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Agriculture is keeping the pressure on to preserve gains in North American Free Trade Agreement talks starting this month, and to win new gains in tax reform efforts, expected to start in September.

Ag groups and lawmakers repeated their mantra in hearings last week to "do no harm" to agriculture in NAFTA modernization talks with Canada and Mexico, with whom ag trade value has quadrupled since 1994.

Longtime Ag Senator Chuck Grassley previewed a speech he'll give on NAFTA talks this Saturday...tape

Cut #1 \_\_\_\_\_ :12 OC:... "do no harm."

Grassley says trade is key to producers' bottom-line...tape

Cut #2 \_\_\_\_\_ :16 OC:... "fiscal year."

Which was actually a tariff increase on frozen beef, that could have been avoided if the U.S. had stayed in TPP, or if it negotiates a new deal with Japan.

- [The Jet Stream Swing and August Weather Nationwide](#)  
A late July shift in the jet stream is behind cooler conditions for much of the nation, but also a heat wave out West. (Rod Bain and USDA meteorologist, Brad Rippey)