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**Agricultural losses from Camp Fire will take time to assess** *Ag Alert*

"Efforts continue to assess the agricultural impact of the fire. Butte County Farm Bureau Executive Director Colleen Cecil said its effects appear to be focused mainly on ranchers who have lost winter feed for their animals and fencing; some beekeeping operations and orchards may have been affected, as well." To continue reading, click [here](#).

No one knows yet, exactly what the ceasefire in the US-China tariff war means for US agriculture, especially US soybean exports. American Farm Bureau trade adviser, Dave Salmonsens, says so far, the statements from the two governments are conflicting, and lack specifics...tape

Cut #1 :15 OC:... "no numbers offered."

Salmonsens says all that is known is the two-sides agreed to a 90-day ceasefire, with no hike in existing US tariffs on Chinese goods, as had been planned on January 1st...tape

Cut #2 :12 OC:... "percent level."

But Salmonsens says it's hopeful that the US and China are forgoing tariff increases and talking again.

Separately, Salmonsens says President Trump's new plan to withdraw the US from the old NAFTA to pressure reluctant lawmakers to approve the new USMCA, sets up battle lines for the coming fight...tape

Cut #3 :07 OC:...”on the agreement.”

The USMCA, itself, cannot be changed under existing legislative rules, but side-agreements with added labor or other protections, can be added.

Salmonsén says people expect the final agreement will be a “package” of items, including some that have nothing to do with trade, but will help win the votes to get the USMCA ratified.