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- [One Example of a Beneficial Public-Private Ag Partnership](#)
The Ag Secretary says public-private partnerships can benefit American agriculture. (Stephanie Ho and USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue)

Australia Touts Benefits of U.S. Rejoining TPP

In a Washington, D.C. speech Monday, an Australian trade official stressed the benefits of the U.S. rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Australian Ambassador to the U.S. Joe Hockey addressed the Washington International Trade Association Monday afternoon, and spoke on the need to engage with the Asia-Pacific region for security and economic reasons, according to Politico. In prepared remarks, Hockey stated: "Having the United States return to the TPP in the future would represent a net positive for Australia and for the region's trade and investment growth prospects." However, there is no indication of President Trump's intention, other than a consideration to rejoin TPP if the trade deal is reworked. U.S. agriculture is no stranger to benefits of TPP. The trade agreement would be a boon for U.S. agricultural exports at an estimated \$4.4 billion increase per-year, according to the American Farm Bureau Federation.