

Russia's Agricultural BW in the Soviet Program (1973-1992)

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TARGET	AGENT(S) (Type) (Disease)
Poultry	Chlamydophilapsittaci, Bacterium, Ornithosis / Psittacosis
Cattle	Rinderpest virus (RPV), Virus, Rinderpest Aphaeepizooticae, Virus, Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)
Swine	African swine fever virus (ASFV), Virus, African swine fever
Wheat	Puccinia spp., Fungus, Wheat rust
Rye	Puccinia spp., Fungus, Rye rust
Corn	Puccinia spp., Fungus, Corn rust
Rice	Magnaporthe grisea, Fungus, Rice blast

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