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Ag Commissioner Gipson Applauds Passage of USMCA

JACKSON, Miss. - Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson praised the passage of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA) today by the U.S. Senate.

Commissioner Gipson said, "I applaud the passage of USMCA by the U.S. Senate today. USMCA modernizes the trading relationship between the U.S. and two of our most important trading partners: Canada and Mexico. I'm thankful for the efforts of, and votes of support from, Senator Roger Wicker and Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, as well as the entire Mississippi U.S. House delegation for their unanimous support."

Canada and Mexico make up the largest global market for U.S. farm and food exports. Mississippi produces nearly \$8 billion in farm commodities each year, making it the state's largest industry and a significant economic driver.

Gipson continued, "Last year, Mississippi exported nearly \$91 million of agricultural products to Canada, and more than \$44 million to Mexico. It is crucial that our farmers, ranchers and agribusiness continue to have access to international markets, and USMCA will be a powerful tool in those pursuits. President Trump has been a champion for this trade deal, and I look forward to him signing it soon."

The U.S. House of Representatives previously passed USMCA on December 19, 2019.

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