

## Argentina declares the agricultural emergency in 4 provinces

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The decision was made within 24 hours after the meeting of the National Commission of Agricultural and Livestock Emergency and Disasters (CNEyDA). Etchevehere will visit the flood zones today. The Minister of Agroindustry, Luis Miguel Etchevehere, signed the resolutions, published today in the Official Bulletin, through which declares the state of emergency and/or disasters over four provinces, as suggested by the National Commission of Agricultural and Livestock Emergency and Disasters (CNEyDA) that gathered yesterday at the Agro-industrial headquarter regarding the meteorological phenomenon of intense rainfall and inundation occurred during this month.

“We act as fast as possible, because we are aware that the producers must put a lot of effort in staying in their regions and keeping producing under these climate conditions. The government is acting as fast as possible and in just 24 hours we have declared the emergency so that they can access the benefits provided by the laws” said the Minister.

He also added that he will visit the most affected areas by the inundation in Villa Minetti, Santa Fe; Coloned Du Graty, Chaco; and Goya, Corrientes. “We always coordinate with producers, rural agents and our technical teams in the areas and we are available to channel the necessary aid.”

The national emergency declaration includes longer periods than the provincial decrees of Corrientes, Chaco and Santa Fe. The decrees of the first two provinces cover the same period of emergency and/or disaster, but Santa Fe's lasts 4 more months, while in Santiago del Estero, the same term (12 months) was established as in the government's declaration.

**Below are the details on measures by province:**

- **Province of Corrientes (Resolution 16/2019):**

The declaration is for a period of twelve (12) months, starting on 1 January 2019, for livestock farms, and for a period of six (6) months, starting on 1 January 2019, for other agricultural lands of all the districts of the province, in their low lands, lagoons, swamplands, estuaries, and in the flood valleys of the interior rivers, brooks, streams, and the Uruguay river, which have been affected by the intense rainfalls occurred during this month.

- **Province of Chaco (Resolution 17/2019):**

The measure includes the entire provincial territory, for a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days, starting on 15 January 2019, for livestock farms, and for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days, starting on 15 January 2019, for other agricultural lands affected by the inundation.

- **Province of Santa Fe (Resolution 18/2019):**

From 1 January 2019 and until 31 December 2019 for livestock farms, and from 1 January 2019 until 31 August 2019 for other agricultural lands, located in the districts of 9 de Julio, Vera and General Obligado, and in Romang and Duran areas in San Javier district.

- **Province of Santiago del Estero (Resolution 19/2019):**

For a period of twelve (12) months, starting on 1 January 2019, for agricultural lands affected by flooded, located in the districts of Mariano Moreno, Juan Felipe Ibarra, General Taboada and Manuel Belgrano.

## **ACTIONS FOR AFFECTED PRODUCERS**

The emergency law includes an extension of the deadline of payment of taxes on profits, minimum presumed income, and personal assets during the period of emergency; activates the emergency plan stipulated in the permanent program on enforceable debt (with a term of up to 48 payments); suspends, during the period of emergency, the initiation of judgment of fiscal execution for the collection of taxes owed by the taxpayers included in the decree; paralyzes

the trials that are in process for collection of taxes included in this article until the expiration of the period; and when there are forced farm sales, 100% of the profits derived from these sales can be deducted in the income tax.

The affected producers must present the corresponding certificate issued by the provincial authority, stating that their lands or farms are included in cases established in the Article 8 of the aforementioned law.

### **Extraordinary Measures**

Yesterday, Etchevehere reported as extraordinary measures the presentation of a line of credit for 5 years, with 2 years of discount of 50% subsidized by Agroindustria at the rate in effect at the time of request. Moreover, he has instructed the Department of Agricultural Trade Control to take into consideration the emergency situation in relation to the authorization of light animal slaughter while the climatic contingency remains.

The National Bank (Banco de la Nación) also provides benefits for the affected producers, such as the payment deadline extension, suspension of up to 90 days of the initiation of trials for debt collection. The AFIP also presents a new measure for the producers in emergency who will not be subject to income tax withholding beyond their situation in SISA.

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