

Cochran Fellowship Program

Doing Business with the USA Seminar

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Senator Thad Cochran



Senator 1978–Present
from Mississippi

Since beginning in
1984, the Cochran
Fellowship Program
has trained over
14,300 Fellows from
123 countries around
the world.

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- Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service.
- Provides U.S.-based agricultural training opportunities for senior and mid-level specialists and administrators from public and private sectors who are concerned with agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy and marketing.

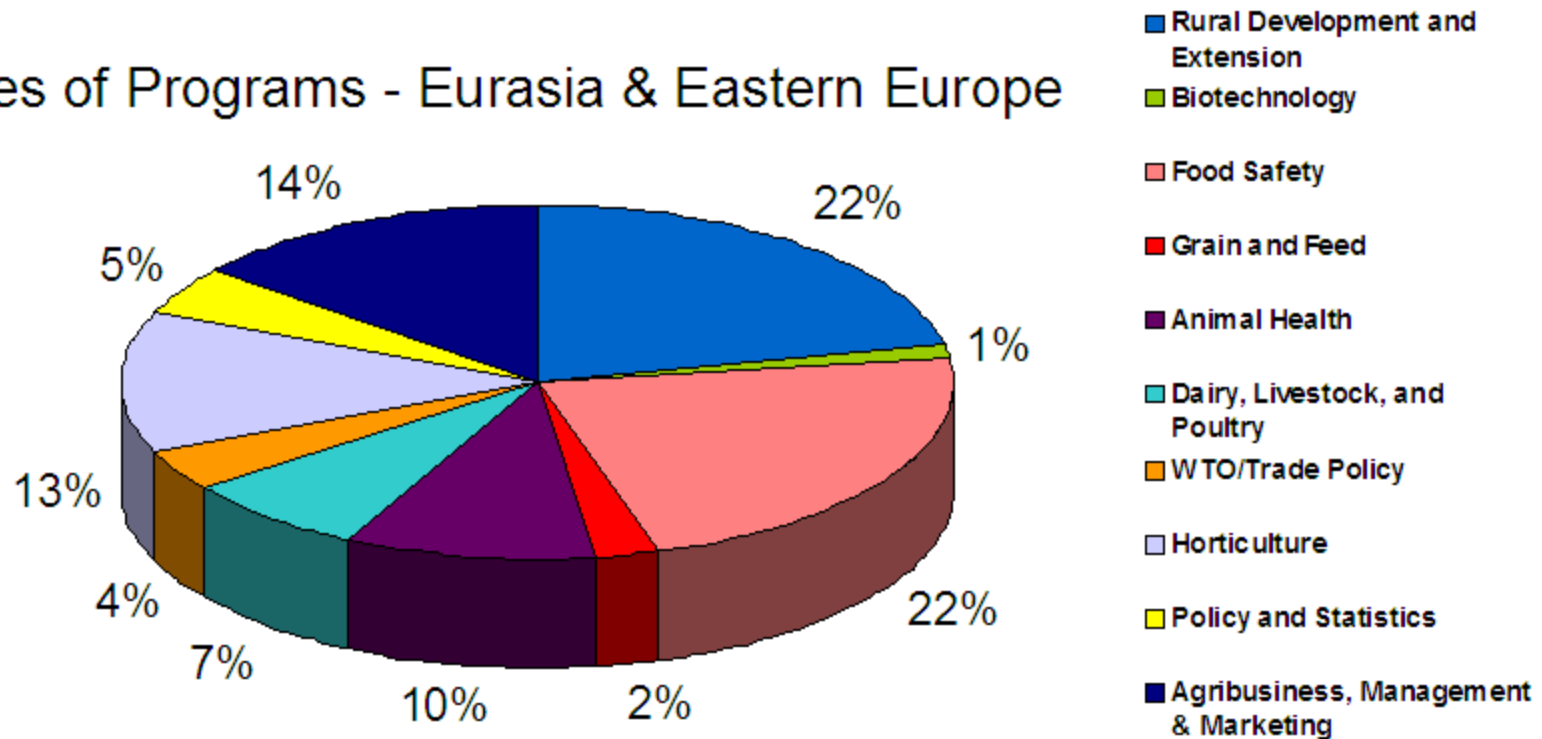
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- short-term training, two to three weeks
- meet with professionals
- participate in field observations and industry visits
- attend courses and seminars

