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Report Highlights:

President Hugo Chavez has recently named nine new ministers, including a new Minister of Agriculture, and placed the PDVAL food distribution network under the Vice Presidency.

General Information:**New Minister and Officials Named in the Agricultural Sector:****Juan Carlos Loyo Hernandez Named as New Minister of Agriculture and Lands**

As per Official Gazette No. 39,451 from June 22, 2010, Juan Carlos Loyo Hernández, current Director of the National Land Institute (INTI), was named by Presidential Decree to the position of Minister of Agriculture and Lands. Loyo will continue to head INTI.

Vice President Jaua noted that the appointment of Mr. Loyo as the new minister will strengthen the agrarian revolution and eliminate "latifundio" or large estates, improve and expand the framework for action and services for agricultural production in accordance with the New Socialist Productive Model of the Economic and Social Development Plan of the Nation. Loyo is an economist, and has served as general manager of the National Institute of Qualification And Socialist Education (INCES) in Carabobo State where he was responsible for the formation of the Lancers of the Revolution. He has been deputy minister of the Ministry of Popular Economy, and since 2006 has served as director of INTI.

Carlos Osorio Named as New President of PDVAL

According to Venezuelan Official Gazette No. 39,452 of June 23, 2010, Carlos Osorio was named President of Productora y Distribuidora Venezolana de Alimentos (PDVAL), one of the government's official food distribution chains. Osorio is the former National Superintendent of Silos, Warehouses, and Deposits (SADA by its Spanish acronym). PDVAL, which was previously managed by the State Oil Company (PDVSA), was recently transferred to the Vice Presidency of the Bolivarian Republic. For further information, please see GAIN VE1066.