



Joint Statement by the U.S. and Mexico Dairy Sectors on their Eighth Annual Summit

QUERÉTARO, MEXICO—Representatives from the U.S. and Mexican dairy sectors signed a commitment and unveiled a work plan today to enhance industry collaboration at the organizations' eighth joint annual summit.

“Representatives of the Mexican dairy sector organizations:

- Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas (CNOG)
- Asociación Mexicana de Productores de Leche (AMLAAC)
- Cámara Nacional de Industriales de la Leche (CANILEC)
- Consejo Nacional Agropecuario (CNA)

And representatives of the U.S. dairy sector organizations:

- National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF)
- U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)

On their seventh annual meeting within the framework of the partnership to strengthen the dairy production sector in North America, held in the city of Querétaro, Mexico, hereby affirm that the production chains benefit from unity and cooperation under the framework of the U.S.-Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) / Tratado entre México, Estados Unidos y Canadá (T-MEC) and therefore agree to:

1. *Preserve, facilitate, and improve trade between the two nations.*
2. *Communicate to our governments our strong shared desire to address issues of mutual concern without the introduction of bilateral tariffs and/or new barriers to bilateral trade.*
3. *Preserve this forum for discussion and analysis of relevant topics and issues of the milk and dairy producing sectors of Mexico and the United States.*
4. *Have as a key objective the growth of dairy consumption in both countries for the benefit of producers, manufacturers and consumers in the United States and Mexico.*
5. *Promote joint activities seeking to increase the consumption of dairy products within our region.*

6. *Identify and promote actions that improve the productivity of dairy farms in Mexico and the United States.*
7. *Strengthening the image of milk and dairy products in both countries to defend against the misuse of milk and dairy product names by other products of non-dairy origin.*
8. *Maintain an open communication channel between the milk and dairy producer organizations of both countries, with the aim of reaching consensus for the benefit of our industries. Likewise, exchange information and successful experiences through the participation of members of both countries in forums and congresses organized by our associations.*
9. *Work on strengthening cooperation in technological exchange and training, both in terms of on-farm milk production and in improving the quality and safety of milk and dairy products from a nutritional and health standpoint.*
10. *Work to share information on key new areas such as, animal welfare, farm labor, and other issues as they arise and are mutually agreed upon for the benefit of our producers and industry to ensure that we coordinate dairy advocacy efforts in international forums and among consumers.*
11. *Exchange information about the performance of the milk and dairy products market in the North America region.*
12. *Continue with activities to defend common food names, particularly cheese names, thus allowing their free use in our North American market.*
13. *Develop a work plan on the issues of the common agenda, with indicators and a follow-up program with scheduled meetings.”*
14. *Exchange information about regulations on both countries that might affect, negatively or positively, their dairy sectors.*
15. *Support the next generation of dairy farmers in the United States and Mexico through the exchange of information and experience and introduce new opportunities to collaborate on issues important to our countries’ dairy sector now and in the future.*
16. *Work with the Mexican industry to promote the nutritional value of milk and milk products with key health officials in key institutes of nutrition and public health as well the associations of nutritionists and health practitioners*

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