

FIRST, WE IDENTIFIED THE NEED TO:

- 1 Update technical and scientific capacities, given the exacting demands of international markets and the new requirements being introduced.
- 2 Identify new challenges for Uruguay's meat industry and undertake lines of work designed to reduce the impact on the chains.
- 3 Promote research on animal health and the safety of animal foods in order to provide a scientific basis for public policy decision-making.
- 4 Participate in the multilateral forums that establish food safety and quality standards governing international trade.
- 5 Improve market access and insertion for sheep and poultry at the international level and maintain the highest standards in cattle.
- 6 Strengthen the business and associative management capacities of the chain's stakeholders.

THEN WE DECIDED TO FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON:

- 7 Designing and implementing a national capacity building program on key animal health and safety issues related to foods of animal origin.
- 8 Increasing the influence of the country's positions in the international and regional negotiations that are a priority for Uruguay at the Codex Alimentarius.
- 9 Supporting the creation and management of interagency mechanisms for coordinating national policies and strategies that promote competitiveness in the meat chain and generate strategic linkages.

ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING RESULTS

- 10 We increased the capabilities of the government, private, academic and research sectors in the areas of animal health and food safety by holding events for more than 4500 people.
- 11 We implemented the Performance, Vision and Strategy (PVS) methodology dealing with responsiveness to animal health emergencies.
- 12 We enhanced technical expertise through two visiting professionals and technical visits by leading experts from universities in the USA, Canada and the Netherlands.
- 13 We implemented a series of capacity building processes focused on the integrated management of animal food safety; epidemiology in animal health; control of ticks and bovine babesiosis; foot-and-mouth disease; porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome; and effective evidence-based risk communication.
- 14 We carried out processes to strengthen associative capabilities in livestock cooperatives.
- 15 We prepared a first draft of the "National Antimicrobial Resistance Plan of Uruguay."



- 16 We supported the new governance of the Coordinating Committee for Animal Health Research, and the creation of the Coordinating Committee for Food Safety Research and the Advisory Committee of the Program for the competitive development of collective agricultural and agroindustrial organizations in Uruguay.
- 17 We promoted the participation of 16 national delegates in regional and international Codex Alimentarius meetings and organized a Regional Colloquium in Uruguay.
- 18 We supported the design of the Plan for the control of *Salmonella enteritidis* and *S. typhimurum* on poultry farms.
- 19 We produced and shared the publication: "[Hacia una nueva gobernanza: co-creación de iniciativas innovadoras para un desarrollo agrícola sostenible.](#)"
- 20 We published and shared the document: "[El diseño y la implementación de los Planes Nacionales de Resistencia Antimicrobiana a partir de la comunicación de riesgos de la teoría a la acción.](#)"
- 21 We prepared a document on the status and outlook for financing and financial inclusion within the chain, and proposals for improving the situation.