

Brazil Interested in Russian Grain

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Brazil is interested in dramatically increasing imports of Russian grain, Russia's Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspection Service said, Interfax reported.

This was announced during talks with the Brazilian embassy in Moscow ahead of the upcoming sixth meeting of the Russian-Brazilian cooperation commission, the watchdog said. The commission meeting will be held during a visit by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to Brazil.

Brazilian officials assured the Russian regulator of their intention not to allow meat produced using the feed additive ractopamine to be exported to Russia, the watchdog said.

Agriculture Minister Nikolai Fyodorov said on Friday that a memorandum that the two countries' agriculture ministries intended to sign during Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's visit to Brazil would call for expanding trade in grain.

"Brazil is a major agricultural trade partner of ours," he said.

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