green bean, pomegranate, tomato, watermelon, cabbage, squash, among others. In addition, they have insurance with subsidy, bees, sheep and cattle.

Mi Radio <https://miradiols.cl/actualidad/refuerzan-llamado-a-contratar-polizas-de-seguros-agropecuarios-en-la-region/2020-02-25/>

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There are government incentives for farmers to secure their crops

The commercial manager of the agency Seguros y Rish explains how to access these benefits.

Field insurance: There are government incentives for farmers to secure their crops

Colombia is a country of low culture in terms of insurance, which is why, in the face of contingencies; many people lose their assets and, in the worst case, leave their homeless.

This situation occurs a lot in the cities, but even more in the countryside, where very good part of the agricultural producers do not insure their crops, nor their cattle herds.

We speak in Al Campo, of Caracol Radio, with Víctor Hugo Alvarado, commercial manager of the agency Seguros & Risk, who said that in the face of the reality of Climate Change a good way out is agricultural insurance, which, he said, provides tranquility to the producer in front to the contingencies that general changes in the climate.

He highlighted ISA Insurance, officially known as the Agricultural Insurance Incentive, which makes it easier for farmers and, in general, all producers in the

agricultural sector, to insure their crops at low cost, because through the program the State covers part of the policies.

Caracol https://caracol.com.co/programa/2020/02/29/al_campo/1582933375_781387.html

México 8

Cattle farmers will not benefit from Catastrophic Insurance after last year's drought

Dry insurance coverage will not benefit livestock production in San Rafael, since only the insurer will indemnify the livestock fields of nine municipalities in the northern area of the Veracruz entity, said Celia Carmina Mercado Cobos, representative of the Insurance Fund for the National Confederation of Livestock Organizations.

Among the municipalities that will obtain the insurance payment are Tampico Alto, Tempoal, Álamo and Pánuco, while San Rafael did not benefit from the insurance coverage, despite the effects it had due to the 2019 drought that doubled the cattle fields of this zone.

This type of insurance is available to farmers, so it is available in this municipality, since it is free, in addition to covering diseases or animal accidents, but in the case of drought, he indicated that when there is an excessive death of Animals monitor on a satellite basis.

Finally, he said that the insurance has approximately one year that is operating, therefore, invited livestock producers to seek advice to obtain this benefit, since the windows are open so that those interested can access this program.

Diario El Martinense <https://diarioelmartinense.com.mx/estado/san-rafael/91313-ganaderos-no-seran-beneficiados.html>

México 9

Frost the Corn and Sorghum

Producers from five municipalities in the northern zone report serious damage to corn and sorghum crops due to low temperatures; raise loss census

The passage of the cold front 41 through Tamaulipas, wreaked havoc on agriculture, so that in municipalities of the border region, such as: Rio Bravo, Valle Hermoso, Matamoros, some sectors of San Fernando and Mendez, frosts with frost were registered in plantations of sorghum and corn.

"It is estimated that there are thousands of damaged hectares, so there is concern in the producers, after the federal government eliminated the Catastrophic Insurance program and there is no support from the authorities," warned the Northern Regional Agricultural Union of Tamaulipas

The agency warns that there are several reports of producers who report that their crops were affected by low temperatures, after the leaves were cooked by ice.

Although there is not yet a count of the area affected by the frost recorded on February 27 at dawn, there are reports of producers who at least five border municipalities, where photographs were taken of the damage suffered by their crops. Among the reports that arrived on Thursday, the organization explains that heavy frosts affected corn fields in the western part of the Agrícola Zacatecana neighborhood, in the municipality of Río Bravo.

In this place it is noted that in the morning the leaves suffered severe damage due to low temperatures, so they require very expensive nutrients to replace them, a situation that is aggravated by the lack of economic resources of the producers and the cancellation of agricultural catastrophic insurance due to of the federal government.

