

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
**between**  
**The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA**  
**and**  
**Shanxi Agricultural University, Taigu, Shanxi, China**

To facilitate collaboration in the areas of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences between The Ohio State University (OSU) on behalf of its College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, located in Columbus, Ohio, USA, and Shanxi Agricultural University (SXAU), located in Taigu, Shanxi, China, both institutions have a mutual interest in promoting collaboration and cooperation in education, extension, research, teaching, and other appropriate areas by entering a formal agreement (MOU) to recognize an informal cooperation since 1983 for a more encompassing and productive partnership.

**1. SCOPE**

Areas of possible collaboration include, but not limited to:

- 1.1. Joint training programs of both undergraduate and graduate students;
- 1.2. Exchange of faculty, staff and visiting scholars for advanced studies, lecturing, and research collaboration;
- 1.3. Joint research projects;
- 1.4. Student exchanges for academic and cultural advancement (Student exchanges shall require separate written agreements between the parties.);
- 1.5. Joint activities such as conferences, seminars, and Extension programs;
- 1.6. Exchange of dissertations and theses, teaching materials, and other scientific and technological literature.

**2. MANAGEMENT**

In order to implement this MOU, each institution will designate a Coordinator who will be responsible for general liaison as well as arrangements for specific activities. Any specific activities arising from this MOU, including joint activities, conditions for uses of the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits and exchanges, will be subject to separate

written agreements that shall define the exact nature of the activities to be undertaken, the responsibilities of each institution in fulfilling the agreed objectives, and also include details of all arrangements for funding and, where appropriate, the protection of intellectual property rights.

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### 3. FUNDING

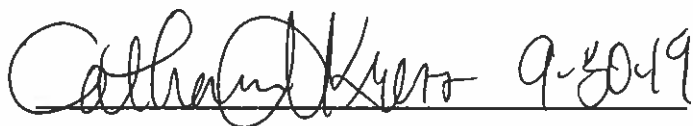
It is understood that the details of any financial arrangements, which will depend on the availability of funds to each party, and all other forms of cooperation, will be negotiated for each specific case through separate written agreements. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting exchange and collaboration on their own. Both parties may jointly seek third party funding to support collaborative project activities, if and when deemed necessary.

### 4. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement will be in force for a period of five (5) years from the latest date appearing below. It may be renewed for an additional five years if both institutions, acting independently, agree in writing to renew it at least six (6) months before it expires.

### 5. SIGNATURES

For: The Ohio State University



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Vice President for Agricultural Administration  
Dean, College of Food, Agricultural,  
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