

**Memorandum of Understanding Between
the United States Department of Agriculture
and
the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine
Regarding Cooperation on Agriculture**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine (the “Participants”) desire to strengthen cooperation in the agriculture and food sectors, build a strong strategic partnership to address food security, and share expertise and information. Accordingly, the Participants intend to cooperate as follows:

SCOPE

Productivity Data and Expertise

- Share expertise and information on crop production and productivity practices, including agricultural statistics and weather/climate data, to enhance productivity and to inform food security needs and assistance efforts under conditions characterized by limited resources and supply chain challenges.
- Utilize USDA animal health expertise to provide data and information sharing on livestock and protein production challenges.

New Technology

- Share expertise and guidance on new technologies such as biotechnology, genome editing, and data-driven agricultural practices.
- Utilize USDA’s Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program to enhance U.S.-Ukrainian agricultural research and collaboration.

Bilateral Trade & Post-Conflict Capacity Building

- Enhance communication on bilateral agricultural trade and supply issues.
- Utilize USDA’s Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) to provide technical assistance for emergency veterinary supplies, biosecurity, sanitary and phytosanitary capacity building, and an agricultural sector review for response needs in Ukraine. Re-establish USDA’s Cochran Fellowship Program in Ukraine to provide short-term agricultural training opportunities.

IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS

This Memorandum is intended to serve as a framework for the Participants to develop and coordinate their cooperative efforts. Activities should be conducted on the basis of individual plans mutually determined by the Participants. Separate written agreements should be executed for specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, property, or personnel between the Participants. Such activities should be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority and be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

This Memorandum does not provide such authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of each such agreement should comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

COORDINATING OFFICES

The Participants designate the following working level offices as points of contact for the collaborative administration of this Memorandum: USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service and the International Policy Directorate of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine.

FUNDING AND APPLICABLE LAW

Each Participant should handle its own activities and should be responsible for the costs of its own participation in all cooperative activities carried out under this Memorandum, unless the Participants establish other arrangements in writing. Nothing in this Memorandum requires either Participant to obligate or transfer funds. All activities contemplated by this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds, personnel, and other resources. Each Participant's participation in cooperative activities under this Memorandum is intended to be conducted consistent with the laws and regulations of that Participant's government. This Memorandum does not constitute a binding agreement or create any obligations under the laws of Ukraine or the United States of America, or under international law.

PERIOD OF COOPERATION

Cooperation under this Memorandum is intended to commence upon the date of last signature and is expected to continue for three (3) years. This Memorandum may be modified at any time by mutual written determination of the Participants. A Participant may discontinue its participation in this Memorandum at any time, in which case it expects to provide sixty (60) calendar days' written notice to the other Participant of its intention to discontinue its participation under the Memorandum. In the event a Participant discontinues its participation under the Memorandum, the Participants expect to continue to work together to conclude specific activities already in progress, unless the Participants expressly determine otherwise in writing. If the Memorandum is not mutually extended for another three (3) years, Participants intend to promptly conclude any ongoing cooperative projects.

Signed, in duplicate, in the English and Ukrainian languages.

**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE**



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Place: _____ Date: 7.13.22

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRARIAN
POLICY AND FOOD OF UKRAINE**



Mykola Solskyi

Place: _____ Date: 8.10.22