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USGC Responds to Talk of Mexico Stopping U.S. Corn Purchases

Audio with U.S. Grains Council CEO Tom Sleight

A Mexican senator at a rally on Sunday proposed that Mexico stop buying U.S. corn in retaliation for some of President Donald Trump's stances on our southern neighbors. Tom Sleight is President & CEO of the US Grains Council. During their meeting in Panama City this week the talk of trade issues with Mexico was brought up...tape

Cut #1 :27 OC:... "will prevail."

Mexico is the top market for U.S. corn exports with Mexican buyers importing nearly 28% of all U.S. corn sent to foreign markets in the 2015-16 marketing year.

- [California Bracing for More Problems as Three Storms Approach](#)
Brad Rippey, USDA meteorologist, saying California is bracing for what he calls a "three storm barrage", starting Thursday.

Rising Demand for Organic and Non-GMO Grains Outpaces U.S. Production

Rising demand for organic and non-GMO foods led to a sharp rise in organic grain imports last year. A new report by CoBank says U.S. production of non-GMO crops has risen, but domestic production for organic corn and soybeans remains well short of current U.S. demand. Food manufacturers are currently exploring new incentives for U.S. growers to transition to organic production, but the transition takes years, a roadblock one CoBank researcher says is "likely holding some U.S. growers back from taking advantage of the

market opportunity." CoBank says demand for both non-GMO and organic crops will continue to grow and, ultimately, monetary incentives will determine whether U.S. growers choose to close the supply deficit. Imports of organic grains from countries such as India, Ukraine, Romania, and Turkey surged in 2016 to meet U.S. demand for organic food products. Organic corn imports more than doubled from 2015 to 2016, and the domestic shortfall for organic soybeans was even greater, with roughly 80 percent of soybeans supplying the U.S. organic market imported in 2016.