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The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) mission is to link U.S. agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and global food security. In the Central Europe-Baltic Region, FAS operates a regional office in Warsaw which oversees a satellite office in Prague. The Warsaw office is responsible for providing USDA coverage in six nations: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. As a regional office operating within the European Union, FAS Warsaw-Prague works closely with the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels

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