

Farm Agreement With Russia Signed

One of the milestones achieved during the recent visit to this country of Soviet General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was the signing of an agreement to cooperate in the field of agriculture.

To implement this Agreement, a US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation will be established, to meet once a year alternately in the two countries. The Joint Committee will review and approve specific projects, establish procedures, and make recommendations to the two Governments.

Within the framework of the Joint Committee, two Working Groups will be established — a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Economic Research and Information and a Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research and Technological Development. Projects developed by the US-USSR Joint Working Group on Agricultural Research which were approved by the Joint Commission on Scientific and Technical Cooperation on May 21, 1973, will continue without interruption, becoming the responsibility of the new US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation.

It is expected that the first meeting of the US-USSR Joint Committee on Agricultural Cooperation will be held soon, and that this will be followed promptly by a meeting of the Joint Working Group on Agricultural Economic Research and Information.

The complete text of the agreement appears below:
AGREEMENT 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.

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, and in accordance with the Agreement on Exchanges and Cooperation in Scientific, Technical, Educational, Cultural and Other Fields of April 11, 1972, and in accordance with the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Environmental Protection of May 23, 1972;

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.

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

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