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### **Ministry of Agriculture and BLPA Sign Memorandum of Agreement**

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise and the Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA) today signed a memorandum of agreement for the use of a corral and cattle scale in the Dump community in Toledo District.

The memorandum covers areas such as maintenance and data gathering on cattle. The corral will be used to hold cattle for trade, quarantine and educational purposes and should benefit cattle farmers in Toledo who participate in the export of cattle to Guatemala through Jalacte. Built by the BLPA, the corral costs approximately \$28,000 to construct and is located on land provided by the Ministry of Agriculture. The BLPA also provided the cattle scale.

Present for the signing of the memorandum were Servulo Baeza, CEO in the ministry, and Ramon Galvez, chairman of the BLPA.

The cattle industry has contributed \$40 million dollars to the economy so far this year.

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