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## TPP Trade Talks Concluded, Industry Awaits Details

*Madison, Wis.* [October 6, 2015] – The Trans-Pacific Partnership discussions concluded on October 5, and is being presented as a landmark agreement that will ‘liberalize trade across 40% of the global economy.’ FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative commends the members of Congress that were actively involved in these various, lengthy sessions.

Details of the agreement are not yet immediately available; however, FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative will be eager to share its impact on U.S. trade once they are published.

In a joint statement made by the trade ministers of the 12 nations, they said the deal would “support jobs, drive sustainable growth, foster inclusive development and promote innovation across the Asia-Pacific region.”

Most importantly, the trade ministers noted that the agreement achieves the “goal of an ambitious, comprehensive, high-standard, and balanced agreement that will benefit our nations’ citizens.”

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative has been advocating for strong market access for U.S. dairy farmers and appreciates the support from Congress who effectively conveyed this importance during the last few trade talk negotiations.

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative was established in 2013 and is based in Madison, Wis. Dedicated to its family farm members, the cooperative represents farms in Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana through policy bargaining, dairy marketing services, laboratory testing opportunities and industry promotion. Learn more about FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative by visiting: [www.FarmFirstDairyCooperative.com](http://www.FarmFirstDairyCooperative.com).

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