National Pork Producers Council

2019 PROGRESS

- Led the charge in resolving the North American metal dispute, prompting removal of Mexican punitive tariffs of 20% ($12 hit per hog) on U.S. pork in May.
- Successfully pushed in Washington, DC and Tokyo for an early harvest U.S.–Japan trade deal covering pork and other farm products.
- Worked to ensure that cell-cultured protein falls under the same regulatory oversight faced by the real meat it seeks to mimic. That’s all we ask when it comes to alternative proteins: a level playing field.
- Brought serious scrutiny to the FDA’s regulatory land grab of gene edited livestock, setting the stage for oversight to be moved to the USDA, a critical matter if we are to keep American first in agriculture.
- Successfully advocated for the common-sense restoration of the farm exemption for routine emissions.
- Urged the introduction of legislation to increase the number of agriculture inspectors at our ports and secured a USDA grant to gain a better understanding of African swine fever (ASF) through research in an ASF-positive country: Vietnam.
- Secured transportation regulations for the unique animal welfare requirements for livestock hauling.

2020 PRIORITIES

- Implementation of the USMCA and Japan trade agreements
- Gain unrestricted market access in China to address its need for affordable pork
- Play offense on trade by expanding export opportunities in The Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, etc.
- Continue prevention efforts for ASF and other foreign animal diseases.
- Establish regulatory oversight of gene-edited livestock with the USDA.
- Find a solution for livestock agriculture’s labor shortage.
- Advance our legal challenge of California's Proposition 12.
- Reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act.