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FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative Disappointed in Trade Mitigation Payment Level; Request Retaliatory Tariffs Be Lifted

From Jeff Lyon, General Manager of FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative:

Madison, Wis. [December 17, 2018] – “FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative was hopeful that the administration would heed our concerns for these trade mitigation payments to more accurately reflect the costs dairy farmers are experiencing due to this trade war. However, we acknowledge their effort to help offset these losses.

We ask that the administration quickly resolve the trade conflict that exists between U.S. trading partners, China and Mexico, and quickly lift the retaliatory tariffs currently in place as they continue to challenge dairy markets.

With the anticipated passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, we are confident we are headed into the right direction to make some meaningful reforms that will positively impact dairy farmers for 2019.”

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FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative, established in 2013 and based in Madison, Wis., represents farmers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana by providing legislative and regulatory advocacy, dairy marketing services, disaster protection, laboratory testing opportunities and industry promotion. FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative is a merger of three long-time prominent Wisconsin cooperatives.

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