Another of the damaged points is located in the Santa Apolonia ejido of the municipality of Matamoros, where the same corn crops were also damaged in the Purísima ejido of the municipality of Méndez, the sorghum crop also recorded damage.

The Regional Agricultural Union of the North of Tamaulipas, review that will be in the next few days when the report on the number of hectares affected by frost is raised, so the authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) are being informed), to know the actions to be taken, although there are no support programs.

Report presence of pests

A report from the National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Livestock Research (INIFAP), reports that in the municipality of Rio Bravo and the region, they report pests of worms, buds and crushers in corn crops, as well as yellow aphid affecting sorghum.

Victor Maya Hernández, from the department of forestry and agricultural research of the experimental Rio Bravo field, said that worm pests affect crops mainly in the border region, while the aphid to areas in the San Fernando region.

MUNICIPALITIES WITH LOSSES

- Bravo River,
- Beautiful valley,
- Matamoros,
- San Fernando
- Mendez

Expreso <https://expreso.press/2020/02/28/siniestran-heladas-el-maiz-y-sorgo/>

México 10

Due to drought, catastrophic insurance applicants rise

Haydeé García, mayor of Cuautepec, attributed the increase because the producers had more effort to carry out the procedures

The number of applications to access agricultural catastrophic insurance increased significantly due to the effects on the sector due to the lack of rainfall recorded last year.

The mayor of Cuautepec Haydeé García Acosta attributed the increase to the requests because the producers had more effort to carry out the procedures and deliver the documentation after the ravages of the waste.

He recalled that in previous years five to 10 checks of said insurance were delivered, while at the end of 2019 they added between 100 to 150; In addition to other supports such as supplies, seed and machinery.

However, the head of the local Executive acknowledged that the picture is worrisome in case the lack of rainfall extends, as the production of barley, oats, corn and beans would be affected.

Although he assured that he maintains a closeness not only with the municipal agriculture, but with the farmer, to support them due to the precise weather conditions.

He also clarified that these supports have always existed but the producers did not approach to request them, or else, the procedures were not fully completed.

Finally, García Acosta anticipated that he will request support from the state government, such as a loan of machinery, to clean the bodies of water and drains for the assortment of the vital liquid for irrigation, so that in case the drought spreads can take advantage of the water resource that may come.

Aquifer Pollution

Regarding the possible contamination of the water tables by filtered hydrocarbon, the mayor of Cuautepec explained that there is no report of that situation.

The questioning was made in cases of fuel spillage derived from theft of pipelines that pass through the demarcation, especially in the rural area.

El Independiente de Hidalgo <https://www.elindependientedehidalgo.com.mx/por-sequia-suben-solicitantes-de-seguro-catastrofico/>

México11

Citrus must be recognized throughout the year

-Not only one day, say producers. Pero sobretodo, the payment of the Catastrophic Insurance is completed

Producers of Martínez de la Torre, ask that not only one Day a year be recognized for Citizenship, but that 365 days be supported, but above all that the payment of the Agricultural Catastrophic Insurance be completed as soon as possible.

Jorge Hernández Martínez, ejido commissioner of the ejido Martínez de la Torre, thanked the initiative of the local deputy, Adriana Esther Martínez Sánchez, so that on May 30 it will be constituted as the State Day of Citizenship, however, it is more important that Lower support for citrus growers at least once a year. "But we also want to be supported and expedited as soon as possible, the payment of the Agricultural Catastrophic Insurance, for the damages of the drought in 2019, since we have the door of this 2020", he remarked.

And he said, this payment was promised for 2, 3 months, but until now they have not been given the date for delivery.

"For us the producers is more important that the government supports us by giving us an exact date of payment of the Catastrophic Insurance, so that we can prepare our orchards for the drought of the next months," said the leader of the producers.

Hernández Martínez added that they are aware that in the municipality of Álamo they are already delivering this support, however in Martínez de la Torre they have no news about this payment and they have not been told to talk about the direction of Agricultural Development to give them Know the latest news.

