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North American Millers' Association Applauds Bipartisan Deal on USMCA

(Arlington, VA) Yesterday, the Trump Administration and House Democrats reached a handshake deal on the [United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement](#) (USMCA). The United States, Mexico, and Canada concluded negotiations for a modernized and rebalanced trade agreement in September, 2018.

The North American Millers' Association (NAMA) has been an ardent advocate for swift ratification of the agreement. "NAMA applauds the bipartisan deal on the USMCA. Passage of the USMCA has been a top legislative priority for NAMA, and we are optimistic this development will lead to final approval of the trade agreement. USMCA will benefit millers, farmers, and consumers, and we look forward to working with our members and allied food and agriculture industry organizations to ensure final passage of the agreement." said Jim McCarthy, President & CEO. "We are one step closer towards a final agreement that will provide reassurance for millers and the broader U.S. food and agricultural industries."

USMCA essentially keeps in place zero tariffs on virtually all agricultural trade between the three countries in the [North American Free Trade Agreement](#) (NAFTA). Canada and Mexico are the two largest trading partners of the United States and the first and third largest exports markets for U.S. food and agricultural products, making up "28 percent of total food and agricultural exports in 2017, and supporting more than 325,000 American jobs", according to the United States Trade Representative's Office. NAMA will continue to work with allied industry organizations to ensure ratification of the final agreement.

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NAMA is the trade association of the wheat, corn, oat, and rye milling industries. Member companies operate mills in 38 states, Canada and Puerto Rico, representing more than 90 percent of total industry production capacity.