



The Trade Assistance for Farmers Act

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What is TAA for Farmers?

Created in 1962, the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program's original mission was to provide direct financial and technical assistance to workers impacted by changes in global trade. In 2002, the TAA program was expanded to include assistance to growers, producers, and fisherman if they experienced hardship as a result of changing commodity markets from increased imports. Unfortunately, **the current TAA program provides no help to farmers whose exports are hurt by changing policies and retaliatory tariffs triggered by our own government's actions**, e.g., the current Trump tariffs on Chinese and European goods has triggered retaliatory tariffs by China and the EU on US exports.

The *Trade Assistance for Farmers Act* would amend the current *TAA for Farmers Act* to make farmers and producers whose exports are negatively impacted by the trade actions eligible for the program.

How the Program Works?

There is a two-step process:

- 1) Farmers must qualify as a class of producers;
- 2) An individual farmer must meet specific program requirements to demonstrate that trade actions have negatively caused the commodity to decline.

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