

American Dairy Coalition: Applauds administration on efforts to reach trade agreement with Mexico

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8.28.2018: The American Dairy Coalition and the 30,000 dairy producers across the nation they represent applaud President Donald Trump, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Ambassador Lighthizer, the U.S. Trade Representative, for their efforts to reach a trade agreement between Mexico and the United States.

According to a statement from the office of Secretary Perdue, the new agreement will “reduce trade distorting policies, increase transparency and ensure non-discriminatory treatment in grading of agricultural products.” According to data distributed by U.S. Dairy Export Council, Mexico is the No. 1 U.S. cheese export market and the volume and value of these exports to Mexico has nearly tripled in the last decade. Trade relations with Mexico are crucial to the future growth and sustainability of the U.S. dairy industry.

“This is nothing short of a great victory for farmers and ranchers, because locking in our access to Mexican markets is critical to supporting farm income and strengthening rural communities. Mexico has historically been a great customer and partner and we are happy to have this resolved for our agricultural producers,” Perdue wrote in a statement today.

The American Dairy Coalition looks forward to reaching an agreement with Canada in the near future and achieving an updated and fair North American Free Trade Agreement that will provide our nation’s dairy farmers the confidence and access to

pivotal markets to grow their businesses.