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Nebraska Ag Director Headed to Meeting in China

(KLZA) Nebraska's director of agriculture is visiting China this week to attract potential investors in farming, ranching and bioenergy.

Greg Ibach will travel to Beijing for a Friday workshop aimed at U.S.-China trade relations.

Gov. Dave Heineman says Nebraska was the only U.S. state invited to participate in the agribusiness workshop, coordinated by the Paulson Institute. The institute, led by former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, focuses on economic and environmental issues.

Ibach says he will argue that Nebraska is a better place for Chinese investment than other Midwestern states, because it sits on the western edge of the corn belt - closer to Pacific shipping routes that lead to China.

The trip is part of Heineman's broader push to help Nebraska tap lucrative markets in China.

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