

Argentina announced the establishment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.



On 2 August 2019, the Government of Argentina announced the Official Gazette No. DNU-2019-532-APN-PTE on the establishment of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca - MIAGAyPE), and the Official Gazette No. 533/2019 on the appointment of Mr. Luis Miguel Etcheveré as the Minister. This announcement returns the ministry status to the agricultural organism of the country with the change of its name. Last year, the organism, previously the Ministry of Agro-Industry (Ministerio de Agroindustria), was demoted to the Secretary of the State of Agro-Industry (Secretaría de Estado de Agroindustria), under the Ministry of Production and Labor (Ministerio de Producción y Trabajo).

In September 2018, Mauricio Macri, President of Argentina, implemented the national cost-saving policy by adjusting the administrative structure of the country and dissolving various ministries to only 10 ministries. The Ministry of Agro-Industry, under the administration of Minister Luis Miguel Etcheveré, was demoted to the Secretary of the State of Agro-Industry, under the Ministry of Production and Labor.

The reinstatement of the principal agricultural organism of Argentina opts to return to use the name of "Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries", which was previously used during the years 2009 - 2015, before the denomination of "Ministry of Agro-Industry", used from 2015 to 2018. This is also the reinstatement of the Minister position to Luis Miguel Etcheveré who has held the same position of the previous Ministry of Agro-Industry since 31 October 2017.

Argentina's principal agricultural and livestock organism has been affected by several changes since its establishment in 1898 as the Ministry of Agriculture (Ministerio de Agricultura). It then was renamed as the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería) in 1955. The Ministry was demoted to a Secretary for the first time in 1958, because the President at that time focused more on the industrial sector rather than agriculture. After that, there have been several changes to the organism throughout all time, such as reinstatements, demotions, rename, and re-designation of its affiliation

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