

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK AND 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 agricultural sector is an example of this.

» General Directorate of Agricultural Services - MGAP

It is in charge of organizing, developing, and implementing the policies for the quality and control of plant products and agricultural inputs, as well as facilitating and managing the commercialization of grains. [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 Viticulture - INAVI

Agency in charge of implementing the viticulture policy by means of advising, planning and establishing guidelines for the economic development of the industrial process, from the very beginning. It tends to control the production process, regulating volume and quality, aiming at the industrial development of the sector. Among its roles is also the promotion, development and research of the wine making activity. [Website](#).

» National Seed Institute - INASE

It seeks to promote the seed activity, through the use of higher quality products, encouraging exports and research in seeds and promoting the creation of standards for the protection of the industry. It is responsible for the protection of cultivars and for keeping the national registry of cultivars. It is also responsible for authorizing private laboratories and managing the import and export of seeds, among other tasks. [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 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.](#)

» **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.](#)

» **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.](#)

» **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.](#)

» **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.](#)

» **Rice Growers Association - ACA**

Association created to protect, guide, and represent the interests of rice growers. It also defends and promotes the cultivation of rice and related industries. [Website.](#)

» **Uruguayan Association for Plant Breeders' Protection - URUPOV**

A private association founded in 1994 with the aim of ensuring the protection of plant breeders' rights and ensuring genetic progress. [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

The Federated Agricultural Cooperatives (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. [Website.](#)