

2018 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

Proposed Resolution #1 on Trade in North America

- Whereas,** the United States and Canada have one of the largest trading relationships in the world, and Canada is the United States' largest export market, valued at \$322 billion in goods and services; and
- Whereas,** State Agriculture and Rural Leaders believes that free, open and reciprocal trade between our two countries will continue to strengthen the economies of both nations; and
- Whereas,** Canada is the leading export destination for 32 U.S. states, supporting 9 million jobs in the U.S.; and
- Whereas,** agricultural trade has benefited under NAFTA, which removed trade barriers for U.S. farmers to sell products such as corn, beef and pork, which in turn increased the sale of U.S. made farm equipment and supplies in North America; and
- Whereas,** Canada and the U.S. both support making targeted improvements to NAFTA that build on the enormously successful North American partnership and our shared competitiveness in the global marketplace; now therefore be it
- Resolved,** encourages our countries to respect the spirit of NAFTA by promoting policies that support and enhance the integrated nature of our supply chains and economies that provide jobs in our respective communities; and be it further
- Resolved,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state, federal and provincial officials.