# Convened for the first time the Best Ham 2016 Award Food of Spain

**The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment has convened for the first time the "Spain Food Award for Best Ham 2016" distinction with which it wants to contribute to promoting the quality ham and to improve its image and market positioning. This award includes modalities "Best Jamon Serrano or other Recognised figures Quality" and "Best Iberian Bellota ham".**

As stated in an extract Order published last August 6th in the Official Gazette (BOE) by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, may participate in the prize who hold the ownership of processing companies that have their headquarters located within the national territory. They can compete to one or both modalities of the prize, but may only participate with a sample mode.

The participant hams must be homemade by the contestant who must justify the development of a minimum of 1.500 pieces per year over the last three years.

This prize, awarded for the first time, include modalities "Best jamon serrano or other Recognised

figures Quality" and "Best Iberian Bellota ham". This initiative aims to support the promotion of quality ham, to promote knowledge of this product by consumers, and its image in the domestic and foreign markets.

**Source: MAGRAMA**