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DEVELOPMENTS

TTP Looks For Agreement: U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman indicated current Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) talks getting underway in Brunei could be an opportunity for trade ministers of the participating countries and their representatives to reach an agreement by the end of the year. Trade officials have gathered for eight days of discussion and negotiation, and to find, Froman says "areas where we can direct our negotiations to seek a landing zone."

Canada Cool To COOL: Canada wants the World Trade Organization(WTO) to rule the current U.S. COOL requirement for meat is non-compliant with global trade rules. The Canadians, reports Agri-Pulse (August 21, 2013), say the latest U.S. COOL measure "will further hinder the ability of Canadian cattle and hog producers to freely compete in the U.S. market." Canada also says it is prepared to retaliate with punitive tariffs of nearly \$1 billion on meat, cheese, fruit and potatoes. The U.S. counters it changed COOL requirements in June to address complaints by Canada and Mexico.

Smithfield Set To Vote: Shareholders will meet September 24 to ratify or reject the proposed \$4.7 billion purchase by Chinese meat processor Shuanghui International Holdings. The Smithfield board of directors is recommending shareholders approve the deal. If so, the acquisition of Smithfield at \$34 a share would be the largest takeover of a U.S. company by a Chinese firm. The sale must be approved by the U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment (CFIU).

Brazilian Ethanol On The Slate: Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz says increased biofuel trade will be among the issues under discussion as Brazil and the U.S. sit down for talks over the next couple of months. Sec.

Moniz told the press that biofuels and new energy technologies will top a docket of topics to be discussed during a state visit to Washington in October by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff.

PEOPLE

The National Biodiesel Board named **Scott Fenwick** technical director in its Jefferson City, Missouri office. Fenwick was biofuels technical business manager for Inspectorate America Corp.

The Sorghum Checkoff introduced **Sarah Bowser**, Holton, Kansas, and **Jesse McCurry**, Colwich, Kansas, as regional directors.

Farm Journal Media assigned **Greg Henderson**, veteran editor of Drivers Cattle Network, as editorial director of Beef Today magazine and Cattle-Exchange.com online livestock markets in its Kansas City office.

HIRING

Kansas Farm Bureau, one of the largest agricultural membership organizations in the State of Kansas, has an opening for the **Director of Public Policy - National Affairs**. This position is responsible for the management and implementation of the organization's agricultural policies and provides information/guidance on national issues to our members, elected officials, agencies and others. The ideal candidate must possess a high level of integrity, excellent interpersonal relationship skills, proven leadership skills, and knowledge of governmental issues and laws affecting agriculture. Requires a bachelor's degree or equivalent. Preference will be given to candidates with an agricultural background and/or prior lobbying experience. If interested, please e-mail your cover letter, resume and salary requirements to: daysc@kfb.org. Applications will be accepted through Friday, September 13, 2013. Kansas Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies are an Equal Opportunity Employers.

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