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NY Farm Bureau Statement on Response to Canadian Dairy Trade Policy

"New York Farm Bureau appreciates the strong, bipartisan response to Canada's unfair dairy policy that threatens to suppress an already low dairy economy in this country. President Trump's vocal support is a result of Governor Cuomo's work with Wisconsin's Governor to ask Canada to reverse course. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand also requested assistance from the White House. It is positive to see our leaders working together to address this serious trade matter.

"New York Farm Bureau has been engaged on this issue for more than a year working with the state's dairy processors and lawmakers. We are asking our leaders to continue to push Canada to stick to its commitments under current trade agreements. While some processors and milk cooperatives are already losing millions of dollars in business, this has the potential of hurting dairy farms across the state. The ultra-filtered milk once destined for Canada must now find a home in other markets. The increased milk supply will potentially drive down already low milk prices. American farmers benefit from fair trade policies and we need to keep the borders open to our products, in particular with Canada, which is one of New York's main trading partners," said David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President.

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