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STRONG FARMING MEANS JOBS

Iowa Leaders Reiterate Support For Preserving & Modernizing NAFTA

Agreement Pivotal To Food & Agriculture Sectors Supporting More Than Three Quarters Of A Million State Jobs

Iowa's Food & Agriculture Sectors Support More Than 750,000 Jobs & Export \$2.5 Billion To NAFTA Partners:

Dependent On NAFTA, The Food And Agriculture Sectors Support Over 750,000 Iowa Jobs. (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Iowa," [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

- **Iowa's Top NAFTA Exports Are Meat, Corn, Soy & Animal Feed.** ("Iowa," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)
- **\$2.5 Billion, Or 51 Percent Of Iowa's \$5 Billion In Food And Agricultural Exports In 2016, Went To NAFTA Partners.** ("Iowa," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)

NAFTA Withdrawal Could Cost The State Of Iowa More Than 38,000 Jobs. ("Terminating NAFTA: The National And State-By-State Impacts On Jobs, Exports And Output," [Business Roundtable](#), January 2018)

AFF Launches In Iowa & Partners With State Leaders To Preserve & Modernize NAFTA:

Farm Futures: "The Iowa Chapter Of Americans For Farmers & Families Is Working To Ensure President Trump And Congressional Leaders Understand The Importance Of NAFTA." ("Iowa Chapter Of Americans For Farmers & Families Forms," [Farm Futures](#), 1/26/18)

Wallaces Farmer: "The Local Chapter Is Part Of A Broad-Based National Group Of More Than 50 Organizations Representing Growers, Refiners, Producers, Transporters, Retailers, And Consumers, And Aims To Undertake A Robust Educational Campaign To Highlight The Positive Impacts Of NAFTA To The State And The Country." ("Iowa Chapter Of Americans For Farmers & Families Forms," [Wallaces](#))

Farmer, 1/26/18)

The Hill: “Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) Joined The Americans For Farmers & Families (AFF) On Wednesday To Launch A Coalition In Iowa That Will Work To Advocate For The Importance Of Preserving And Updating NAFTA.” (Vicki Needham, “Lawmakers Call On Trump To Preserve NAFTA,” [The Hill](#), 2/7/18)

Iowa Farmer Today: “‘I Sense That It’s Getting Through To Him (President Donald Trump) How Bad It Would Be To Pull Out Of NAFTA,’” Grassley Said During A Call With Members Of The Iowa Chapter Of Americans For Farmers & Families (AFF).” (Zoe Martin, “Grassley Predicts NAFTA At A Cliff Before Compromise,” [Iowa Farmer Today](#), 2/7/18)

Quad-City Times: “The Call Was Organized By Americans For Farmers And Families, A Coalition Of Agriculture Interests That Is Advocating For The Preservation Of NAFTA.” (Erin Murphy, “Grassley Meets With Trump On Trade,” [Quad-City Times](#), 2/7/18)

Iowa’s Leaders Have Reiterated NAFTA’s Importance To The State And The Need To Modernize The Agreement:

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley: “Pulling Out Of NAFTA Would Be Catastrophic For Farmers, Based On The Fact That Mexico Is Our Number One Export Market For Corn. That Could Signal A Real Agricultural, At Least Midwestern Agricultural Depression.” (Steven T. Dennis, “Ending Nafta Could Cause Rural ‘Depression,’ GOP Senator Says,” [Bloomberg](#), 2/16/18)

- **Grassley: “I Want You To Know That I Am Going To Continue To Advocate And Educate People Out In Washington On The Important Role Trade Plays In The Agricultural Sector.”** (Americans For Farmers & Families, “Americans For Farmers & Families Talk NAFTA Impact With Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley,” [Press Release](#), 2/7/18)

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst: “Trade Is Necessary For Agriculture. And I Do Worry That Putting On Tariffs On These Goods, That Agriculture Will Be Hit In Retribution By Other Countries. And It Is Easy To Hit Ag.” (Burgess Everett, “Republicans Seek To Tame Trump On Trade,” [Politico](#), 1/30/18)

U.S. Representative Rod Blum: “Every Farmer I’ve Spoken To Gets Very Nervous When The President Starts Talking About NAFTA. We Do A Lot Of Trade With Canada And Mexico, So We Do Not Want To Harm That.” (O. Kay Henderson, “Iowa’s Congressional Delegation Reacts To Trade, Infrastructure Plans In Trump’s Speech,” [Radio Iowa](#), 1/30/18)

U.S. Representative David Young: “I’m Glad That [Trump]’s Not Dumping NAFTA. I Understand Making Sure NAFTA’s Being Enforced And Modernized, But We Need More Markets, Not Less, That’s For Sure.” (O. Kay Henderson, “Iowa’s Congressional Delegation Reacts To Trade, Infrastructure Plans In Trump’s Speech,” [Radio Iowa](#), 1/30/18)

Iowa Agriculture Groups Have Continued To Praise NAFTA’s Positive Impacts On Their Industries:

Iowa Farm Bureau President Craig Hill: “Whether You Live In Urban Or Rural Neighborhoods, Whether You Farm Or Don’t, Iowans Need To Take The Time To Let Our Representatives In Congress Know That NAFTA Matters For Us All. The Trump Administration Needs To Hear This Unified Message From Us All.” (Craig Hill, “Iowa Farmers, And All Iowans, Need NAFTA And TPP,” [Des Moines Register](#), 2/15/18)

Iowa Farm Bureau Former President Ed Wiederstein: “The Livestock Industry Depends On [NAFTA] And If This Trade Agreement Goes Away, A Lot Of Profits Are Going To Go Away. It Is Important We Maintain It.” (Americans For Farmers & Families, “Americans For Farmers & Families Talk NAFTA Impact With Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley,” [Press Release](#), 2/7/18)

Greater Des Moines Partnership CEO Jay Byers And Iowa Association Of Business And Industry CEO Mike Ralston: “NAFTA Creates The Necessary Free Trade Relationship So That The Agricultural And Manufacturing Industries, And Many Others In Iowa, Can Flourish.” (Jay Byers & Mike Ralston, “Why Des Moines And Iowa Business Leaders Support NAFTA,” [Des Moines Register](#), 2/7/18)

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