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**Report Highlights:**

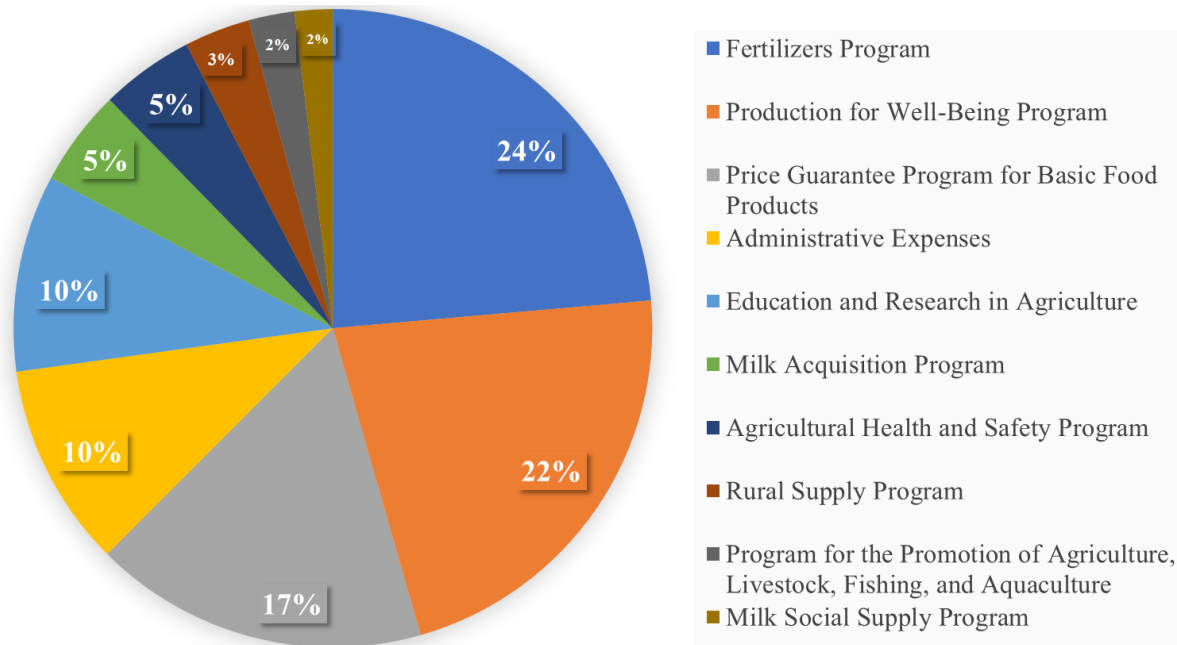
Mexico's 2024 federal government budget for the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) is USD 4.3 billion, a five percent increase compared to the 2023 budget. Over 70 percent of the budget is allocated to assistance programs that provide in-kind benefits such as fertilizers to small-scale producers and milk to low-income families.

The 2024 fiscal year Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) [budget allocation](#) is 74.1 billion pesos (roughly USD 4.3 billion), an increase of about five percent over SADER’s 2023 budget. The budget increase is on pace with inflation, which reached 4.7 percent in 2023.

More than half of SADER’s budget, or 44.4 billion pesos (around USD 2.59 billion), is provided through the Special Concurrent Program (Spanish acronym PEC). The PEC budget is distributed among several secretariats and other governmental entities and aims to support the Mexican countryside through eight focused themes: agriculture, administration, competitiveness, education, environment, health, infrastructure, and social programs.

In general, SADER’s 2024 budget allocation reflects continuity in the government’s prioritization of support for subsistence farmers in the southern and central regions of the country. The budget continues to support production for small and medium producers and access to basic staple foods for low-income populations. In contrast, the budget provides minimal support to large-scale commercial producers.

