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## MAFSNGI and AMEXCID Conclude Successful Artificial Insemination Training Programme

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries (MAFSNGI), in collaboration with the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), concluded a week-long training programme on reproductive technology and artificial insemination in cattle at the Central Farm Livestock Unit from November 16–20, 2026.

In attendance were Livestock Extension Officers from the Ministry, Livestock Technicians from the University of Belize, and Veterinarians and Livestock Technicians from the Belize Livestock Producers Association (BLPA) and the International Regional Organization for Agricultural Health (OIRSA).

The programme combined classroom instruction with practical field exercises, giving participants essential knowledge and hands-on experience in reproductive technologies for cattle production. It forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen Belize's livestock sector through improved breeding practices and greater technical capacity among agricultural professionals.

The training aimed to give technicians from the Ministry and its partner institutions an overall insight into the concepts, methods, and tools of artificial insemination (AI) in cattle. Through the programme, participants gained the fundamental skills and technical competencies to perform AI procedures effectively. As a result, they are better equipped to contribute to improved herd genetics and livestock productivity in Belize. AI is a valuable reproductive management tool that can significantly improve genetic quality, reproductive efficiency, and overall livestock production. In addition, it reduces the cost of maintaining breeding bulls.

The programme was made possible through the support of AMEXCID and reflects the strong cooperation between Belize and Mexico in agricultural development and capacity building. MAFSNGI sincerely thanks AMEXCID for its continued support of agricultural development in Belize and all participants whose dedication and engagement contributed to the success of the training.

The Ministry remains committed to strengthening the livestock sector through strategic partnerships, technical training, and innovative technologies that enhance food security, agricultural productivity, and sustainable development across Belize.

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