Diario el Martinense <https://diarioelmartinense.com.mx/estado/91385-la-citricultura-debe-ser-reconocida-todo-el-ano.html>

México 12

Federal government will support small producers

What is intended is to create a model of high agricultural productivity for the cultivation of three thousand hectares of corn

The Federal Government through the National Financial Development (FND) announced the launch of the program of high profitability for the production of basic grains under the scheme of financial services, co-investment, development of

suppliers, and associativity in the corn and sorghum value network grain in the eastern part of Morelos.

The Regional Director of the South of the FND, Ignacio Oliver Morales reported that the objective is to strengthen and develop the maize-sorghum value network in Morelos, taking care of agricultural production, agricultural insurance, collection, storage, coverage of prices, marketing and technical services through the Union of Basic Grain Associations of the Eastern Zone of Morelos.

The Financial Agency has proposed to work in a coordinated manner with rural companies to develop and strengthen agricultural activities throughout the country, as well as to strengthen producers and include them in the new Rural Financing scheme for the year 2020.

What is intended is to create a model of high agricultural productivity for the cultivation of three thousand hectares of corn and two thousand sorghum in the Spring-Summer 2020 cycle, and the participation of at least 500 producers associated with the Union or free.

With the financial resources that the FND will grant through a second-floor credit line to the union, the financial conditions will be suitable to disperse credit for the cultivation of the five thousand hectares of grain in this cycle.

This system includes not only the avio credit for the crop, it also considers agricultural insurance for the entire area to be cultivated, specialized technical assistance during the entire production cycle, the accompaniment of the financial in the credit process, the acquisition of hedges of Prices and marketing or agribusiness.

Oliver Morales said that 24 thousand tons of corns are expected to be produced under this scheme, with an average yield of eight tons per hectare and 12 thousand tons of sorghum with an average yield of seven tons per hectare.

"Therefore, a volume of 36 thousand tons of grains will be placed in the agribusiness market at competitive prices under the price coverage scheme.

For this program, the State Government participates through the Ministry of Agricultural Development (Sedagro), who will provide the financial resources for the purchase of coverage and the creation of guarantees.

El Sol de Cuernavaca <https://www.elsoldecuernavaca.com.mx/finanzas/apoyara-gobierno-federal-a-pequenos-productores-4889071.html>

Paraguay13

MAG expanded spectrum for agricultural insurance

The Ministry of Agriculture expanded the spectrum of agricultural insurance coverage that will be applied for the third year by almost 4,000 producers, although the

previous two were tested, Ing. Agr. Alejandro Umeyama, technician of the Vice Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock. He explained that some 26,150 producers had been included in the first two years in agricultural insurance, while in the current period there are about 30,121 farmers with coverage of eventual accidents, according to Umeyama.

He also explained that the fund that MAG allocated last year as a premium to insurance companies was about G. 8.5 billion and that in the current year the amount invested is about G. 12,000 million. According to the data, the agricultural insurance pilot plan included only four departments, while it was now extended to 13 departments in the country. In the Eastern region there are no insured only in two departments, Central and Alto Paraná, while in the Western region, only those of President Hayes are covered.

He also commented that the main current challenge is to train technicians for the role of actuary, considering the bureaucratic processes and steps that must be met to determine the conditions for compensation, in case of eventual climatic accidents that affect crop yields. He mentioned that the insurance companies hired by the MAG are Asepasa, Tajy, Alianza and Sancor, and their reinsurers.

ABC <https://www.abc.com.py/edicion-impresaeconomia/2020/02/22/mag-amplio-espectro-para-seguro-agricola/>

Paraguay 14

Case ZI, automotive and agricultural insurance will define the Senate

The evaluation of the case of the accused Senator Javier Zacarías Irún (ANR, Chartist), who could go to prison; The auto insurance (SOAT) and agricultural insurance projects are listed on the Senate agenda in this first semester. At the restart of the regular session scheduled for tomorrow, there are several issues of political and social importance on the agenda of the House of Senators that must be resolved.

