

CalChamber Representatives Meet with Delegation from Argentina

California Chamber of Commerce representatives and members of the California Legislature met last week with a delegation from Santa Fe province in Argentina.

Santa Fe Lieutenant Governor Jorge Henn led the delegation, which included top-level government officials and major business and trade representatives.

California and Santa Fe (located inland, northeast of Buenos Aires) have an ongoing exchange program, which began in 2004 between the California Senate International Relations Foundation and Argentina New Generation Foundation (FNGA).

The goal is to increase political and economic ties, as well as discuss specific public policy issues, including sustainable energy, port security and goods movement, and public safety.

Of the 23 provinces in Argentina, Santa Fe province has one of the most important economies, accounting for nearly 10% of output. More than 20% of Argentina's cultivated lands are in Santa Fe, whose main crops include soybeans, sunflowers, maize, wheat and



From left are: Roberto Miguel Lifschitz, senator from Santa Fe province; Diego Sueiras, president, Argentina New Generation Foundation (FNGA); Susanne T. Stirling, CalChamber vice president, international affairs; Juan Pablo Galleano, secretary of the stock market, City of Rosario; Santa Fe Lieutenant Governor Jorge Antonio Henn, delegation leader.

rice. Strawberries, honey and cotton also are produced. In addition, 20% of the nation's livestock in meat and dairy are in the province.

More information is available at the newly created trading partner portal, www.calchamber.com/argentina.