

PRODUCE expects aquaculture production to exceed 110,000 tonnes in 2019

The Ministry of Production (PRODUCE) projects that the harvest of the aquaculture sector will grow by 6.8 percent this year and will exceed 110,000 tonnes, which will mean an advance for the fifth consecutive year.

According to Minister Raúl Pérez-Reyes, this advance will be driven mainly by harvests of scallops (+15.0 percent) and shrimp (+7.2 percent), as long as favorable oceanographic conditions remain for the first species. Also, production of trout and tilapia is expected to increase by 5.1 percent respectively.

"This positive behavior will be influenced by the greater availability of raw material and the increase in demand," he added.

The head of PRODUCE stressed that in 2018 the aquaculture harvest amounted to 103,600 tonnes, a figure that represents an increase of 3.1% over the previous year, mainly due to the higher production of trout and shrimp, and the recovery in the harvest of scallops.

Meanwhile, in economic terms, the value of the aquaculture harvest amounted to PEN 1090.6 million (USD 328.5 million), a figure that represents a slight increase (1.0 percent) compared to the year 2017

Regarding the productive structure, trout represents 53.1 percent of the total aquaculture production, followed by shrimp with a participation of 28.7 percent, and thirdly by the fan shell (12.0 percent).

Minister Pérez-Reyes highlighted the Puno region, which concentrates more than 45 percent of national production and 82.4 percent of rainbow trout production, has established itself as a leader in the country's aquaculture activity, due to the best conditions for cultivation, lower costs and the increase in demand.



The Tumbes region ranks second (24.1 percent) in aquaculture production nationwide and is positioned as a leader in shrimp production, which grew by 8.1 percent over 2017.

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