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NAFTA Talks Continue

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) re-negotiations are still ongoing. While the first three rounds focused on establishing the draft consolidated texts that the negotiating teams work from, overall, any progress since has been overshadowed by a series of outrageous proposals tabled by the U.S. during the second stream of negotiations.

These proposals include highly restrictive rules of origin on autos, a sunset proposal that would undermine the very stability and certainty that trade agreements are meant to provide, as well as the elimination of all Canadian tariffs on imports of U.S. dairy, poultry, and egg products, essentially dismantling one of the critical pillars of Canada's supply management system.

Chicken Farmers of Canada appreciates that these requests have all been firmly rejected by the Canadian government as non-starters. Based on the progress to date, it is difficult to imagine that substantive progress will be made before the spring of 2018, let alone the achievement of a deal. Chicken Farmers of Canada continues to monitor the talks, attending all rounds in order to work closely with Canadian officials and provide advice on how to ensure a positive outcome for the Canadian chicken sector.



Chicken Farmers of Canada's Chair Benoît Fontaine and 1st Vice-Chair Derek Janzen meet with Minister of International Trade François-Philippe Champagne at the World Trade Organization Ministerial Conference in Argentina in December.



Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay and Chicken Farmers of Canada Chair Benoît Fontaine congratulate Mike Dungeat on his retirement as Executive Director after 22 years at Chicken Farmers of Canada.



Chicken Farmers of Canada Director Tim Klompaker meets with Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal at the NAFTA negotiating round in Mexico City in November.

For more information on our government relations program, please contact Lauren Kennedy at lkennedy@chicken.ca.

COMING UP...

Chicken Farmers of Canada, alongside Turkey Farmers of Canada, Egg Farmers of Canada, and Canadian Hatching Egg Producers will host their Joint Annual Reception on March 21, 2018 at the Fairmont Château Laurier.

