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## Press Release

### Ministry of Agriculture Receives Quality Sheep Breeding Stocks

*Belmopan. February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.* On Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the Republic of China (Taiwan) received twenty-nine imported Dorper and sixteen Barbados Black Belly sheep from the United States of America. This was through a project agreement that was signed in December 2015 for the “Genetic Improvement in Sheep and Goat Production”.

The first component of the project implemented the expansion of the infrastructure at the National Sheep and Goat Breeding Center in Central Farm. The second component will introduce quality breeding stock and provide capacity building for Technicians and District Livestock Extension Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The project has a duration of three years with a budget of US\$1.67 million, in which the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will provide US\$1.32 million and the Government of Belize, US\$0.35 million.

The sheep are presently on thirty days’ quarantine at the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Section in Central Farm.

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