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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AMEXCID and MAFSE Initiate Reproductive Technology in Cattle Production Project**

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Today, The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), in conjunction with the National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Livestock Research (INIFAP) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, through the X Bi-Lateral Cooperation for Technical and Scientific Cooperation, launched a project entitled “Reproductive Technology in Cattle Production in Belize” at the Ministry of Agriculture’s Conference Room in Belmopan.

The launch was attended by Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, representatives from INIFAP, MAFSE technical officers and representatives from the Belize Livestock Producers Association.

The project includes a diagnosis of the cattle industry that is scheduled to take place from 13th to 17th May 2024 and is being facilitated by Dr. Jorge Quintal Franco and MSc. Jose Eduardo Cabrera Torres of INIFAP. The training is expected to deliver a complete and functional diagnosis of the MAFSE’s capabilities to enhance its services to farmers in respect to reproductive technologies and its benefits. It is expected to deliver real-time results as to how the MAFSE will proceed with Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer in Belize.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise remains committed to improving the livestock industry by introducing quality genetics, improved technologies and enhanced capacities for technicians and staff. The collaboration with AMEXCID is expected to strengthen the MAFSE’s policy of putting farmers at the forefront of livestock production.

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