

< Highlight 1>: First training event about Organic Agriculture to APRODEQUI Bolívar members

On July 16<sup>th</sup> was held the first training event about Organic Agriculture, for APRODEQUI Bolívar members, the workshop aimed to training producers, as part of the organic certification process that is being implemented by the association.

The event was oriented to providing to the producers knowledge about Organic Agriculture and all the requirements that they must comply, as part of Organic Certification application process. The implications of the Organic Certification are detailed throughout the entire production process, considering social, environmental and productive aspects.

At the end of the event the producers acquire skills on organic agriculture that will allow them to have all the requirements to achieve organic certification. The practice aspect is complement with the visit of field technicians.

## < Highlight 2>: Inspection as part of Organic Certification process to APRODEQUI Bolívar

The quinoa produced by APRODEQUI Bolívar has organic origin, the producers work under organic agriculture criteria, and then now the association seeks to apply to Organic Certification, which it allows producers to have a document certifying organic origin of quinoa. Control Union certifier is evaluating the association as part of the Organic Certification process.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the inspector of Control Union certifier came to inspect the organic origin of quinoa in the field. The inspector visited the productive area of seven producers of Uchumarca district and eight producers of Bolivar district, on each productive area is verified that the documentation agrees with reality, likewise the inspector conduct interviews with each producer to verify whether producers are truly trained on Organic Agriculture. The inspector collected samples of quinoa panicles, as well as in warehouses of each producer, to verify through further analysis that these do not contain traces of banned chemical fertilizers or the presence of a contaminant.

## < Highlight 3>: Training to AMPA technicians in Organic Agriculture

As part of the requirements of the APRODEQUI Bolivar's Organic Certification, Control Union certifier requested that field technicians are given training on Organic Agriculture by a certified technician. The training of AMPA's field technicians was planned by Mr. Edwar Miuler Zelada Escuadra, Internal Inspector in quinoa production accredited by Exportadora Agrícola Orgánica S.A.C.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> was conducted a training directed to AMPA's field technicians, the aim of the training was to strengthen capacities in organic production of AMPA's field technicians, so that they optimize their capacities to provide technical assistance to APRODEQUI Bolívar producers, likewise ensure the proper functioning of the Internal Control System - ICS, throughout the entire production cycle of quinoa.

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