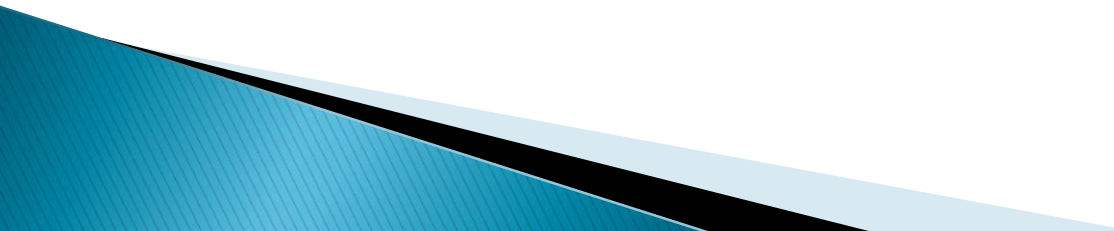
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Types of Programs - Eurasia & Eastern Europe



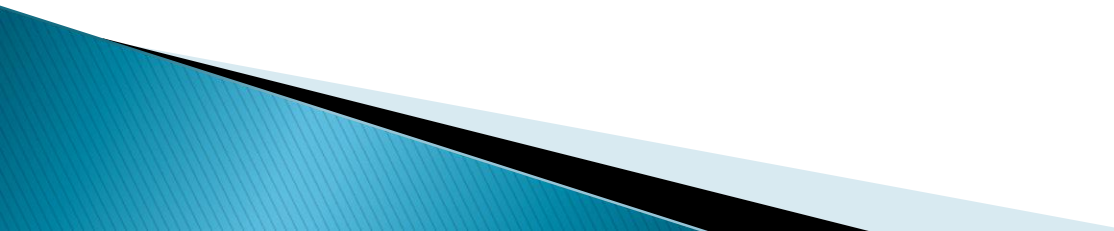
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Examples of Moldovan Programs:

- **Agricultural Statistics**
 - **Food Safety**
 - **Agricultural Marketing**
 - **Irrigation and Water Management**
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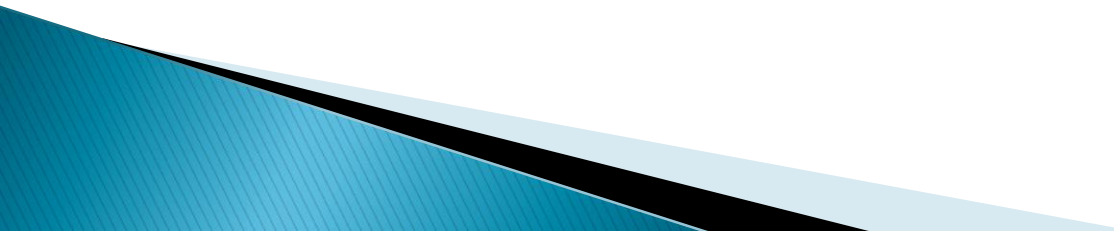
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Selection Procedures:

- ▶ The U.S. Embassy announces programs (June–August).
 - ▶ Applications are required to be completed in English (preferably typed) and submitted to the US Embassy (August).
 - ▶ A final pool of applicants will be selected and interviewed during a country visit by a program manager (September).
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Selection Procedures:

- Final approval of candidates is made by a USDA committee on the basis of a candidate's qualifications, recommendations, interview, and country specific training needs (October–November).
 - USDA notifies U.S. Embassy of recipients. U.S. Embassy notifies recipients (October–November).
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