

The Sheep Chain of Paraguay

FIRST, WE IDENTIFIED THE NEED TO:

- 1 Strengthen the "management" areas of the chain with full participation from the actors
- 2 Create mechanisms for training and technical assistance in order to improve the safety and management of the herds
- 3 Promote a training program for producers in topics related to management, technology, leadership, sheep production and management, trade, associativity, and other related topics
- 4 Promote associativity and strengthening of producer organizations
- 5 Create training initiatives and mechanisms to promote the insertion and consolidation of new sheep producers, including youth, in addition to leaders who will promote and manage quality
- 6 Promote, incentivize and support public-private associations among producer organizations, the public sector, meatpackers, input providers, traders, transporters, and other actors in the chain
- 18 Strengthen and accompany the sheep board, through a strategy and an action plan
- 19 Implementation of a plan to strengthen capacities in animal health and food safety control
- 20 Support for management of financial cooperation from the IDB, FONPLATA, and the European Union

IN 2017 WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

- 17 We wrote, edited, and implemented a Manual for Good Practices in Sheep Production
- 16 We put in place a capacity building process for implementing good practices in sheep production. A total of 150 producers were trained
- 15 We implemented a plan for sheep health through an alliance with the National Quality and Animal Health Service (SENACSA), the Vice Ministry of Livestock (VMG), and the Paraguayan Association of Sheep Husbandry (APCO). A total of 226 technicians were trained
- 14 We developed a registry of producers and an inventory of animals
- 13 We defined the 2017-2021 strategic plan to improve competitiveness in the chain

NEXT, WE AGREED TO FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON:

- 7 Strengthening of the chain management
- 8 Strengthening of AHFS topics
- 9 Strengthening of good production practices and access to markets
- 10 Impulse to technological innovation

AND THEN, WE BEGAN TO ACHIEVE RESULTS:

- 11 We developed the base line study
- 12 We managed to institutionalize the sheep chain board with public and private actors.

