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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**Agreement on cooperation in the field of agriculture.  
Signed at Washington on 19 June 1973**

*Authentic texts: English and Russian.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 12 February 1974.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES  
SOVIÉTIQUES**

**Accord relatif à la coopération agricole. Signé à Wash-  
ington le 19 juin 1973**

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*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 12 février 1974.*

## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

Taking into account the importance which the production of food has for the peoples of both countries and for all of mankind;

Desiring to expand existing cooperation between the two countries in the field of agricultural research and development;

Wishing to apply new knowledge and technology in agricultural production and processing;

Recognizing the desirability of expanding relationships in agricultural trade and the exchange of information necessary for such trade;

Convinced that cooperation in the field of agriculture will contribute to overall improvement of relations between the two countries;

In pursuance and further development of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on cooperation in the fields of science and technology of May 24, 1972,<sup>2</sup> and in accordance with the Agreement on exchanges and cooperation in scientific, technical, educational, cultural and other fields of April 11, 1972,<sup>3</sup> and in accordance with the Agreement on cooperation in the field of environmental protection of May 23, 1972;<sup>4</sup>

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* The Parties will develop and carry out cooperation in the field of agriculture on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity.

*Article II.* The Parties will promote the development of mutually beneficial cooperation in the following main areas:

1. Regular exchange of relevant information, including forward estimates, on production, consumption, demand and trade of major agricultural commodities.
2. Methods of forecasting the production, demand and consumption of major agricultural products, including econometric methods.
3. Plant science, including genetics, breeding, plant protection and crop production, including production under semi-arid conditions.
4. Livestock and poultry science, including genetics, breeding, physiology, nutrition, disease protection and large-scale operations.
5. Soil science, including the theory of movement of water, gases, salts, and heat in soils.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 June 1973 by signature, in accordance with article VIII (1).

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 852, p. 141.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 105.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 846, p. 105.

6. Mechanization of agriculture, including development and testing of new machinery, equipment and technology, as well as repair and technical service.
  7. Application, storage and transportation of mineral fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals.
  8. Processing, storage and preservation of agricultural commodities, including formula feed technology.
  9. Land reclamation and reclamation engineering, including development of new equipment, designs and materials.
  10. Use of mathematical methods and electronic computers in agriculture, including mathematical modeling of large-scale agricultural enterprises.
- Other areas of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

*Article III.* Cooperation between the Parties may take the following forms:

1. Exchange of scientists, specialists and trainees.
2. Organization of bilateral symposia and conferences.
3. Exchange of scientific, technical and relevant economic information, and methods of research.
4. Planning, development and implementation of joint projects and programs.
5. Exchange of plant germ plasm, seeds and living material.
6. Exchange of animals, biological materials, agricultural chemicals, and models of new machines, equipment and scientific instruments.
7. Direct contacts and exchanges between botanical gardens.
8. Exchange of agricultural exhibitions.

Other forms of cooperation may be added by mutual agreement.

*Article IV.* 1. In furtherance of the aims of this Agreement, the Parties will, as appropriate, encourage, promote and monitor the development of cooperation and direct contacts between governmental and non-governmental institutions, research and other organizations, trade associations, and firms of the two countries, including the conclusion, as appropriate, of implementing agreements for carrying out specific projects and programs under this Agreement.

2. To assure fruitful development of cooperation, the Parties will render every assistance for the travel of scientists and specialists to areas of the two countries appropriate for the conduct of activities under this Agreement.

3. Projects and exchanges under this Agreement will be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the two countries.

*Article V.* 1. For implementation of this Agreement, there shall be established a US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation which shall meet, as a rule, once a year, alternately in the United States and the Soviet Union, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2. The Joint Committee will review and approve specific projects and programs of cooperation; establish the procedures for their implementation; designate, as appropriate, institutions and organizations responsible for carrying out cooperative activities; and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Parties.

3. Within the framework of the Joint Committee there shall be established a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Economic Research and Information and a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research and Technological Development. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, each Joint Working Group will meet alternately

in the United States and the Soviet Union at least two times a year. The Joint Committee may establish other working groups as it deems necessary.

4. The Executive Agents for coordinating and carrying out this Agreement shall be, for the Government of the United States of America, the United States Department of Agriculture, and for the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ministry of Agriculture of the USSR. The Executive Agents will, as appropriate, assure the cooperation in their respective countries of other institutions and organizations as required for carrying out joint activities under this Agreement. During the period between meetings of the Joint Committee, the Executive Agents will maintain contact with each other and coordinate and supervise the development and implementation of cooperative activities conducted under this Agreement.

*Article VI.* Unless an implementing agreement contains other provisions, each Party or participating institution, organization or firm, shall bear the costs of its participation and that of its personnel in cooperative activities engaged in under this Agreement.

*Article VII.* 1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to prejudice or modify any existing Agreements between the Parties.

2. Projects developed by the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research which were approved at the first session of the US-USSR Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Cooperation on March 21, 1973, will continue without interruption and will become the responsibility of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation upon its formal establishment.

*Article VIII.* 1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature and remain in force for five years. It will be automatically extended for successive five-year periods unless either Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement not later than six months prior to the expiration of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement may be modified at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties.

3. The termination of this Agreement will not affect the validity of implementing agreements concluded under this Agreement between institutions, organizations and firms of the two countries.

DONE at Washington, this 19th day of June, 1973, in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the United States of America:

For the Government  
of the Union of Soviet  
Socialist Republics:

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>

[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Earl L. Butz — Signé par Earl L. Butz.

<sup>2</sup> Signed by A. Gromyko — Signé par A. Gromyko.