

Today is _____, _____ the _____. This is Ken Morgan's Northcoast Ag Report, our lead story is about _____ when we return

The Department of Agriculture is out with some surprising soybean export figures for the first couple of months of Chinese tariffs.

USDA says the first 11-months of the fiscal year ended September 30th show a seven-percent drop in soybean export value and three-percent volume drop from the previous fiscal year.

However, much of that is before punishing Chinese tariffs took effect in July and August. USDA Trade Economist Bryce Cooke says those two months show surprising soybean exports...tape

Cut #1 _____ :08 OC:... "the previous year."

But, how can that be, with U.S. soybean sales to China cut off, and soybean prices down? Cooke says the European Union and others are picking up the slack, though some are skeptical the EU's made a long-term commitment.

Former USDA trade chief in the Clinton Administration, Paul Drazek recounted in July, the comments of a top EU official...tape

Cut #2 _____ :22 OC:... "from the U.S."

With the recent exception of U.S. beef, Drazek says the EU is looking for a trade deal with the U.S. on manufactured goods, not agriculture--something U.S. producers reject. Still, USDA's Bryce Cooke says U.S. farm exports are up, overall...tape

Cut #3 _____ :12 OC:... "last August."

And with \$10.4 billion in farm imports, that left a U.S. trade surplus in ag goods for August of \$600 million.

New Dairy MPP Registration Open

This week marks the first chance that dairy farmers will have to sign up for the new dairy revenue protection program. The program will allow farmers to purchase coverage on milk production. Minnesota Congressman Collin Peterson encourages farmers to take a look at the program...tape

Cut #1 :28 OC:...“actual price is.”

Peterson says once the new farm bill passes, farmers will have the ability to utilize several of the dairy programs. These programs include MPP

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Our college relies on input from farmers, ranchers and other agricultural leaders to solve critical issues in food production, and this edition highlights examples of some of the important partnerships we’ve cultivated over the years. Below is a link to the entire magazine and an index to the individual stories.

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