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- [President/Ag Secretary Talk Infrastructure Initiative](#)

President Trump was joined by the Agriculture Secretary and other cabinet members discussing the Administration's infrastructure initiative.

Former Ag Secretary Working on Milk Export Program with China

Former Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told Agri-Pulse a new deal to allow more milk producers to enter the Chinese market is in the works. Vilsack, who now heads the U.S. Dairy Export Council, has been working for months to change a registration process that keeps new U.S. processors from entering the Chinese market. Vilsack told Agri-Pulse the deal is a matter of weeks away, and will give immediate clearance for 80 U.S. processors to begin shipping milk to China. In 2014, China created new food safety regulations that required all foreign milk suppliers to be registered and certified by their domestic regulatory agencies before they could ship to China. For the U.S., that's the Food and Drug Administration. The China regulations went into effect last year, and the U.S. FDA offered a voluntary registry for U.S. milk producers, but the registry has not been effective. Through Vilsack's work, the U.S. Dairy Export Council helped develop a new registry program that is gaining approval by U.S. and Chinese regulatory authorities.