

## Holguín and food production under discussion on videoconference

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In the Agriculture videoconference this November 8, presided over by Ernesto Santiesteban Velázquez - First Secretary of the Party in Holguín - and Governor Julio César Estupiñán Rodríguez, core issues of food production were discussed, among other issues linked to this key sector for the local economy.

The approval of some 19 million pesos for the promotion of pigs, cattle and plantain was reported.

The sale of agricultural products for the end of the year fair took up a good part of the debate, an activity carried out in honor of the 63rd anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution.

It was pointed out that the sales should begin at seven in the morning, in the chosen markets, and that it is scheduled for December 29 in the city of Holguín, while in the rest of the municipalities it will be on the 30th.

The First Secretary reasoned on the current prices, that is why he asked for a call to the revolutionary producers so that in the fair they think about the people, and that without producing losses, that they think about a reduction of the same ones, more affordable to the people' pocket.

For this fair, all the producers must commit themselves to send as many products as they can, in addition to the contribution to which the members of the Association of Small Farmers (Anap) are committed

and which will be sold in their own municipalities, Santiesteban Velázquez recalled.

There is talk of some 711 tons for the year-end sale, which includes viands, vegetables, grains, fruits, and in the meat sector, the possible quantities of sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, rabbit and poultry.

It also includes the production of mini-industries. This activity can generate a political movement that stimulates all those who contribute the most, said the First Secretary.

In the report presented by Vladimir Estrada Ricardo, delegate of Provincial Agriculture, there were delays in the winter planting, the need to take advantage of the cassava seed available after the harvest.

In this respect, the Governor explained that if this seed is used to the maximum, the province will be able to surpass its planting until February.

It was reported that there is progress in vegetables, but that Antilla and Holguín must redouble their efforts in Urban and Suburban Agriculture.

Once again, the construction of rustic houses for cultivation was evaluated - with limitations still -, the new organopónicos built in the communities but which do not yet cover the hectares of the plan, for that reason, it is oriented to build others.

Other topics to be discussed focused on the area under irrigation, the productive poles, the sales of agricultural products in the communities, the pounds per capita, and the chronic medical diets.

Also, the production of tobacco and cigarettes, honey, charcoal, eggs, animal feed, livestock modules, etc.