

## **VITA**

Ivan Vladimirovitch Morozov was born in Yalta, Crimea, Ukraine, on July 1, 1967. He is the youngest of two children of Morozov Vladimir Ivanovitch and Morozova Ludmila Issacharovna. In 1984 he received a high school diploma from Simferopol Regional Board of Education, and worked for one year in the vegetable greenhouse factory. In 1985 he was accepted to the Moscow Agricultural Academy im. K. A. Timiryazeva, with major in entomology. During the same year he was drafted to serve two mandatory years in the Red Army. In 1987, upon demobilization, he returned to MAA to continue his education. In 1991 he was invited by the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization on an exchange program to study American business and agriculture. Upon successful completion of the program, he continued his education in the United States. In 1995 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA. In the fall of 1995 he was accepted to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University as a graduate research Assistant to pursue the degree of Master of Science in weed science under the leadership of Dr. C. L. Foy in the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science.