

## U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade

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Dear Sharon,

Congratulations on your retirement! As participants in the U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade, representing all facets of the US food and agriculture industry, we are writing to thank you for your many years of public service as Assistant United States Trade Representative for Agriculture and Commodity Policy.

International trade is the lifeblood of our industry and for the workers, farmers and the consumers it supports. Your deep knowledge of our diverse sector, long-standing relationships, persistent negotiating and leadership of USTR's excellent agriculture staff, have directly benefitted each of our organizations, the agriculture economy and the people we serve through increased market access and reduced barriers to free trade.

Your dedication and achievement in public service no doubt required its share of sacrifice over the years. We deeply appreciate all that you have contributed to the betterment of American food and agriculture. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best in this next chapter.

Sincerely,

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Agri Beef Co.

Almond Board of California

Animal Health Institute

Amcot

American Bakers Association

American Cotton Shippers Association

American Farm Bureau Federation

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American Feed Industry Association

American Peanut Council

American Potato Trade Alliance

American Seed Trade Association

American Soybean Association

Archer Daniels Midland

Bayer

Biotechnology Innovation Organization

Blue Diamond Growers

Bockorny Group

Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

Bryant Christie Inc.

California Table Grape Commission

Cargill

CHS Inc.

CoBank

Consumer Brands Association

Corn Refiners Association

Cranberry Institute

Cranberry Marketing Committee

CropLife America

Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.

DTB Associates

Elanco Animal Health

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Hop Growers of America

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Idaho Potato Commission

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National Association of Egg Farmers

National Association of Wheat Growers

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

National Chicken Council

National Corn Growers Association

National Cotton Council

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

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National Fisheries Institute

National Grain and Feed Association

National Milk Producers Federation

National Oilseed Processors Association

National Pork Producers Council

National Potato Council

National Sorghum Producers

National Turkey Federation

North American Blueberry Council

North American Export Grain Association

North American Meat Institute

North American Millers Association

North American State Departments of Agriculture

North American Renderers Association

Northwest Horticultural Council

Nutrien

Pet Food Institute

Produce Marketing Association

Seaboard Foods

SJ-Lake & Heron

Smithfield Foods

SNAC International

Superior Farms

Sweetener Users Association

Syngenta

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Tate & Lyle

The Coca-Cola Company

The Hershey Company

The Keys Group, LLC

The Kraft Heinz Company

USA Poultry & Egg Export Council

USA Rice

U.S. Agriculture Export Development Council (USAEDC)

U.S. Apple Association

U.S. Dairy Export Council

U.S. Grains Council

U.S. Meat Export Federation

U.S. Rice Producers Association

U.S. Wheat Associates

United Fresh Produce Association

Western Growers Association

Wine Institute

World Perspectives, Inc.

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