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American Agri-Women Support US-Mexico-Canada Agreement

COLCHESTER, Vt. (AgPR) June 5, 2019 — American Agri-Women ([AAW](#)) announces its support for the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and will be advocating for passage with their members of Congress during the organization's annual Fly-In to Washington, D.C., June 9-12.

"More than 95% of the world's population lives outside the United States, and that means that most of our agricultural customers for food, feed, fuel, fiber and flora are in export markets. The top three markets for U.S. food and agricultural products have historically been Canada, Mexico and China. They are also the three countries with which our trade partnerships are at the highest risk," says Jeanette Lombardo, AAW president. "It is our mission — and our duty — to represent and protect farmers and ranchers who produce food, feed, fiber and fuel for the world."

Mexico and Canada account for 25 percent of all U.S. agriculture exports, according to USDA. USMCA preserves and builds upon the existing trading relationship between the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"Passage of USMCA would boost both national and rural economies, and for soybeans, it would assure us tariff-free access to two strong markets, including Mexico, which is our No. 2 market for whole beans. Soybean exports to Mexico quadrupled and to Canada doubled over the years through hard work of the soybean growers visiting with buyers and hosting trade teams. We would like to continue that positive trade momentum with our neighbors," says Karolyn Zurn, AAW vice president and a soybean grower from Minnesota.

USMCA includes provisions for wheat farmers including tariff-free access to imported U.S. wheat for flour milling customers in Mexico. The agreement makes progress toward fixing the grading issue U.S. farmers face when exporting their wheat to Canada.

The agreement will also safeguard the traditional second largest importer of U.S. sorghum.

Advocating in D.C.

During the annual Fly-In, American Agri-Women will take the opportunity to educate and influence Washington, D.C. policymakers, especially the new members of Congress.

“It is our duty as women of agriculture to share how we contribute to a healthy, safe and reliable food supply — and the policies necessary to feed our country and the world,” says Lombardo.

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American Agri-Women ([AAW](#)) promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber and energy supply. Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers; advocate for agriculture; and offer networking and professional development opportunities. Go to the AAW website for more information to join, www.americanagriwomen.org. Find AAW on social media on Facebook (facebook.com/AgriWomen), Twitter ([@Women4Ag](https://twitter.com/Women4Ag)) and Instagram ([@americanagriwomen](https://instagram.com/americanagriwomen)).

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