



TRI-NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ACCORD ACUERDO AGROPECUARIO TRI-NACIONAL ACCORD TRINATIONAL SUR L'AGRICULTURE

Mexico-United States Bi-Lateral Work Group Joint Statement

State agricultural leaders from Mexico and the United States continue to promote frequent and productive dialogue between our countries.

Delegates affirmed that the integrated North American agricultural market has been overwhelmingly beneficial to farmers and ranchers in Mexico and the United States.

Delegates discussed ongoing concerns within the United States about impending phytosanitary policies in Mexico and agreed that the efforts among state agricultural leaders from Mexico and the United States to engage in frank, open, and respectful dialogue continues to be critical to finding mutually beneficial solutions.

Delegates affirmed that the strength of the relationships across North America provide tremendous economic opportunities for agriculture and rural stakeholders in our respective countries underscoring the critical importance of the Tri-National Accord as a forum to promote further economic development. In this regard, delegates discussed opportunities for increased public and private sector investment in Mexican states such as Guanajuato where opportunities for rural development and trade promotion can be realized.

Delegates approved a bilateral work plan which represents the advice and council of state agricultural leaders to our respective federal partners. Items addressed during these discussions included agricultural technologies, plant and animal pests and diseases, food safety, and agricultural workforce needs. Delegates also addressed in both bi-lateral and tri-lateral discussions the unique challenges facing indigenous communities throughout North America and agreed to prioritize cross-border collaboration to identify policies and programs that will enhance agricultural development among these communities.