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AGRICULTURE WATCHING NAFTA TALKS CLOSELY

Audio with Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst

The NAFTA renegotiations provide an opportunity to improve agricultural trade across partner countries. However, recent rhetoric and delays in the renegotiation are giving way to rising concerns over the trade deal's future. Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst says U.S. agriculture depends on NAFTA...tape

Cut #1 :18 OC:... "trade agreement."

He says recent rhetoric regarding trade is troubling to farmers, especially after Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, who understands NAFTA's positive impact on agriculture, has publicly expressed concern about the trade agreement's future...tape

Cut #2 :11 OC:... "that concerned."

Withdrawal or failure to reach an agreement for NAFTA, Hurst says, would result in an economic disaster for agriculture...tape

Cut #3 :21 OC:... "in agriculture."

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CDFA RELEASES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CALCANNABIS CULTIVATION LICENSING PROGRAM



SACRAMENTO, November 13, 2017 – The final program environmental impact report (EIR) for the CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Program has been certified and is available for viewing at cdfa.ca.gov/calcannabis/PEIR.html.

Certification of the EIR as final by CDFA and providing notice through the California State Clearinghouse is required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is a necessary step leading up to the adoption of the cannabis cultivation licensing regulations.

The EIR outlines potential significant environmental impacts associated with the adoption and implementation of statewide cannabis cultivation licensing regulations and provides mitigation measures to reduce those impacts to less than significant.

CDFA is developing regulations for statewide cannabis cultivation licensing, as well as a track-and-trace system. This system will record the movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the supply chain, from cultivation to sale.

NOTE: CDFA anticipates issuing cannabis cultivation licenses on or about January 1, 2018. In addition to state licensure, applicants are required to comply with any local cannabis cultivation requirements. Applicants should check with their local jurisdiction regarding local ordinance requirements.