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The delivery of milk to the industry was one of the most discussed topics in the meeting held by videoconference for all municipalities from the Provincial Government of Holguin, with the presidency of Ernesto Santiesteban Velázquez, - President of the Provincial Defense Council -, Governor Julio César Estupiñán, and the participation of other government leaders and of the Agro-livestock sector.

The drop that has occurred in the delivery of milk from one day to the next one is worrying, it is known about the affectations due to the drought and other external factors that may have had an impact, but there has been a lack of depth in the analysis made, in the somewhat complacent visits to the producers, there has been a lack of rigor and above all a lack of revolutionary heart in some of them to deliver this product so necessary for the country, and even more in moments like these, said Santiesteban Velázquez.

In view of this situation, the also First Secretary of the Party in the Province asked for an analysis of the quality of the stockpiled product, to observe its density, and that when for weighty reasons it is not accepted by the industry, alternatives should be sought, such as making cheese, to cite an example, but that the task should be to supply the fluid to the manufacturer.

In view of this situation, Maribel Carballosa Cantallops, as the main specialist for the destination of milk to the industry, pointed out

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that some producers were not complying with the agreed time for the collection of the milk, since they are arriving when the collection trucks have aleady crossed the collection point.

For this reason, Santiesteban Velázquez reiterated that this matter should be studied in depth, and that when there are problems with broken thermoses or other eventualities, for example, solutions should be sought, since we cannot be contemplative and conformist.

He also informed about the construction of new cultivation houses in Moa, a municipality that is affected by several cases of covid-19 and is being aided with the supply of agricultural products.

The need to recover the productive pole of Cosme-Herrera was highlighted, for which pipelines are needed.

The winter planting plan is still incomplete in many municipalities, only accomplished in Rafael Freire, Urbano Noris, Antilla and Sagua de Tánamo, as well as La Jíquima as a company, but not the municipality of Calixto García.

In this regard, the First Secretary of the Party spoke of fulfilling this moral plan, doing it with the heart so that food reaches the people, and even more when this February has only 28 days, and on that date the spring planting begins under difficult conditions such as drought.

He also reviewed the contribution of the biofactory and what it still needs to increase its productivity, as well as the contribution in varieties.

Some decreases in sweet potato planting were reported, to cite one case, hence the indication to direct all actions in irrigated areas, but never to discard all land in planting conditions.

Once again, the Entomophagous and Entomopathogen Reproduction Centers (CREE for its acronym in Spanish) came to light, but the good news is that the one in Ciudad Jardin will restart its work in March, as well as the one in Cueto, where the commitment was made to start operations very soon.

Vladimir Ricardo Estrada, delegate of Agriculture in the province, reported on the amount of empty urban agriculture quarries, as well as the municipalities with the highest incidence: Calixto García, Holguín, Frank País, and Banes.

Regarding sawn timber, the delegate informed that Holguín is the only

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one that is doing well, but Mayarí and Moa are below expectations.

He also highlighted the production of bee honey, but the President of the Provincial Defense Council said that this should be deepened because there are places where the potentialities are not taken advantage of, since the plan of more than 14 thousand beehives can grow even more.

The planting of several crops was also discussed, such as tobacco, yucca, tomato, malang, plantain, grains and corn, among others of high popular demand, for which the exact contracting for the support in the supply of inputs must be carried out.