



ABOUT FONTAGRO

FONTAGRO is a unique co-financing fund that promotes the development of science, technology, and innovation in the agricultural sector of Latin America and the Caribbean. Since its establishment in 1998, it has become a forum for strategic topics in the region. FONTAGRO comprises 15 member countries and two key sponsors: the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), which acts as the legal representative, and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). With financial capital of approximately USD 100 million, it has co-financed over 200 projects, amounting to an investment of around USD 150 million.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Board of Directors (BD), composed of the member countries, is the decision-making body responsible for strategic directions.

VISION

Our vision is to be an internationally recognized cooperation mechanism that sustainably strengthens agri-food and agro-industrial innovation among member countries.

MEDIUM TERM PLAN (MTP)

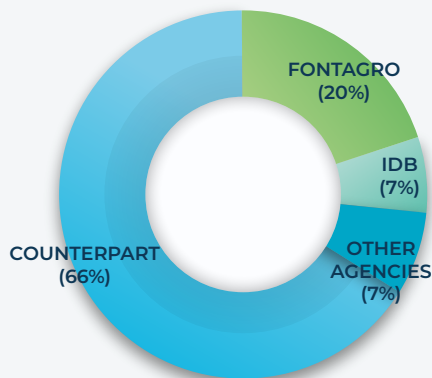
The plan focuses on improving the region's agri-food systems, emphasizing three strategies:

Strategy I: Networked, resilient, and sustainable farms.

Strategy II: Productive systems, sustainable territories, and agroecosystems.

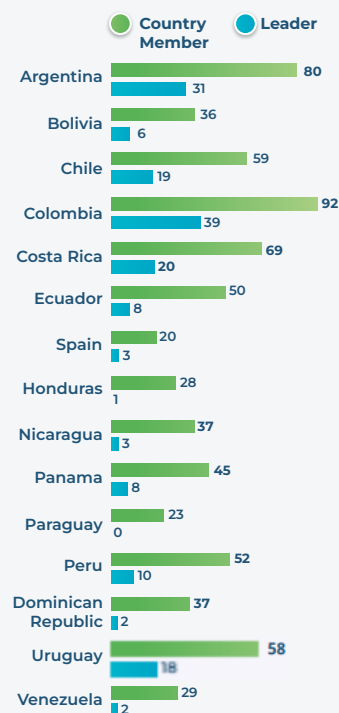
Strategy III: Food, nutrition, and health.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

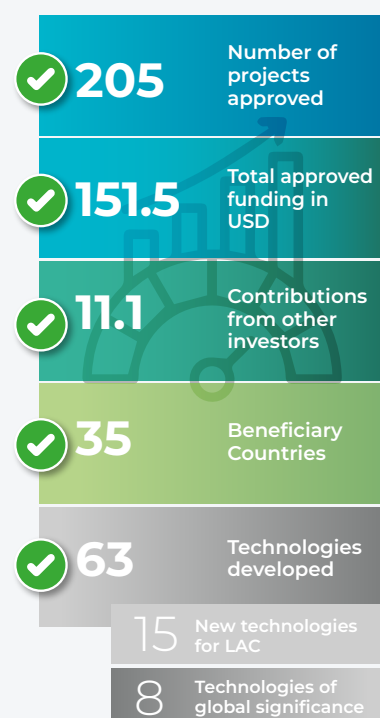


- Counterpart contribution
99,618,944
- FONTAGRO
30,879,468
- IDB
9,922,700
- Other Agencies
11,137,346

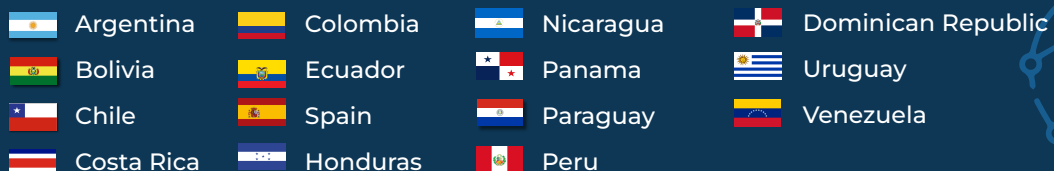
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FONTAGRO IN FIGURES



