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As is evident from the extensive description of activities included in this updated report, USDA has continued to be involved in a number of collaborations with China. We have built a strong network of connections within China that has contributed to a positive U.S.-China bilateral relationship. This collaboration is highly beneficial both to Chinese participants and to U.S. scientists, who have mutually benefited from exposure to scientific and technological advances. All USDA agencies that submitted information for this report are actively planning collaborations for coming years.

In fulfilling the requirements of this Congressional request, we solicited information from within International Cooperation and Development of the Foreign Agricultural Service and from other relevant agencies within USDA. We received the following responses:

International Cooperation and Development - activities included in this report.

Agricultural Research Service - separate report attached. A number of ARS activities are funded through ICD and appear in the ICD compilation.

Natural Resource and Conservation Service – nothing to report. All collaborative S&T activities with China are included in the ICD report

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service - no separate report. All collaborative S&T activities with China are included in the ICD report.

Economic Research Service - Separate report attached.

National Agricultural Statistics Service(NASS) - Separate report attached.

Food Safety and Inspection Service - nothing to report.

Forest Service - included in ICD report

Funding levels for our collaborations with China for the period of 2004-2005 are indicated individually for each project or program. In the case of the Agricultural Research Service, while a number of international collaborations are listed, the ARS Office of International Programs has no direct Congressional allocation for international collaborations, with funding for this purpose derived from non-ARS sources that include “in-kind” contributions. Therefore, no funding levels appear in the ARS submission to this report.

One question raised during the process of collecting information was to what extent to include trade and agricultural business-related activities, such as the International Cooperation and Development’s Cochran Fellowship Program that brings Chinese and other nationalities to the United States for targeted visits. We made a determination to draw the line between S&T and trade and elected to omit collaborations with China that had a trade or business focus.

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