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Report Highlights:

On July 15, 2016 Peru's President-elect Pedro Kuczynski announced the new Minister of Agriculture José Manuel Hernández Calderón. Jose Manuel Hernandez, 65 years old, is an agronomist educated at Peru's National Agrarian University (UNALM). He is from the northern region of Piura, as was the outgoing Minister, Manuel Benites. He runs his own consultancy and has consulted for the FAO and other international organizations. He serves as CEO of the Hydroelectric Corporation of Pucamarca, and authored the agriculture portion of president-elect Pedro Kuczynski's government plan.

General Information:



On July 15, 2016 Peru's President-elect Pedro Kuczynski announced the new Minister of Agriculture José Manuel Hernández Calderón. Jose Manuel Hernández is 65 years old and from Cristo Nos Valga, Sechura in Peru's Northern Province Piura. His parents were both farmers and still live in Cristo Nos Valga. He has two brothers Pablo Crispin and Oscar Hernández Calderon. He is married with three children. His daughter, Claudia Maria Hernández is a celebrity and was named Miss Peru in 2003.

Jose Manuel Hernández went to high school at Hermanos Melendez in La Unión. In 1973 he received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina (UNALM). In 1975 he received a master's degree in agricultural economics from UNALM. Later he became a professor at the graduate program at UNALM teaching courses on agricultural administration, agribusiness, and agricultural marketing. He has over 40 years of professional experience in agricultural development and business management.

He serves as CEO of the Hydroelectric Corporation of Pucamarca, and authored the agriculture portion of president-elect Pedro Kuczynski's government plan. Prior he was the General Manager of Asesores Técnicos Asociados S.A. Notably he provided legal counsel for the [Alto Piura irrigation and hydroelectric project](#) and the [Chonta Dam in Cajamarca](#). Jose Hernández has built much of his career as being a consultant. He also served as a consultant for the United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization. His research projects focused on agricultural development in Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Bolivia, and Panama.

He is the author of several books and technical papers on agricultural policy, agricultural economics, agricultural exports, marketing, and agricultural credit. The papers include: "[Genetically Modified Food: Opportunity or Danger?](#)," "[Should There Be Limits on Agricultural Property Ownership in](#)

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