

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS GROUP
AND
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

I. Preamble

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding, individualized as Agricultural Business Group and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants". Under the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Cuba and the Department of Agriculture of the United States, agree to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the development and strengthening of the marketing of agricultural products, to learn and advance food security needs in both countries, on the following basis:

II. Purpose

The Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter (MOU), aims to strengthen the ties between Cuba and the US, to establish bilateral cooperation for the marketing of agricultural products so that the principles and conditions under which cooperation it will be held between the Participants.

In this MOU there is no element intended to alter or affect the responsibilities or capacities of participants to exercise their regulatory functions and implement its programs in accordance with its laws and regulations into practice.

III. Areas of Cooperation

The Participants intend to cooperate in mutually certain activities in the field of marketing of agricultural products, including in the priority areas of cooperation, which are listed below:

- Marketing of agricultural products
- Rational use of water for irrigation
- Use of renewable energy
- Productive chains
- Input Supply
- Investment in technology for the development of the production process and marketing

- Research and development
- Training of producers and staff

Participants expressed their agreement to convene a biannual meeting to evaluate the program areas for cooperation; as well as to follow up and inform each of other situations that occur resulting from this MOU. These encounters can be performed once in Cuba and once in the United States.

IV. Reports

Participants notify their attendance no less than 30 days before the scheduled meetings and both sides will agree on the agenda of the meeting. At the end of each meeting, a summary of the discussion and advancement of each of the subject areas of cooperation will be issued.

V. Implementation of Agreements

Cooperative activities to be performed under this MOU may be exposed, in writing, with details by Participants in future implementation agreements.

Both parties are free to form alliances or partnerships with other entities without making it known to the other party.

VI. Funds and Financing

Under this MOU, the intervention of each participant in cooperative activities is intended to be subject to the availability of funds, resources and personnel, and must be performed with adherence to the laws and regulations of the Participants.

Likewise each Participant is expected to assume the costs of its participation in all cooperative activities carried out under this MOU, unless other Participants establish written agreements. In any agreement where you have to share the costs, provided it is authorized by the laws of each, Participant is expected to be endorsed by an independent instrument agreed between the Participants. Neither party may bind the participants in any financial obligations without the written consent of both parties, also may not use the name, logo or other promotional material of the other without their written knowledge of it.

VII. Confidentiality

Each Participant intends not to disclose the document, information and other knowledge obtained during the implementation of this MOU and may not transmit to third parties without the prior written consent of the other Participant.

VIII. Dispute Settlement

Any difference in interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be resolved amicably through discussions or negotiations between the Participants.

IX. Renewal, Amendment and Termination

This MOU shall be effective from the date of signature, with the understanding that it can be terminated by Participants with written notice 30 days in advance, unless early termination by mutual agreement is agreed.

The MOU will run for a 2-year period, renewable for 2 more years. It can be corrected or extended in writing by mutual consent; its withdrawal is not intended to affect the agreements, contracts or activities implemented unless the Participants expressly agree otherwise.

VII. Signatures

And as proof of the agreement, participants extend and sign 2 copies, in the same tone and the same value in the languages of Spanish and English in Havana on the 4 day of October in the year of 2016.



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