The case of Senator Zacarías Irún (ANR, Chartist), accused of the crimes of breach of trust, illicit enrichment and false statement would be analyzed again, in case the controversial legislator finally goes to prison. The plenary already approved in March of last year a statement urging the Chartist legislator to resign his position, but he ignored the recommendation and currently resorts to a battery of Chicanas to avoid going to prison and reaching oral and public trial. The agricultural insurance bill is also pending, of which there are four different versions. The Guasu Front bench has already announced that it will propose its treatment in plenary. Similarly, the liberal senator Fernando Silva Facetti promotes the study of compulsory auto insurance (SOAT), for which he has been carrying out public hearings. Another project to study is the one that establishes conditions for the renegotiation of Annex C of the Treaty of Itaipu, which was presented last week by liberal senator Víctor Ríos. Likewise, the project to regulate the commissioning of police officers, already approved in the Lower House and whose promoter is Deputy Basilio Núñez (ANR, Chartist).

Another controversial issue is the Mercosur protocol on suppressing the Parlasurian elections and having them designated by their respective Parliaments. Likewise, the modification of the tax regime on the perception of fines. Also included in the study are the bill that regulates the interpellation of ministers, presented by Senator Sergio Godoy (ANR, Chartist), the Escazú Agreement on the protection of the environment that, unusual, conservative groups described as "abortionist and proideology of gender". Change of time Deputy Sebastián García (PQ) said that he will request the treatment of the bill to modify the change of schedule, which in our country is applied annually and that only the summer period persists for more months.

ABC <https://www.abc.com.py/edicion-impres/politica/2020/03/01/caso-zi-seguro-automotor-y-agricola-definira-senado/>

Perú15

Catastrophic Agricultural Insurance will benefit 344 thousand producers

In December, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Minagri) arranged S / 45'202,196 to finance the Catastrophic Agricultural Insurance (SAC) of the 2019/2020 agricultural campaign for the benefit of farmers with lower resources.

For this campaign, the Government increased the subsidy fund from S / 35 million to S / 45 million. With this, 6 regions could be added to the 8 already covered in the previous campaign. The Amazonas, Áncash, Junín, La Libertad, Piura and San Martín regions join those already benefited such as Apurímac, Ayacucho, Cajamarca, Cusco, Huancavelica, Huánuco, Pasco and Puno.

Likewise, with the extension of the SAC the protection will be extended from 275 thousand to 344 thousand producers for this agricultural campaign.

The companies La Positiva and Mapfre Peru returned to appear in consortium and won 9 of the 14 regions. They are now joined by Rimac Seguros, which won the tender for Ancash, Cajamarca, Cusco and Junín; and Pacífico Seguros, which will cover the Puno region.

The insured area for the 19/20 campaign increased from 659,268 to 1,111,581 hectares. In addition, the total insured amount increased from S / 428'524,000 to S / 740'474,527.

What is the Catastrophic Agricultural Insurance (SAC)?

It is insurance that provides protection to small farmers in the poorest districts of the country against losses generated in their crops due to climatic effects (rains, frost, etc.). It is subsidized 100% by the State and is contracted by public tender. The covered districts are defined by the Ministry of Agriculture and Risk (Minagri) based on monetary poverty and agricultural vulnerability.

What is the benefit?

Farmers receive compensation of S / 650 per hectare, so that they can face the loss of their crops until their land regains its productive capacity.

El Economista América <https://www.economistaamerica.pe/economia-eAm-peru/noticias/10371519/02/20/Seguro-Agricola-Catastrofico-beneficiara-a-344-mil-productores.html>

España 16

The last storm caused damages in agriculture valued at more than 7 million euros

Agroseguro estimates that wind damage in Canarian agriculture during the month of February will result in more than 7 million euros of compensation, which will mainly go to banana producers, but also to avocado, papaya, potato and ornamental plants.

