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Texas Pecan Producers Receive Much-Needed Relief from the USDA's Newest Round of Trade Mitigation

The Texas and U.S. pecan industry have been hurt greatly by Chinese retaliatory tariffs and trade barriers on pecans. Businesses and families have faced detrimental losses that have affected pecan growers, processors, and their communities in over 15 pecan producing states.

The Texas Pecan Growers Association commends the efforts of the Trump Administration and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, for supporting agriculture with a 16 billion dollar relief package. The pecan industry is especially pleased with the recent announcement that pecan growers will have access to the Market Facilitation Program for direct payments. These assistance programs help ensure pecan growers can continue to provide for the world.

"The Texas pecan industry has faced tough circumstances since the Chinese retaliatory tariffs have been put in place," Lalo Medina, President of the Texas Pecan Growers Association, explains. "The relief package, particularly the release of funds through the Market Facilitation Program, will give pecan producers some much-needed assistance. There's still a lot of work to be done, but we know this is a great first step toward providing relief to pecan growers."

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About the <u>Texas Pecan Growers Association</u>: Formed in 1921, TPGA is a nonprofit, educational association that assists Texas pecan growers in growing pecans profitably through education, research, and promotion. TPGA members are primarily from Texas but also from across the U.S. and Mexico.