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Peru's Minister of Agriculture Appoints New INIA Director

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation's Minister, Juan Manuel Benites, appointed Dr. Alberto Maurer on November 3, 2014, as the new Director of the National Institute for Agricultural Investigation (INIA). Dr. Maurer, an agronomist with ample experience in agricultural investigation, replaces outgoing Director Roberto Santos. Dr. Maurer is tasked with implementing the \$180 million Inter-American Bank and World Bank funded modernization of INIA. The Foreign Agricultural Service has worked closely with INIA on a wide range of activities.

General Information:

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The Foreign Agricultural Service in Lima has worked closely with INIA in a broad range of activities over the years. During the past year, the Office of Agricultural Affairs in Lima organized a series of seminars for Peruvian agricultural producers on the benefits of biotechnology, co-sponsored by INIA. The USDA has also provided funding for the expansion of INIA's facilities.



