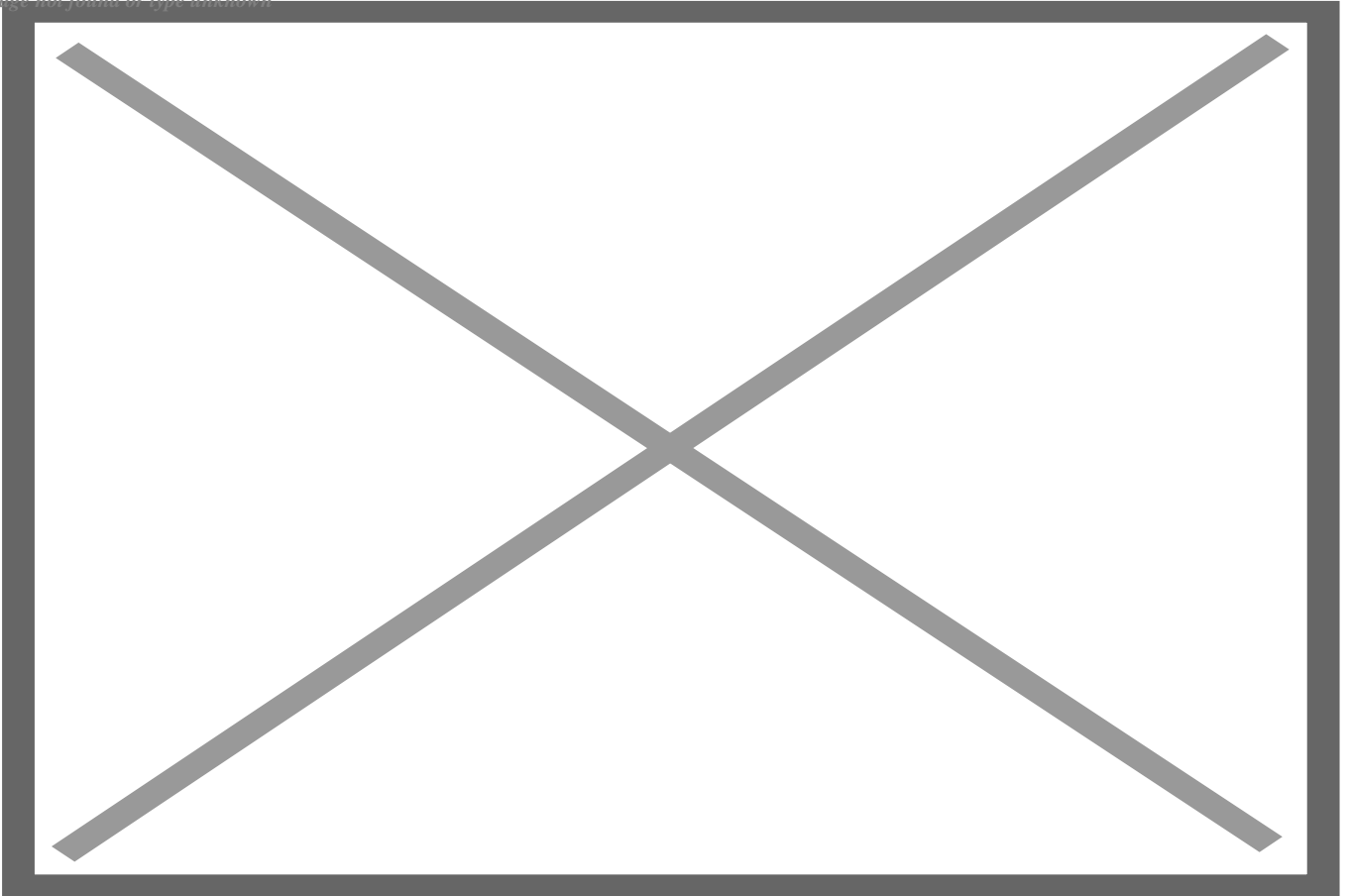


Cuban President urges efficiency in the sugar harvest

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Havana, Sep 1 (RHC) -- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel urged sugar industry executives to work for efficiency and guarantee stability in the production of the 2022-2023 sugar harvest on the island, to begin in mid-November.

During a meeting at the Palace of the Revolution, to evaluate the progress of the preparations for this task, the Cuban president learned details about the actions implemented to initiate the country's sugarcane recovery.

In the exchange, linked by videoconference with the 13 territories involved in the sugarcane harvest, participants reviewed the implementation of the new concept for planning the harvest.

According to Julio Andrés García, president of Grupo Azucarero Azcuba, the idea is to plan the harvest so that it is objective, flexible, and, although small, with good practices, concentrating resources in fewer plants to achieve greater efficiency.

García stressed the importance of basing the tasks on the actual financing available and under the principle of guaranteeing domestic consumption and obtaining derivatives from that production, such as animal feed, alcohol and honeys, that will allow an export plan depending on market prices.

He stated that the plan will focus on a new business model where planning is financial and not only focused on production volumes, prioritizing the circular economy, as well as the science and innovation model.

He also informed that six million 574 thousand tons of sugarcane should be milled and 455 thousand 198 tons should be produced for the family market basket and other economic consumption such as tourism, medicines, industrial production, and exports.

For his part, Vice Prime Minister Jorge Luis Tapia said that it is essential to rescue the discipline in the processes and the quality certification of the repairs by Azcuba's technical teams.

He considered it essential that the workers master how much they are going to earn every day, every week, from the main tasks, and that they feel that if the plant does not grind, their economic results will not be good because it has already been clarified that this year there will be no more subsidies for losses in the sector.

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