

RESOLUTION No. 572

**IICA COOPERATION WITH THE MARKET INFORMATION
ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAS (MIOA)**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation of the work and achievements of the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA) with support from the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA),

CONSIDERING:

That information on prices and markets is a strategic element in the efforts of the IICA Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture;

That information related to prices and market intelligence is indispensable for facilitating access to national and international markets for growers and companies;

That market information is important to decision makers in entities responsible for formulating agricultural policies that have an impact on the economic livelihoods of small- to large-scale growers, as well as rural and agricultural development;

That the MIOA was established for the purpose of supporting the strengthening, standardization and sustained development of the market information systems for agricultural products in the Americas;

That, at this time, the MIOA is a network comprising the specialized institutions of the agricultural market information system in 34 countries of the Americas, and operates with the technical support of IICA;

That the Ministers of Agriculture, at the meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, included the following statement in their San Jose Declaration of Ministers of Agriculture 2011: "Supporting the work of the Market Information Organization of the Americas to promote greater collaboration between the Member States on innovative

means to collect, process, analyze and disseminate information relating to markets and agri-food commodities, fostering greater market transparency and efficiencies”; and

That IICA and MIOA have maintained a Letter of Understanding, from 2004 to the present, for the purpose of implementing joint cooperation actions aimed at strengthening agricultural market information systems in the Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the MIOA for the report presented to the Executive Committee on the work that, with the support of IICA, has been carried out in the Americas for the benefit of agriculture in 34 of its Member States.
2. To encourage the Ministers of Agriculture of the Institute’s Member States to provide, with the cooperation of MIOA and IICA, the support required to strengthen, modernize and guarantee the sustainability of their national systems responsible for information on agricultural prices and markets.
3. To encourage IICA Member States to: i) undertake the technical and financial strengthening of MIOA as a strategic component for agriculture in the hemisphere, ii) strengthen horizontal cooperation among the countries and regions so that countries with more advanced Market Information Systems (MIS) can effectively support those with less developed systems, and iii) promote international cooperation among the network of member countries of the MIOA.
4. To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.
5. To instruct the Director General to strengthen the Institute’s facilitation of Member States’ collaboration in order to achieve sustainable, inclusive and innovative means of collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to prices, distribution of agricultural products, imports and exports.