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195 Head of Cattle Exported

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A third cattle export activity was held today between Belizean cattle farmers and SuKarne. SuKarne is purchasing 195 live animals from Shipyard with a final destination in Michoacán, Mexico. The value of this export is an estimated BZ\$164,000. The total value of cattle exported to Mexico so far is BZ\$1.3 million for about 1,476 live animals.

Animals have been taken to the border and beyond to their final destination after exhaustive checks on their health conditions. Belize's animal health authority, the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (BAHA), is working with its Mexican counterpart, the National Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA), to ensure the animals being exported are in the best health conditions, free of tuberculosis, brucellosis and any other bovine diseases. This follows discussions held in August on cooperation in cattle export and certification of the national herd.

SuKarne is a Mexican multinational corporation based in Culiacán, Mexico that operates in the food protein industry. The company annually exports the largest percentage of beef, pork, and chicken in Mexico and also operates in the food processing industry.

It is expected that the situation for the beef cattle industry in Belize will continue improving as better-quality beef animals are introduced into the national herd and export markets are secured abroad with the neighbouring countries of Guatemala and Mexico.

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