

# Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Holte: Meets with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence

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EAU CLAIRE – On May 16, Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte participated in a roundtable hosted by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence. At the roundtable stakeholders from the agricultural and manufacturing communities discussed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

The roundtable focused on the need for trade agreements between allied counties and the importance of trade to Wisconsin's economy.

"Wisconsin's agricultural economy greatly benefits from trade and the relationships with our neighboring countries," said WFBF President Holte. "Any more market access we can grant our anxious farmers would be welcomed."

During the roundtable discussion Holte emphasized the need to pass the USMCA soon, noting that as time passes the more market share farmers and processors lose.

"Farmers and food processors have been impacted by both the steel and aluminum prices as well as the retaliatory tariffs," Holte added. "We need a resolution to these immediately."

Following the brief roundtable discussion, Pence addressed a crowd at J&D Manufacturing, Inc. in Eau Claire.

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation is the state's largest general farm organization

and is made up of 61 county Farm Bureaus. WFBF represents farms of every size, commodity and management style.