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China Trade Agreement Includes Biotech Approvals

The trade agreement between the U.S. and China that focused on U.S. beef also paved the way for Chinese approval of two U.S. genetically modified crop traits. The Wall Street Journal reports China has approved imports of two new varieties of genetically modified crops, clearing the way for U.S. agricultural companies to market new biotech seeds to farmers. Through the announcement, China this week approved the import of Dow Enlist corn and Monsanto's soybean variety, Vistive Gold. The approval stems from China agreeing to speed reviews of biotech products as part of the trade deal with President Donald Trump announced last month. Seed companies have long complained that China's regulatory approval process was slow-moving and vague. The announcement does not, however, approve cultivation of GM crops in China.

- [Producer Prices For Dairy Continue To Strengthen](#)

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Producers will likely continue to see stronger prices for milk and dairy products this year and next. (Rod Bain and World Agricultural Outlook Board Chair Seth Meyer)

Organic Trade Associations Applauds USDA for Revoking Organic License

The Organic Trade Association welcomed a move by the Department of Agriculture aimed at stopping fraudulent organic products from entering the United States. USDA this week revoked the organic certificate for a Turkish firm for shipping nonorganic ingredients to the United States labeled as organic, according to the Hagstrom Report. The Organic Trade Association said "fraud cannot be tolerated in the organic system," adding that "the integrity of the organic certification process and the commitment to compliance and enforcement are the lifeblood of the organic industry." Earlier this week, the Organic Trade Association announced that it would create an anti-fraud task force. The anti-fraud task force will create

guidelines for the private sector to use in verifying its international supply chains.



New leadership for CA&ES agricultural programs

Anita Oberbauer, professor and chair of the Department of Animal Science, has been selected as the new associate dean for research and outreach in agricultural programs in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Her appointment becomes effective July 1.

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