



Deputy Prime Minister Jorge Luis Tapia Fonseca meets this November 12 with producers of Holguin province to discuss the implementation of the 63 measures adopted for the promotion of agro-livestock production in Cuba.

In a first moment the Vice Prime Minister analyzes the situation of the cattle raising in Holguin, and points out that the province must revert the contracting system, which must be of the Dairy Industry, for example, directly with the producers.

He argues that the payment to the producers who have overcomplied with their delivery plan is going through a lot of twists and turns, for that reason, he calls to simplify the process, as it is regulated by the State.

He emphasizes that the contract is made directly with the producer, without an intermediary.

He called on the Holguín banking system not only to simplify the procedures, but also to get much closer to the producers so that the money reaches their pockets as quickly as possible.

Present at the meeting were the Minister of Agriculture Ydael Izquierdo Brito, the Minister of Food Industry Manuel Sobrino Martínez, the First Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee Ernesto Santiesteban Velázquez and Governor Julio Cesar Estupiñán

Rodríguez.

The cooperative member Walter Escalona of the Niceto Pérez de Cacocum cooperative believes that cattle raising is affected by cattle theft and slaughter and that the application of the laws is benevolent to repeat offenders.

All those present approve of the 63 measures adopted for the benefit of the industry.

In view of the lack of fuel for pumping water, Tapia Fonseca reminded that the producers can sell the surplus to entities such as Frutas Selectas and Empresa Cárnica that pay them in foreign currency, and that this money can be invested in solar panels which avoids the purchase of fuel.

It is even possible to buy what is needed in the Cuban or international market.

Tapia Fonseca emphasizes that it is possible to buy meat from different animals, including poultry, and that it can be contracted in foreign currency.

Sobrino Martínez takes the floor to explain the process of contracting meat for the industry.

He recalls that progress has been made but that there are non-compliant parties and that this could affect the supply to the population.

He recognizes that the prices for the purchase of milk from the producers were raised for their benefit, but that the desired levels are not being reached.

Sobrino Martinez reasons that those producers who take the milk directly to the industry, up to the Dairy platform, should receive their payment in cash.

In this regard, Tapia Fonseca adds that the provinces should work towards self-sufficiency in milk. And that measures be taken with those who fail to comply with the supply and production plans.

The Deputy Prime Minister reminds that those who are irresponsible should be held financially responsible for non-compliance, both industries and producers.

From now on, there will be no meetings to analyze the non-payments to the producers, since they must sell if the receiver has funds, the new

measures authorize the sale to third parties if they do not comply with the contract, insisted Tapia Fonseca.

It also addresses the delivery of land to producers, which in Holguín must be accelerated because there are idle or poorly exploited areas. There is no room for explanations or justifications, emphasized Tapia Fonseca.

The Deputy Prime Minister was emphatic in his analysis of the bureaucratic work of the companies and requested a reorganization of the workforces.

He spoke of a recent resolution that allows the creation of labor collectives which favors production thanks to the independence achieved, to continue eliminating intermediaries, and that the profits go directly to the producers.

The work of the Insurance is valued, which in Holguín - as well as the bank - must get much closer to the producers, said Tapia Fonseca.

He also reiterated that payment is made for the water consumed by the producer, not for the amount transferred.