Use of legumes in livestock systems in Latin America and the Caribbean: cooperation platform

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The technological solution
It is expected that the use of the different legume species that exist in the member countries of the consortium can: make the use of nitrogen (N) more efficient -through the use of its potential to fix atmospheric N-, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and contribute to increasing animal productivity.

Results

- Work is being done on a cooperation platform to improve livestock production systems in Latin America and the Caribbean through the introduction of legumes in pastures. This platform will have data on: the biological fixation of N; edaphoclimatic variables; emissions of N₂O and CH₄ from soil; enteric CH₄ emissions; and the impact of the inclusion of legumes on animal production. There is an important level of progress against the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, with preliminary results generated from Chile, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina.
- Technical-scientific capacities are being strengthened through thesis, internships, workshops and collaboration meetings between referents of each topic addressed by the project, thesis students and participating technicians.

Description
The objective of the project is to contribute to the improvement of livestock systems in Latin America and the Caribbean through the adoption of forage legumes.

109 kg
Cumulative emission difference of N-N-1 in soil with cattle grazing

+50000
Gas chromatography analysis

14 %
Fixed N

10
Publication. Technical report

5
Postgraduate training for project members

1
Open training and for the workgroup. Workshops. Field days.
ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is a unique cooperation mechanism for agricultural innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean (ALC) and Spain, that works through regional platforms. It is composed of 15 countries that have contributed capital exceeding 100 million dollars and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which is its legal representative.

ORIGIN OF RESOURCES

- Counterpart contribution: 93,336,357
- FONTAGRO: 28,989,467
- IDB: 9,922,700
- Other agencies: 9,844,078

PARTICIPATION AND ROLE IN CONSORTIUMS SINCE 1998

- **Member**
  - Argentina: 12
  - Bolivia: 6
  - Chile: 4
  - Colombia: 6
  - Costa Rica: 6
  - Ecuador: 11
  - España: 13
  - Honduras: 14
  - Nicaragua: 14
  - Panamá: 11
  - Paraguay: 0
  - Perú: 10
  - República Dominicana: 2
  - Uruguay: 17
  - Venezuela: 1

- **Leader**
  - Argentina: 75
  - Bolivia: 36
  - Chile: 65
  - Colombia: 67
  - Costa Rica: 62
  - Ecuador: 47
  - España: 44
  - Honduras: 39
  - Nicaragua: 26
  - Panamá: 40
  - Paraguay: 46
  - Perú: 46
  - República Dominicana: 36
  - Uruguay: 64
  - Venezuela: 29

FONTAGRO IN NUMBERS

- **Number of projects approved**: 198
- **Approved total amount US$**: 142.1 MILLONES
- **Contribution from other agencies**: 9.8 MILLONES
- **Benefited countries**: 32
- **Generated technologies**: 63
- **New technologies for ALC**: 15
- **Technology of global relevance**: 8

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