

MiG-19S (Farmer-C)

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The MiG-19 (NATO reporting code name 'Farmer') was the world's first production supersonic fighter. Development began in 1950 and the prototype made its first flight on 27 May 1952. There were many problems with the initial design and engines so they did not begin entering service until March 1955. They were manufactured in Russia (2,172), Czechoslovakia and China (over 4,500 as the Shenyang J-6). They saw service with almost all Communist allies, including with the North Vietnam air force during the Vietnam War.

This model represents a MiG-19S of Command Flight, 10th Air Army, Czechoslovak Air Force, Hradec Kralove Air Base in August 1964.

Data: single-seat fighter. *Engines* two Tumansky RD-9B afterburning turbojet engines of 25.5kN thrust each dry and 31,8kN with afterburners. *Wing span* 9m. *Length* 12.54m. *Maximum take-off weight* 8,832kg. *Maximum speed* 1,452km/h. *Range* 1,390km. *Armament* three NR-23 23mm cannon.

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