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Farm Dust Bill Passes House

Two weeks ago NSP reported its support for the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011, H.R. 1633. We are pleased to say Congress has taken the first step in preventing this burdensome regulation by passing the measure on the House floor today with a 268-150 vote. This bill would provide needed certainty to agriculture and other rural businesses by exempting rural “nuisance dust” from EPA regulation. The Senate must now decide whether the bill will be considered in its chamber before the end of the year.

Advanta US Announces New Sales Manager, Technology Development Manager and Head of Research

Advanta announced three new appointments to its staff this week—Barry Lubbers as national sales manager, Shankar Podduturi as technology development manager and Vicente Trucillo as head of research and development.

Lubbers will be responsible for U.S. sales, customer relationships and business development. As technology development manager, Podduturi will work with Advanta’s research and development personnel and the sales force to guide product development. Additionally, he will manage field trials for grain and forage sorghum. Trucillo of Advanta Semillas in Argentina will work in conjunction with Advanta US breeders. He will oversee the company’s domestic breeding program to capitalize on the company’s global germplasm pool.

Rising Farm Incomes Overshadowed by Rising Expenses

The topic of prospering farm incomes has increasingly surfaced in conversations both in the media and around the countryside. Although, farm incomes may be increasing, the numbers are in and the offset due to rising production costs is stifling. Farm income is estimated to be up 28 percent from 2010 according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, agriculture input costs have exploded, reaching an estimated \$320 billion. This exceeds \$300 billion for the first time in American history and is a 120 percent increase from last year. The need for farm policy is essential and NSP will continue to support initiatives to provide our farmers the certainty they need to operate and feed the world.

Groups Urge Administration to Pave Way for Japan TPP Involvement

NSP joined other food and agriculture groups Monday, Dec. 5, urging the Obama administration to work quickly with Japan to encourage the country’s full participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

The letter emphasizes the addition of Japan to these negotiations would enhance the significance of the TPP. This is another opportunity for the U.S. to enter free trade talks with countries like Japan, which is the United States' fourth largest agricultural export market overall, totaling \$12 billion last year.

Market News - To view this week's Gulf export grain report, click [here](#).

Upcoming Field Days and Events

Dec. 7-8 Colorado Ag Classic, *Loveland, Colo.*
Dec. 12-14 USCP Annual Board Meeting, *Lubbock, Texas*

Sign Up to Receive the Sorghum Checkoff e-Newsletter

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Quote of the Week:

"Whatever ought to be, can be."

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