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Ministry of Agriculture Holds Meeting with Grains Stakeholders

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, in conjunction with the Directorate General for Foreign Trade (DGFT), the Customs Department, and the Belize Agriculture Health Authority (BAHA), held a national grains stakeholder meeting at the National Agriculture Showgrounds with contact farmers from the Cayo, Orange Walk, and Corozal districts.

The meeting focused on the expansion of the Belize-Guatemala Partial Scope Agreement and challenges encountered in its implementation. Stakeholders recommended that the Government of Belize urgently address issues with financial payments, the logistical challenges at the border with Guatemala, and negotiate the facilitation of trade for commodities that Belize has an immediate interest in exporting such as corn, cattle, and other livestock.

This stakeholder meeting is the first of several meetings to be held in relation to the expansion of Belizean products into Guatemala.

Present at the meeting were Servulo Baeza, CEO in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, and officials from the ministry, DGFT, BAHA, and the Customs Department.

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