In a statement, the Spanish Association of Insurance Entities of Combined Agricultural Insurance (Agroseguro) has specified that the wind and weather storm between February 22 and 26 is the one that has caused the most damage, although it also refers to the effects of the wind intensity of days 3 and 6 of this month.

To date, the entity has received claims corresponding to 4,700 hectares and is already working on the planning of appraisals, which is why it is considered "important that insured parties remit the accident claims as quickly as possible."

He stressed that they have reinforced the network of experts - which has 20 technicians already - to expedite the work of assessing the damage, which they expect will end on March 20.

The banana insurance line covers damage caused by falling plants, intense defoliation of banana plantations and damage to both the quality of the cluster and the daughter plant, and in greenhouses, windbreak walls and irrigation systems.

RTVC <http://www.rtv.es/noticias/el-ultimo-temporal-provoco-danos-en-la-agricultura-valorados-en-mas-de-7-millone-209810.aspx#.XlIFeahKjIU>

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Box seven will advance the payment of agricultural insurance compensation

The bank will also finance the repair of the damages caused

Box seven, as part of its commitment to the agricultural sector of the Canary Islands, is once again sensitized to farmers who have seen their farms damaged in the wind and weather storm between February 22 and 23, agreeing to support all its clients that have signed the agricultural insurance in the entity.

The financial measures approved by the bank are the following:

- a) Anticipate, free of charge, the collection of the amount of compensation provided for in agricultural insurance policies.
- b) Line of loans to finance repairs that are not compensable through the different lines of insurance, with preferential interest rates.
- c) Possibility of extending the repayment period of the loans already constituted in the affected farms.

With these measures, Caja Seven aims to minimize the consequences of losses and anticipate compensation for farm damage. Likewise, as explained in a press release, to expedite as much as possible the collection of the advance of compensation for wind damage, it is important that those interested contact their Caja seven office, their producer organization or the Agricultural Unit of Caja seven, where they will attend and explain the conditions for each of the affected farms.

Lancelot Digital <https://www.lancelotdigital.com/noticias-de-empresa/cajasiete-adelantara-el-pago-de-las-indemnizaciones-de-los-seguros-agrarios>

España 18

Agroseguro estimates damages in agriculture at 7 million

The entity receives claims from the Islands corresponding to 4,700 hectares. The damages are numerous in La Palma and La Gomera

Agroseguro estimates that wind damage in Canarian agriculture, mainly due to the wind and weather storm of last weekend, will result in more than 7 million euros of compensation, which will mainly be directed to banana producers, but also to others of avocado, papaya, potato and ornamental plants. The Spanish Association of Insurance Entities of Combined Agricultural Insurance (Agroseguro) said that the wind and weather storm between days 22 and 26 of this month is the one that has caused the most damage, although it also refers to the effects of the wind intensity of on days 3 and 6 of this month.

Until yesterday, the entity had received claims corresponding to 4,700 hectares and is already working on the planning of the appraisals, which is why it is considered "important that the insured send the accident claims as quickly as possible." He stressed that he has reinforced the network of experts -20 technicians- to expedite the valuation of damages, which is expected to end on March 20. The banana insurance line covers damage caused by falling plants, intense defoliation of banana plantations and damage to both the quality of the cluster and the daughter plant, and in greenhouses, windbreak walls and irrigation systems.

Incidents in La Palma

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Cabildo de La Palma considered yesterday that 50% of the production of bananas and avocado from the Valley of Aridane and Tijarafe has been damaged by the last storm. The vice president

of the Cabildo and responsible advisor of the primary island sector, José Adrián Hernández Montoya, expressed his concern about the severe impact of the wind storm on agro-palm trees, especially in these locations, where the condition was greater, as corroborated by the technicians of the Agricultural Extension Agencies, in the visits made to the different municipalities.

