VISIT TO  “PINGO  VIEJO”.  Wednesday april 11th

“Pingo Viejo” is a family business (Parietti) with full cycle production systems in beef cattle and sheep.

It includes two farms:

1.- “Pingo Viejo”, located in the Basalt area of the northern part of the country. It has 70% of shallow soils and 30% of deep soils, where the improvement of pastures is concentrated: cultivated pastures y annual winter grasses.

The cropping rotation includes the following program: old (unproductive)

artificial pastures are followed by sorghum for humid grain and micro-chipping. Then soybean, ryegrass and artificial pastures again.

2.- “Ñuporá”, located in the department of Paysandú, with good and fertile soils on a sedimentary rock (Fray Bentos) , mainly devoted to cropping, where soybean commercial crops are planted in rotation with annual winter grasses and cultivated pastures.

Both farms are exploited as one unit.

Beef cattle production.- The majority belongs to the Hereford breed, with a smaller proportion of Brafords. There is a full pedigree Hereford bull breeding herd of 400 animals, where close to 180 bulls are produced every year, for internal use, as well as sales at an annual bull auction.

Sheep production.- The sheep production system is a full cycle and includes the Merino breed, with an average diameter of 18.8 microns. Also, there is a Dohne Merino Flock in a full cycle system, or eventually the production of fat lambs, with an average diameter of 21 microns.

Horses.- Criollo horses are bred since 1978. A proportion of them are utilized in both farms. Another proportion is used for horse sports, including “the golden bridle, brazilean and argentinean “paleteadas”, bridle competitions, riding) as well as sales for commercial purposes.