

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF WAR
FOR PARTNERSHIP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
National Farm Security Action Plan

1. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) memorializes the mutual understanding between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of War (DoW), the Parties, for the purpose of implementing the *National Farm Security Action Plan* (the Plan) dated July 8, 2025.

2. PURPOSE

The Parties enter into this MOU in furtherance of the key activities put forth in the Plan that will:

- a. Promote Agricultural and Economic Prosperity
- b. Defend the Foundations of Agriculture and Food
- c. Strengthen Domestic Agricultural Productivity

The Plan elevates the protection of United States agriculture into America's national security framework to ensure defense of food and agriculture systems against terror attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies.

Agricultural security is a critical component of national security. Without reliable and robust domestic food and agriculture production, during times of crisis or conflict we place our Service Members and key critical military infrastructure at risk. Just as important, farm security is vital to ensuring the long-term health and productivity of all Americans, so that we may better protect our way of life. This MOU memorializes the ongoing relationships and practices currently in effect between the Parties and establishes the practices the Parties intend to follow to guide their implementation of the Plan.

To that end and consistent with relevant DoW and USDA legal authorities, DoW is committed to working with USDA to ensure agricultural production promotes military readiness, protects U.S. plants and animals, and enhances farm security. Additionally, DoW will work with USDA to ensure that agricultural production can support components of military defense systems. DoW recognizes its important contribution to the Plan and will ensure all relevant elements of the Department move forward to meet the intent of the Plan.

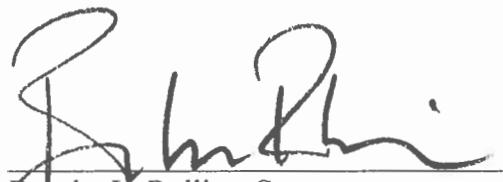
3. IMPLEMENTATION

The Plan encourages collaboration across federal agencies to accomplish actions associated with the key activities. The subordinate organizations of each Party are encouraged to enter into separate support agreements that identify areas of collaboration to accomplish actions articulated in the Plan.

4. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

The terms of this MOU may be amended upon written approval by both parties or their designated representatives. This MOU may be terminated upon written notice of termination by one party or the party's designated representative.

This MOU becomes effective upon the date of last signature and will remain in effect for seven years unless terminated.



Brooke L. Rollins, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date: February 11, 2026



Pete Hegseth, Secretary
U.S. Department of War

Date: February 11, 2026