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## **Highlights Effective Date of USMCA Trade Agreement**

**Tomah, WI** – Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) released the following statement marking the effective date of the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA) on July 1:

"This is an important day for Wisconsin farmers and Wisconsin workers. Wisconsin producers have been watching this innovative trade agreement closely because they know that with a level playing field, they're the best in the business. Of particular benefit to local dairy producers is providing increased access to Canadian dairy markets. Manufacturers and small businesses also stand to benefit from increased intellectual property provisions and the reduction of bureaucratic red tape that will lower the costs of doing business.

"President Trump and his administration have delivered on a campaign promise and I hope the agreement lives up to it's full potential for Wisconsin farmers, workers, and families."

The United States, Mexico, and Canada have reached an agreement to modernize the 25-year-old NAFTA into a 21st century, high-standard agreement. The new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will support mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade, and robust economic growth in North America. More information can be found here: <a href="https://ustr.gov/usmca">https://ustr.gov/usmca</a>

In September of last year, Representative VanderMeer joined her Republican colleagues from the Assembly Committee on Agriculture in encouraging Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation to support passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA). That letter can be found here: <a href="http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/70/vandermeer/media/1373/usmca-letter-of-support-assembly-committee-on-agriculture.pdf">http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/70/vandermeer/media/1373/usmca-letter-of-support-assembly-committee-on-agriculture.pdf</a>

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