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The Nexus between North Korea and U.S. agriculture is not an obvious one, but one U.S. Senator says the wrong moves against North Korea's chief economic and diplomatic ally China, could be 'bad news' for U.S. producers. The U.N. Security Council imposed punishing new economic sanctions against North Korea over two intercontinental ballistic missile tests in July.

But enforcing those sanctions could involve sanctions against Chinese banks still doing business with North Korean firms and that has longtime US ag Senator Chuck Grassley concerned...tape

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The U.N. resolution bans purchases of North Korean coal and other resources, responsible for one-third of the country's export revenue. China ended its own 2017 coal buys from Pyongyang earlier, in line with the U.N. action, but its banks could still facilitate some business.

Grassley says it's easy to see how US agriculture gets wrapped up in national security efforts...tape

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Grassley brought up North Korea when asked if he agrees with the pork industry that rising trade tensions with China on steel, intellectual property, and currency manipulation could come back to 'bite' US pork in the pocketbook.

China is the third-biggest buyer of US pork and sided against North Korea in the 15-to-nothing UN Security Council vote to impose the toughest sanctions yet against Pyongyang over its missile and nuclear testing program.

