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Statement on the Signing of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement

Madison, Wis. [November 30, 2018] – “FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative is pleased with the signing of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and applaud the Trump Administration for their timely effort on its passage.

This agreement showcases not only the U.S.’s desire to openly trade with both Mexico and Canada but reflects the longstanding trade relationships that have existed for decades. FarmFirst has fought for several of the key trade provisions found in USMCA, and we are delighted to see this trade relationship continue between the three countries in this trilateral agreement.

In the end, it will be up to each country to determine how the new agreement will be implemented. U.S. dairy represents 75% of all the dairy products imported into Mexico, and the new agreement outlines greater market expansion for U.S. dairy into Canada as well as provisions to address any pricing structures to ensure fair trade practices. It will be imperative that the U.S. verifies that Canada maintains its commitments that is consistent to the agreement’s disciplines.

FarmFirst Dairy Cooperative will work with our trade leaders to ensure that the new agreement is enacted to its fullest, and that no distortion takes place.

Now, we ask that Congress to approve the USMCA and move towards implementing this new agreement. Dairy farmers have been waiting patiently, and all three countries are ready to see the benefits of this mutually-beneficial trade agreement.”

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