

INDIANA



MANITOBA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
TECHNOLOGY, TRADE, AND INVESTMENT

BETWEEN

THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA

AND

THE STATE OF INDIANA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made by and between the Department of Agriculture of the Province of Manitoba in Canada, and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture in the United States of America (collectively the "Participants").*

**WHEREAS**, the Participants enjoy many common interests in agricultural development as part of their respective, long-term economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Participants each have strategic and complementary economic development advantages; and

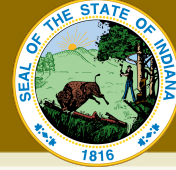
**WHEREAS**, the Participants desire to establish a long-term cooperative relationship for the purpose of promoting exchanges in the area of agricultural research, development, trade, investment, youth leadership, and youth education for the purpose of mutually beneficial economic growth,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Participants, in the spirit of promoting closer collaboration between their governments, institutions, businesses, and citizens, and within the boundaries of existing laws and treaties in their respective jurisdictions, intend to:

- Facilitate cooperation in agriculture research and development, trade and investment, and exchanges between the Participants, in compliance with the overall economic development strategies and trade development plans of the Participants and with a long-term strategy of mutual benefit and shared growth.
- Pursue these objectives through mutually identified areas of cooperation, including but not limited to those identified below:

## **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- Expand collaborations to include other complementary areas of specialization in their respective agricultural sectors as may be identified in the future.
- Facilitate cooperation and information sharing in the fields of agriculture and agricultural technology by encouraging and supporting, as appropriate, a productive long-term relationship among relevant public and private entities to exchange best practices and identify areas of growth within those fields.
- Facilitate ongoing visits between governmental and professional groups in both the State of Indiana and the Province of Manitoba so that the Participants can foster deeper understanding, identify cooperative business opportunities, and promote practical work relationships for value-added agriculture.



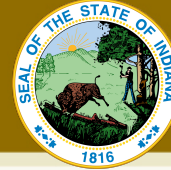
- Elevate the exploration of the cooperative opportunities in production and processing in the food, feed, fuel, and fiber sectors, including scientific research in such sectors.
- Enhance the exchange and cooperation between the Participants in animal husbandry, food processing, forestry, grain processing, resource conservation and utilization, and seed research.
- Promote working relations between universities in the State of Indiana and the Province of Manitoba, with a focus on agricultural economy and other agricultural sciences and research, and in an effort to facilitate student and scholar exchange programs.
- Facilitate the exchange of best practices for the continued development and expansion of youth leadership and education programming, drawing on the experiences of youth organizations such as the National FFA Organization, also known as Future Farmers of America, Indiana 4-H and the Manitoba 4-H Council.
- Examine options to expand the Indiana-Manitoba relationship and promote cross-sector development in areas such as manufacturing, education, science, technology, and culture.

## **LIMITATIONS**

1. Neither Participant intends to be responsible for the actions of third parties nor their agents, employees, partners, joint venturers or associates who may be involved in activities related to this MOU.
2. This MOU is not legally binding and does not create any legal, equitable, or financial rights, obligations, or liabilities for the Participants. This MOU will by no means be construed as an international convention and, therefore, will create no rights and obligations subject to international laws.

## **ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION, AND TERMINATION**

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date that it is signed by the Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from that date.
2. The MOU can be renewed for an additional five (5) years through an amendment that will be signed in writing by the Participants.
3. This MOU may be modified through discussion and upon agreement by the Participants and all amendments or modifications will be signed in writing by the Participants.
4. Either Participant may terminate this MOU 45 days after it provides written notice of its withdrawal to the other Participant.
5. Participants agree to discuss the implementation of this MOU on a regular basis.



Signed in duplicate this 17th day of September, 2018 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY*

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Minister of Agriculture  
Province of Manitoba

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State of Indiana

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