



TRI-NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ACCORD
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Trilateral Meeting Statements

State and provincial Ministers, Secretaries, Commissioners, and Directors of agriculture from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. continue to seek opportunities to collaborate on issues of significance to farmers and ranchers, as well as issues impacting rural communities. Delegates recognize the increasing importance of the Tri-National Agricultural Accord, which allows our countries to share concerns and identify solutions to problems facing our individual countries, North America as a united trading block, and global agricultural trade more broadly.

Indigenous Communities

State and provincial agricultural leaders continue to prioritize efforts to expand economic opportunities in rural communities throughout North America. Delegates discussed the challenges and opportunities confronting Indigenous communities with an effort to identify policies and programs that can best support these groups. Delegates were pleased to hear the perspective and suggestions from Derrick Meetoos, Manager, Thunder Farms, Thunderchild First Nation; Dr. Joe Graham, Senior Program Officer, Native American Agriculture Fund; and Dra. Mirna Aragón Sánchez, General Director of Agriculture Promotion, Mexico, to provide guidance and focus for continuing trilateral discussions on this topic.

Emerging Markets

The traditional emphasis of our trilateral discussions have been inward facing, with efforts to address challenges confronting agricultural trade within North America. As our trading relationship has matured and our markets have become increasingly integrated, delegates have turned their attention to opportunities to leverage our relationships and expand opportunities for global agricultural exports. Speakers in this session included Secretary Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture; Paulo Bañuelos Rosales, Guanajuato Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development; Leif Carlson, Director, Market Intelligence and Trade Policy, Cereals Canada; and Jorge Valdez, Director of International Trade Negotiations of the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture. Delegates highlighted the significant potential for export of both commodities and value-added products to emerging markets, and will seek opportunities for state and provincial leaders to coordinate in future efforts.

Animal Disease

Delegates heard from René Roy, Animal Health Canada Co-Chair, Dr. Anna Forseth, Director of Animal Health, National Pork Producers Council, and Celin Rivera Martinez, Director General of the Mexican Institute of Pig Farming. African Swine Fever and other foreign animal diseases continue to represent a threat to the North American livestock sector. This session focused on industry's collaboration with states and provinces on animal disease preparedness, planning, and response. Communication and coordination among industry, federal, state and provincial animal health officials are vital to our ability to prevent, detect and rapidly respond to foreign animal diseases. The continuing threat of undetected foreign animal diseases as well as our mutual ongoing battle against Avian Influenza highlight the need for regular communication within and between our respective jurisdictions. Delegates support efforts to extend coordination between the livestock industry and local, state, provincial, and federal animal health officials.