THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SIP) UNITES PORK PRODUCERS WITH A STRONG VOICE ON THE ISSUES THAT IMPACT YOUR LIVELIHOOD AND FREEDOM TO OPERATE.

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**Secures and guides industry research funding**

- Enhances domestic and global demand
- Provides producer information and education
- Delivers proactive issues management

**Develops and defends export markets**

- Fights for reasonable legislation/regulation
- Informs and educates legislators
- Amplifies the producer voice with lawmakers
- Counters misinformation and activists
Mandatory Funding for Foreign Animal Disease Prevention and Preparedness Included in the New Farm Bill

NPPC spearheaded the effort to increase funding for combatting foreign animal diseases, including for a vaccine bank to address potential outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth Disease. The 2018 Farm Bill has $120 million for the first four years to be used for a foreign animal disease vaccine bank, for the network of laboratories that provides disease surveillance and diagnostic support and for state efforts to prepare for any animal disease outbreak. The fifth year includes $30 million for all three programs.

Zero-tariff Access for U.S. Pork Exports Maintained in Key Markets

NPPC persuaded the Trump administration to keep U.S. pork exports duty-free going into Mexico and South Korea, the industry’s No. 2 and No. 5 markets, respectively. Zero-tariff access was included in the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and in the renegotiated Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

Tariff Mitigation Secured

NPPC was a leading voice in asking the Trump administration to help farmers affected by retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural exports. Farmers got a $12 billion aid package that includes a historic $559 million purchase of pork for federal food assistance programs, money for developing foreign markets for U.S. agricultural products and direct payments to eligible producers. NPPC is continuing to urge the administration to resolve ongoing trade disputes so the punitive duties will be lifted.

Regulations on Pork Producers Rolled Back

NPPC got Congress to approve legislation exempting livestock farmers from reporting to the federal government routine emissions from their farms and convinced federal courts to block implementation of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. The Fair Agricultural Reporting Method Act fixed a problem created in 2017 when a U.S. appeals court rejected a 2008 EPA regulation that exempted farmers from reporting emissions from the natural breakdown of manure. On the WOTUS rule, NPPC led the charge against the Obama-era regulation, winning court stays on implementing it in 15 states – it’s now blocked in 28 states – and getting EPA to propose a new, workable rule.

Livestock Trucking Regulation Waiver Extended

NPPC secured extensions on a waiver for truckers hauling livestock from complying with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) mandate to use Electronic Logging Devices. The devices, which record driving time, monitor engine hours, vehicle movement and speed, miles driven and location information, made transporting livestock incompatible with DOT’s Hours of Service rules. NPPC is working with DOT to make changes to the rules that enhance highway safety while ensuring animal well-being.

Steps Taken to Prevent and Prepare for African Swine Fever

NPPC worked with other industry organizations, including the National Pork Board, on efforts to keep ASF out of the United States and on response plans for dealing with the trade-limiting disease should it get into the country. The pork industry organizations focused on enhancing farm biosecurity and feed safety and on updating the industry’s Secure Pork Supply Continuity of Business Plan.

USDA Will Have a Role in Regulating Laboratory-Produced Cultured Protein

NPPC convinced the Trump administration to use USDA’s expertise in regulating livestock and poultry products for human consumption and FDA’s experience regulating cell-culture technology to provide joint oversight of cultured protein. That will ensure such products will comply with the same standards as conventionally produced red meat and poultry products, including ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of source animals.

Farm Labor Shortage Addressed

NPPC continued to urge changes to the federal visa system to help meet agriculture’s need for workers. It got legislation introduced in the last Congress to replace the H-2A visa for seasonal agricultural workers with a year-round agricultural guest worker visa.

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