As reported by the Cabildo, by municipalities, Tijarafe has been affected in terms of banana and avocados up to 50% on average in the town. The same percentage is recorded in the crop areas of Los Llanos de Aridane, El Paso and Tazacorte, where bananas and avocados are added, the 50% effect on citrus. In the case of Fuencaliente, the condition was 10% in banana plantations in the southern municipality, the same percentage recorded in Puntagorda, in this case both in bananas and avocados. Garafía was also affected by the windstorm and damage to avocado crops of up to 30% was recorded. The vice president said that these technical reports confirm the situation he was able to verify in the visit he made last Monday, accompanied by the Minister of Agriculture of the Canary Islands Government, Alicia Vanoostende, to farms in the municipalities with the most impact.

Damages in La Gomera

As for La Gomera, the areas with the most affected area are Valle Gran Rey, La Dama (Vallehermoso), and Hermigua, although the latter municipality to a lesser extent. The quantification of the damages ranges between 20% and 30%, which added to the incidents recorded at the end of January makes them approach 50% in some points. The spokesman of the Gomera Socialist Group Parliamentary Group (ASG), Casimiro Curbelo, yesterday urged the Canarian and state public administrations to find solutions to deal with the damage recorded these days by the storm that has hit the Canary Islands. Curbelo said that his training is working on the processing of initiatives in the Parliament of the Canary Islands in order to move forward in the search for tools to help the regional primary sector.

"We are aware of the difficult moment that a large part of the farmers and ranchers of our islands are going through due to different economic factors, but to this we have now added the damages caused by the storm of wind and weather, which we have suffered in days gone by," Indian. In this sense, the deputy of ASG in the regional Chamber stressed that there have been many damages in agriculture, mainly in banana, avocado and potato crops, among others.

"Once the condition caused is accounted for in detail, we will have to analyze whether some measures are taken to reduce the condition due to this situation," he said. In the same way, he stressed that there have also been damages in infrastructure and public goods that must be repaired or restored by the Canarian Government, the councils and the town halls. Curbelo insisted that to all this is added, also, the lack of rains that is being registered in the islands, a circumstance that affects, mainly Canarian farmers.

El Día <https://www.eldia.es/sociedad/2020/02/29/agroseguro-estima-danos-agricultura-siete/1055959.html>

España19

Luis Planas announces a Renewal plan of 8 million and more budget for agricultural insurance

The Renove plan for agricultural machinery will have an endowment of 8 million euros, as announced by the Minister, which has also indicated a greater endowment for agricultural insurance and module system maintenance.

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Luis Planas, visited the FIMA 2020 fair, where he pointed out the importance of the sector and a fair of these characteristics, in addition to announcing improvements in the Renove plan of agricultural machinery, among other matters.

In statements to the media, the minister stressed that the Government will increase in the next General State Budgets by 2020 the item to finance the Plan of Renovation of the National Park of Agricultural Machinery (Plan Renove) above eight million euros.

With the 2019 Renove Plan, endowed with 5 million euros, a total of 558 grants were granted for a total investment in purchase of machinery that has exceeded 18 million euros (the subsidy has accounted for 27.5% of total expenditure)

In parallel, the minister has pointed out that a new line of guarantees from the State Corporation of Agricultural Surety (SAECA), depending on the ministry, will be established to facilitate the credits for the purchase and modernization of machinery.

Likewise, the Ministry will modify the royal decree on the characterization and registration of agricultural machinery (ROME) to introduce improvements in some of its sections and adapt it to the new objectives related to machinery, to update the census of agricultural machinery in use in Spain and Create a quality brand to include those tractors that have been classified as A, B or C according to their energy efficiency.

Planas has stressed the need to avoid as far as possible that fatal accidents occur in Spain due to lack of safety measures at work, updating all aspects that refers to control over this machinery.

