

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND LIVESTOCK SECTOR AGENTS

In Uruguay there has traditionally been a good relationship between the public and private sectors for the design and implementation of policies. The livestock sector is an example of this.

» **National Meat Institute - INAC**

Institute made up of the main public and private sector representatives. It aims to promote, regulate, coordinate, and supervise the activities of production, transformation, commercialization, storage, and transport of all types of meat, offal, by-products, and meat products. It also aims to coordinate production and export activities, understood as part of the same economic activity, through meat policies. [Website.](#)

» **National Milk Institute - INALE**

It is responsible for promoting the sustainable development of the dairy chain in Uruguay. Created in 2008 by public and private actors in the sector, it advises on the design of dairy policies, generating information and articulating ideas for decision making. [Website.](#)

» **National Agricultural Research Institute - INIA**

It seeks the sustainable development of the agricultural sector through the generation and adaptation of knowledge and technologies. Through the development of a series of technological proposals, it promotes the sustainable intensification, competitiveness, and international insertion of Uruguay. [Website.](#)

» **General Directorate of Livestock Services - MGAP**

It is also part of the MGAP and is responsible for guiding and executing health policies, ensuring the hygienic sanitary condition of food and animal products, and supporting investment in the productive sector. [Website.](#)

» **General Directorate of Rural Development - MGAP**

It is in charge of designing policies for rural agricultural activity. [Website.](#)

» **General Directorate of the Farm (DIGEGRA) - MGAP**

It is the agency responsible for developing policies to promote the progress of the farming sector and the improvement of living conditions of the farming population. [Website.](#)

» **National Institute of Colonization**

Institute that seeks to promote a reasonable subdivision of land and its adequate exploitation. It also seeks the settlement and welfare of rural workers, also promoting the increase and improvement of agricultural production. [Website.](#)

» **Uruguayan Wool Central**

It leads the coordination of livestock production systems, integrating producers into competitive agro-industrial chains, providing global solutions (commercial, financial, technological and information) to improve, together with the cooperatives, the socio-economic situation of producers in the cooperative system. [Website.](#)

» **Uruguayan Wool Secretariat**

Institution, financed and directed by wool producers, whose main purposes are the promotion and defense of the fiber in all its aspects: production, commercialization, and industrialization. [Website.](#)

» **National Institute of Logistics - INALOG**

A space of articulation from where the actors of the sector lead the process of promotion, professionalization, innovation, and training, to turn Uruguay into a Logistics Hub that boosts national development. [Website.](#)

» **Uruguayan Federation of Groups CREA - FUCREA**

This federation brings together the country's rural producers from different areas (agricultural and livestock farmers, cattle ranchers, farmers, and dairy farmers) with the aim of promoting the improvement and development of the sector. The CREA Method is based on group work by agricultural producers. By sharing and discussing specific problems, producers achieve business and family solutions. [Website.](#)

» **Rural Federation**

The Rural Federation is a federative institution of rural producers' associations. It seeks to increase and improve agricultural production in Uruguay, to promote the care and conservation of soils, as well as the settlement of families in rural areas and the balanced distribution of the country's production. [Website.](#)

» **Pando Technological Hub Institute**

It belongs to the School of Chemistry of the University of the Republic of Uruguay. It is dedicated to research and development in the areas of chemistry, biotechnology, materials science and environment, seeking to improve the productive sector through the improvement of techniques and inputs. [Website.](#)

» **Chamber of Commerce of Products of the Country**

Chamber dedicated to the study and promotion of agricultural and livestock production, commercialization, industrialization, and export. It also seeks to be the link with the public sector for the unions that are part of the institution. [Website.](#)

» **Rural Association of Uruguay - ARU**

Integrated by agricultural producers of the country, it aims to defend and promote the interests of agricultural production and complementary and related industries. Founded in 1871, it is the oldest agricultural institution in the country. [Website.](#)

» **National Commission for Rural Development**

The National Commission for Rural Development is the main organization of small and medium rural producers throughout the country. At present, it brings together 98 Rural Development Societies, Agricultural Cooperatives and other organizational forms that in turn gather 15,000 family producers from all over Uruguay.

This commission combines trade union action with promotional activities, seeking the social and economic development of the rural sector. [Website.](#)

» **Federated Agricultural Cooperatives - CAF**

CAF represents a network of more than 20 agricultural cooperatives and rural development societies in Uruguay with more than 13,000 associated producers, distributed throughout the country.

Through union action and governance—a strategic tool for the Federation—, it participates in the development of public policies on a variety of issues through

permanent dialogue with ministries, municipalities, the Presidency of the Republic, public and private agricultural institutions, generating value-added proposals.
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