India Should Accept All U.S. Pork

SITUATION
Virtually all pork production in India is backyard. There is no significant pork industry in India pushing back against imports. Yet, India does not allow pork from the United States while pork from other nations is allowed. This is egregious given that India is the largest beneficiary recipient nation of the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences Program. The United States has a large trade deficit and services deficit with India. It is time for reciprocity in the U.S.- India trade relationship.

NPPC POSITION
India should lift its de facto ban on U.S. pork. India should expeditiously accept the science-based veterinary export certificate that was proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture so the United States can ship pork without any restrictions to India.

FAST FACTS
U.S. exports of pork and pork products have increased by 1,550 percent in value and almost 1,300 percent in volume since 1989, the year the United States implemented its FTA with Canada and started opening international markets for value-added agricultural products.

- The United States over the past 11 years, on average, has been the No. 1 pork exporting country in the world, shipping product to more than 110 countries in any given year
- Exports add significantly to the bottom line of all U.S. pork producers, adding more than $51 to the value of each hog marketed in 2018, when $6.39 billion of U.S. pork was exported
- India is the largest recipient of benefits under the U.S. Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program on exports to the United States

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India (the second most populous nation in the world)
DOES NOT ALLOW
pork imports from
UNITED STATES

Access to the Indian market would result in significant benefits for the U.S. pork industry.