15 MEMBER COUNTRIES



FONTAGRO IN ARGENTINA (1)

Argentina has been a founding member of FONTAGRO since 1998, with an initial contribution of USD 20 million. Over its 26 years of membership, it has participated in 80 consortia, representing approximately USD 68.4 million, of which FONTAGRO and other agencies contributed USD 20.6 million. Argentina led 31 of these consortia, managing projects worth a total of USD 27.3 million. These projects span research and technological development in areas such as climate change, food security, greenhouse gas reduction, integrated pest management, AgTech development, and more. Key outcomes include:

1. Through advanced monitoring and integrated pest management, the vector for Citrus Greening (HLB) was reduced by up to 99%, and natural enemies increased by up to 332%. Strategic training in Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia promoted scalable and sustainable solutions for the citrus sector.
2. Including tannin-rich legumes in production systems reduced methane emissions, increased nitrogen fixation, improved soil quality, and enhanced carbon storage in degraded areas. Strategic training encouraged sustainable and profitable practices for the livestock sector.
3. A network of pilot sites operating as experimental and training units in the Gran Chaco region characterized family cattle systems, fostering innovation and knowledge transfer for the sustainable development of the livestock sector.
4. Projects funded by FONTAGRO provide privileged, free access to cutting-edge technologies, networks, publications, case studies, and international collaborations, thereby promoting the dissemination and adoption of innovations in critical areas.

STRENGTHENING

1. FONTAGRO projects have revolutionized scientific research and innovation in agri-food systems across Latin America and the Caribbean, significantly enhancing process efficiency and effectiveness while strengthening researchers' capacities.
2. Significant technical, organizational, and institutional strengthening has occurred at both national and international levels in key areas such as sustainability, climate change, resilience in agri-food systems, and food security.
3. Strategic alliances have been formed with leading global organizations, including the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), CGIAR, New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the International Potato Center (CIP), the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), the Bioversity International & CIAT Alliance, the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Columbia University's International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), and the Cooperative Program for the Development of Agri-food and Agro-industrial Technology in the Southern Cone (PROCISUR). These alliances facilitate access to diverse cooperation networks to advance agri-food research.
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EXAMPLES OF RECENT PROJECTS IN ARGENTINA

YEAR		CONSORTIUM MEMBERS	TOPIC	CONSORTIUM AMOUNT (USD)
2024	UDL SPAIN	UNR (AR); INIA (UY); AAPRESID (AR); AACREA (AR); AFA (AR); FUCREA (UY); AUSID (UY);	Climate-resilient wheat.	\$602,051
2024	INTA COSTA RICA	DICTA (HN); IDIAP (PA); INIA (PE); INTA (AR); CORTEVA (US); UF (US);	Sustainable intensification of production in Central America.	\$773,500
2024	ARGENINTA ARGENTINA	INTA (AR); INIA (UY); INIA (CL); EMBRAPA (BR); IDIAF (DO);	Resilient production to mitigate climate change.	\$1,108,764
2024	INIA URUGUAY	INTA (AR); INTA (CR); GENTOS (AR);	Scaling innovation in pastoral systems.	\$902,790
2023	INIA CHILE	GRA (NZ); UNALM (PE); IDIAF (DO); IDIAP (PA); INTA (AR); INIA (PE); AAPRESID (AR); HUARAL (PE); FUNDICCEP (PA);	Nitrogen optimization.	\$1,037,451
2023	INTA ARGENTINA	ARGENINTA (AR); INIA (CL); CONICET (AR); GRA (NZ);	Indigenous communities and climate change.	\$943,570

(1) The values quoted correspond to total project amounts