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TRADE ACTION NETWORK

WELCOME TO TDA'S TRADE ACTION NETWORK

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I am excited to be the first to welcome you to the Texas Department of Agriculture's Trade Action Network (TAN). TAN is a formalized communication process that will inform agriculture industry stakeholders, and vital partners such as federal, state, local and international policy makers, of all actions that prevent or enable international agriculture trade. Additionally, TAN will notify these partners of subsequent actions being taken to reduce the impact of stalled international trade. In doing this, you will be part of this unprecedented, coordinated effort to finally eliminate unfounded trade barriers.

As a TAN partner, you will be advised of TDA's efforts to notify appropriate federal officials and stakeholders on both sides of the border. Partners will also be informed of any correspondence between TDA, USDA and international stakeholders regarding trade issues. These documents will be housed online at TDA's Reading Room, which can be accessed by visiting www.TexasAgriculture.gov/newsroom and clicking on Reading Room.

For more information on this new communication network, please contact TDA at TradeActionNetwork@TexasAgriculture.gov or (877) 99GO-TEX.

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