Memorandum of Understanding

between

Northeast Agricultural University (NEAU)
(Harbin, CHINA)

and

Iowa State University of Science and Technology (ISU)
( Ames, Iowa, USA)

Northeast Agricultural University (hereafter known as NEAU) and Iowa State University of Science and Technology (hereafter known as ISU) join in the following agreement through friendly negotiation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit between the two universities in education, personnel training, scientific research cooperation and other aspects of the cooperation agreement, hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF COOPERATION

Cooperation and development of activities may extend to any fields and subjects in which the two universities may identify shared interests.

2. EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION

1) NEAU and ISU agree to send graduate students for short- and long-term exchange activities.

2) NEAU and ISU agree to conduct joint training of graduate students involving reciprocal visits. Related matters (hierarchy, quantity, specialty, cost, mutual recognition of credits and other specific issues) may be designated by mutual consent and incorporated into specific additional agreements upon signature by the appropriate university and other authorities.

3) NEAU and ISU agree to carry out exchanges and scientific and technological cooperation in areas of common interest, such as food processing, food nutrition, animal nutrition, and animal production.

4) NEAU and ISU agree to discuss the feasibility of developing a research laboratory at NEAU.

5) NEAU and ISU agree to exchange faculty/scholars to carry out long- or short-term faculty/scholar training program or visiting project.
3. OTHER RELATED MATTERS

1) The specific affairs related to this agreement will be further negotiated and made record by specific departments of NEAU and ISU.

2) Other unsettled affairs of this agreement will be addressed through mutual consultation by NEAU and ISU.

3) This Agreement has been made in both English and Chinese language in two identical copies, one for each university.

4. CONTACT POINT

Each party has designated an individual to serve as a point of contact, who will be responsible for promoting the achievement of the objectives of the MOU, monitoring program activities in the framework of this MOU and reporting to their perspective institutions the advances made.

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5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Should activities within the scope of this MOU lead to the creation of intellectual property, the parties shall negotiate and decide in no less than six months in advance as to the ownership of any intellectual property rights and any other terms and conditions relative to those rights in a separate legal-binding instrument.

6. FUNDING

Activities undertaken under this MOU may be funded jointly or separately by the parties depending upon budgetary availability and approval and will be tied to specific activities. Both parties agree to jointly and separately seek funding from third party sources for activities programmed under this MOU.

7. EXTENSION, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

This MOU will be effective upon its mutual signing and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Renewal may be negotiated during the final year of the agreement. In the event that the agreement is not renewed, any research or related activities in progress at the time of termination of this agreement will continue until the agreed scope of work has been completed.
Provided, however that this agreement may be terminated by any party upon a ninety (90) day written notice to the other party to this MOU. This MOU may be amended or extended by mutual agreement of the Parties.

This MOU is signed on ____ May 2016 in Ames in two identical copies in English and Chinese.

For Northeast Agricultural University

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