Other measures

The minister stressed that in the past Council of Ministers, a Royal Decree-Law was approved with a set of urgent measures that, among other aspects, include the obligation to include production costs in contracts and the prohibition that The sale price cannot be less than the production costs.

In addition, agricultural diesel will enjoy throughout the legislature the same bonuses it currently has, with the clear objective of defending the interests of farmers and ranchers.

Another aspect that has commented in the framework of FIMA is that related to the tax regime, which has ensured that "it will continue - through the system of modules - for the next four years", which means "for many, a synonym for guarantee and of tranquility".

The minister has also noted the intention of the Government to propose an increase in the General State Budget item to finance agricultural insurance by at least ten percent, which will mean a game of 211 million

It has also shown the clear commitment of the Government for an efficient irrigation, through an optimal use of water. To this end, the Government will offer two specific aid lines for the agricultural and livestock sector: one for the improvement of energy efficiency in irrigation farms and farms, with a budget of 30 million euros, and a second for the promotion of self-consumption and use of renewable energies, with a budget of 30 million euros.

Meetings with the takeover bids

Planas has taken advantage of his visit to FIMA to meet with agricultural organizations and, in addition to the visit of the minister, has focused an intense agenda of events, among which the CEMA meeting, organized by Ansemat, and which has been attended of its president, Anthony Van Der Ley.

On the other hand, Planas has highlighted the firm defense of the President of the Government of Spanish interests in the negotiations of the budget for the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and of the Cohesion Funds that are "basic objectives for Spain".

Profesional Agro <https://profesionalagro.com/noticias/luis-planas-anuncia-un-plan-renove-de-8-millones-y-mas-subsencion-para-los-seguros-agrarios.html>

España 20

Farmers ask for tax support for the field and improvements in agricultural insurance

The president of Asaja, Pedro Barato, acknowledged this morning that the royal decree of the Government last week "has not been improvised." However, Cheap warned that there are still "enough measures" to solve the crisis in the countryside, so he reiterated that the mobilizations of farmers and ranchers in Spain will continue.

"The royal decree is studied and is important, but it does not cover all our needs, things are missing and we will continue with the mobilizations. It is not enough because the field requires measures on agricultural insurance, taxation, tariffs or the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). There are things to do", said Asaja president in his participation in the breakfasts of New Economy. Of the measures presented last week, Cheap acknowledges that it does not agree with the reduction of the pawns and asks the Administration to make them "easier life" when hiring. "It's called removing papers to encourage hiring and make things more agile," said Pedro Barato.

On the other hand, the president of the agrarian organization stressed that agriculture is not against immigration. "We have nothing against it. For the field it is not a problem, but it is the solution. What is very important is to detect any abuse and report it," he said.

In addition, Cheap believes that the rise in the Minimum Interprofessional Salary (SMI) is to "give the tip to certain production phenomena in Spain." He criticized that in the negotiations to solve the crisis of the agricultural sector has entered United We can to have prominence, "The entanglements are not good," he added.

"We have requested that the negotiation be supervised by the Ministry of Agriculture. We have had calls, calls, and the last minute presence of the second vice-president of the Government. The photo that is taken elsewhere. Let's be serious, all this work mess, if wants to put the finger of Agriculture, do it another way. The peonies appear, which are contributing little. We know how to separate the grain from the straw, but these types of situations are not correct, "he said in reference to Pablo Iglesias.

'Green Pact'

For his part, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Luis Planas, transferred to the heads of the Spanish Federation of Associations of Producers Exporters of Fruits and Vegetables (Fepex) the need to move towards exploitation model "that allows reconciling the environmental and action objectives for the climate of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the improvement of competitiveness ".

According to the minister, the Government works to achieve a more sustainable agriculture, from the social, economic and environmental points of view.

El Economista <https://www.eleconomista.es/economia/noticias/10390579/03/20/Los-agricultores-piden-ayudas-fiscales-para-el-campo-y-mejoras-en-los-seguros-agrarios-.html>