**Figure 1. 2024 SADER Budget by Category**



Source: Secretariat of Finance (Hacienda)

**Key Points**

- SADER’s overall budget increased five percent, slightly higher than the estimated annual inflation for 2023.
- Over 70 percent of the SADER budget is allocated to assistance programs which provide in-kind benefits to small-scale producers and milk to low-income families.
- Nearly one fourth of the budget is allocated to the Fertilizer Program, surpassing USD one billion for 2024, or about five percent higher than the previous year.

- The National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) received a budget allocation of USD 204 million, an increase of about five percent compared to the previous year. SENASICA is responsible for animal health, plant health, and food safety, including monitoring and addressing animal disease outbreaks.
- The Program for the Promotion of Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing, and Aquaculture, focused on strengthening agricultural production, recorded an increase of about five percent, nearly USD 100 million.

**Table 1. SADER 2024 BUDGET ALLOCATION BY PROGRAM (Million USD)**

Program	2024	2023	Percent Change (%)
Fertilizers Program	1018	971.1	4.83
Production for Well-Being Program	946.2	902.6	4.83
Price Guarantee Program for Basic Food Products	729.6	696	4.83
Administrative Expenses	445.5	420.4	5.97
Education and Research in Agriculture	430.2	405.2	6.17
Milk Acquisition Program	210.6	200.9	4.83
Agri-food Health and Safety Program	204	194.7	4.78
Rural Supply Program	143.5	136.9	4.83
Program for the Promotion of Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing, and Aquaculture	100.4	95.4	5.24
Milk Social Supply Program	82.9	79.1	4.83
TOTAL	4,310.9	4,102.3	5.08

Source: Secretariat of Finance (Hacienda) (Exchange rate: 17.18 MXN on November 25, 2023)

### Key Social Assistance Programs

**Fertilizers Program:** Support for small-scale producers through access to no cost fertilizers. The program aims to increase food production in rural communities in priority states and areas. In 2023, this program was charged to distribute 1.0 MMT of chemical fertilizers for 2 million farmers whose holdings are 3 hectares or less. The program works with the state-owned oil company PEMEX to distribute free fertilizer to program beneficiaries.

**Production for Well-Being Program:** This program provides direct cash support to small and medium grain producers (i.e. corn, dry edible beans, bread wheat, and rice, among others) with farms up to 20 hectares. The program's overall objective is to increase domestic grain production, and thereby increase Mexico's food self-sufficiency. The program provides between 6,000 and 24,000 pesos (about USD 350-1,400) per person per year, depending on the type of product and farm size.

**Price Guarantee Program for Basic Food Products:** The Price Guarantee Program for Basic Food Products delivers support directly to producers through a set purchase price for small producers of corn, bread wheat, dry beans, rice, and milk. A stated goal of the program is to increase planted area and the volume of grain production and to assist the income of small and medium-sized grain and milk producers. The program is administered by Seguridad Alimentaria Mexicana (SEGALMEX).

[Milk Acquisition Program](#): The National Milk Acquisition Program is responsible for acquiring fresh milk from small national producers at a guaranteed price.

[Agricultural Health and Safety Program](#): This program aims to preserve and improve sanitary conditions and food safety through phyto and zoo sanitary epidemiological surveillance, agricultural health campaigns, contamination risk reduction systems, and best practices in agricultural, livestock, aquaculture, and fishery production.

[Rural Supply Program](#): This program facilitates access to staple food products to improve food security. The program distributes basic commodities (corn, beans, rice, sugar, corn flour), powdered and fluid milk, and tortilla products at subsidized prices to low-income consumers.

[Program for the Promotion of Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing, and Aquaculture](#): This program aims to increase production by small-scale producers through economic incentives. The program provides access to improved seeds, inputs for soil conservation, irrigation equipment, machinery for efficient livestock production, and marketing support, among other assistance.

[Milk Social Supply Program](#): The Milk Social Supply Program distributes fortified milk. The program provides milk powder and fluid milk at subsidized prices to low-income families.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.