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General Comment

I support this rule and the potential positive implications it could have for USA produce in the competitive world market. Knowing the currently the US imports more food from other countries than it exports, it's vital for our economy that we balance the trade. The ATP, a non-profit supportive government subsidiary, is essentially mitigating a barrier to trade (tariffs) by allowing farming businesses, the chance to apply for grants and subsidies to help offset the profit lost by export tariffs. I especially like how the rule is focused towards helping small-to-medium businesses (those no larger than 30% of a small business) in order to help them expand their market reach abroad, rather than being limited to the American market. I'm excited to see if this helps small farms stay in the business as this grant is slowly implemented and the application guidelines are made more accessible.