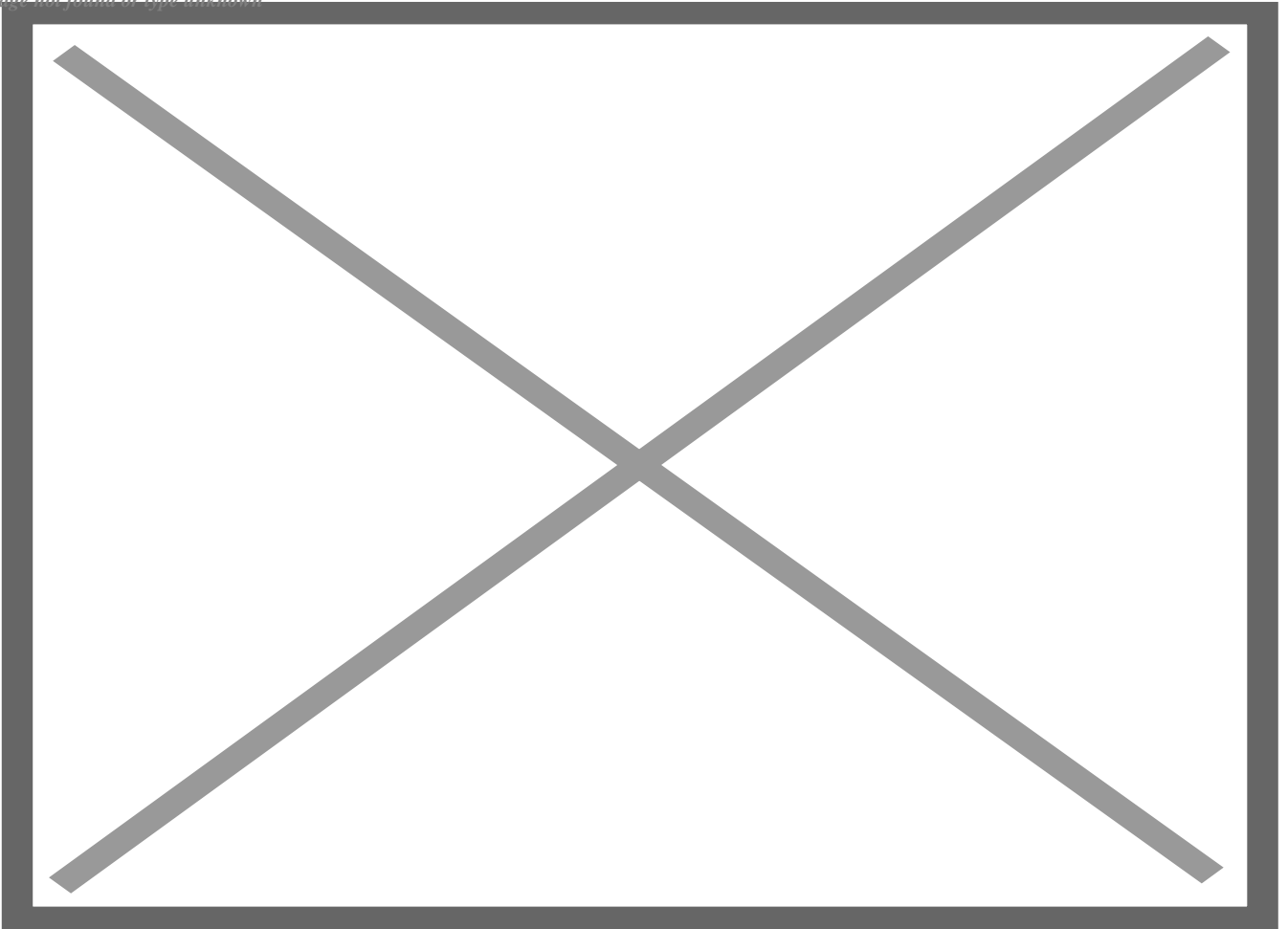


Cuban farmers in search of greater productive impact

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Cuban peasants linked to cooperatives take note of new exhortations to propose production plans above the contributions, far below the country's requirements.

In the midst of the will to strengthen its grassroots structures, the ANAP, National Association of Private Farmers, now has a new directive that should boost its work.

The organization of those who, in the sunshine and adverse material conditions due, essentially, to the impact of the U.S. blockade and internal deviations, has not yet promoted science and innovation as expected.

At the same time, the election of the members of the boards that guide them should be improved at the base, in order to increase the efficiency of hiring and focus the men and women of the land on agricultural productions that cover 80 percent of domestic needs.

In spite of the limitations of inputs, fuel and other resources, ANAP has been entrusted with the task of better orienting and controlling the fulfillment of deliveries to the municipal self-supplies.

The Secretary of Organization of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Roberto Morales Ojeda, urged the peasants and their social organization to increase the control and use of the lands and to counteract indiscipline and illegalities.

In that direction, he emphasized as a premise to take care of the advanced producers and the qualified technical force, some of which achieve valuable results, but their skills are not known by their lagging peers.

All the intentions of Cuban farmers and their leading organization, the ANAP, are part of a detrimental national agricultural panorama.

The authorities warned about how many products leave the countryside at prices in line with the peasants' expenses and reach the markets at higher prices.

They warn that this happens because of the intervention of intermediaries in the distribution chain and the delay of official entities in contacting the farmers with whom they made the contracts.

This is one of the causes of the price increases in the agromarkets, which are regretted by consumers.

In these circumstances, ANAP must contribute to achieve the Ministry of Agriculture's objectives for 2024 to halt the trend of decreasing production, which forced the country to increase imports, without having the foreign currency to cover them.

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