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Trump Administration Officials Tout NAFTA's Importance
*Executive Branch Seeks Improvement Not Rejection Of Trade Deal
Critical To Agriculture*

**Trump Administration Officials Have Advocated For The Modernization Of
NAFTA And Its Importance To The Economy:**

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue: Trump “Probably Left The Campaign Trail Literally Believing That Nafta Had Not Been Good For Any Sector Of The Economy. I Think He Has Now Come To Realize that Agriculture Has Been Benefited By A Nafta Agreement.” (Alan Bjerga, “Trump Has Come To See Nafta’s Benefits, Agriculture Secretary Says,” [Bloomberg](#), 1/17/18)

- **Perdue: “NAFTA Needs To Be Modernized, Like Anything 25 Years Ago, But We Think It Would Be Bad Policy If We Withdrew.”** (Sally Persons, “Sonny Perdue Says He Told Trump Not To Withdraw From NAFTA,” [The Washington Times](#), 1/8/18)

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross: “The First Guiding Principle ... Is Do No Harm Because There Were Some Things That Were Achieved Under NAFTA And Other Trade Agreements.” (Bill Tomson, “Ross Pledges NAFTA Renegotiation Will ‘Do No Harm’ To US Exports,” [Agri-Pulse](#), 5/31/17)

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry: “This Idea Of Somehow Or Another We’re Not Going To Have A Deal Is Really Far-Fetched To Me.” (Davis Land, “Rick Perry Optimistic On NAFTA, Says Idea U.S. Would Pull Out Is ‘Far-Fetched,’” [Houston Public Media](#), 11/14/17)

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer: “A Rebalanced, Updated NAFTA Will Promote Greater Prosperity For American Workers, Farmers, Ranchers And Businesses And Strengthen The North American Region As A Whole.” (Office Of The United States Trade Representative, “USTR Lighthizer Statement On The Conclusion Of The 5th Round Of NAFTA Renegotiations,” [Press Release](#), 11/17)

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin: “We’ve Had Discussions With [Mexico

And Canada], And I Think We're Looking Forward To Renegotiating NAFTA. And That's The Significant Accomplishment." (Tim Hains, "Mnuchin: Trump Making 'Substantial Progress' Negotiating NAFTA With Mexico," [Real Clear Politics](#), 7/9/17)

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