

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
ON
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia (hereinafter referred to as “the Contracting Parties”),

Desiring to enhance the existing friendly relations between the two countries and develop the cooperation in the field of agriculture,

Recognizing the value of exchange of experience on agricultural and sustainable rural development,

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVES**

The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to enhance cooperation between the agricultural institutions of the Contracting Parties in the field of agriculture and agricultural technology in accordance with the applicable legal framework within their purview.

**ARTICLE 2
AREAS AND FORM OF COOPERATION**

The Contracting Parties shall carry out the cooperation in the following areas;

1. plant production, seed production and plant protection;
2. animal husbandry and animal health;
3. scientific and technical cooperation;
4. fisheries;

5. food industry;
6. research, rural development and extension service;
7. modern irrigation systems;
8. promotion of joint ventures in the field of agriculture between the private sectors of the two countries;
9. other related areas that are of interest and mutually agreed by the Contracting Parties.

The Contracting Parties agree to cooperate in the following forms;

1. exchange of information, visit, experts, research results, study and training;
2. organization of seminars, symposia, exhibitions and conferences;
3. any other technical form of cooperation as mutually agreed by the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 3

THE EXECUTING AUTHORITIES

The Executing Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Turkey; and,
2. The Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Estonia

ARTICLE 4

ESTABLISHMENT OF STEERING COMMITTEE

1. The Contracting Parties agreed to establish an Agricultural Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") to monitor and review the implementation of the cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The Committee is composed of 5 members per country including the delegation heads on the level of Deputy Undersecretary.
3. The Committee shall meet annually or at a time as mutually agreed, alternately in Turkey and Estonia;

4. This Committee shall be responsible for:

- analyzing the implementation of the cooperation programs as mutually agreed upon;
- submitting proposals on the further development and improvement of cooperation forms;
- recommending possible ways for overcoming difficulties arising out of the cooperation activities.

ARTICLE 5 EXPENSES

The international travel expenses of the Steering Committee members and experts shall be born by the sending Party, while accommodation and internal travel expenses shall be assumed by the host country.

The host country shall be informed of the intended visits at least two months prior to the date of arrival.

ARTICLE 6 SETTLEMENT OF DIVERGENCE

Any divergence arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENTS

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be amended by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.

The amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the provision of Article 8 and form an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding

ARTICLE 8

ENTRY INTO FORCE DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the last notification by the Contracting Parties; in writing and through diplomatic channels, of the completion of the respective internal legal procedures necessary to that effect.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years and shall be extended or renewed by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties. Either Contracting Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by giving written notification to the other through diplomatic channels at least 6 (six) months in advance.
3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the completion of any ongoing programs and/or projects under this Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in Estonia on 6th July 2009 in duplicate original copies in Turkish, Estonian and English languages, each of them being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

On Behalf of

**The Government of
the Republic of Turkey**



**Mehmet Mehdi Eker
Minister of Agriculture and
Rural Affairs**

On Behalf of

**The Government of
the Republic of Estonia**



**Helir-Valdor Seeder
Minister of Agriculture**