

NSP Statement on Phase One Agreement Signing with China

National Sorghum Producers Chairman Dan Atkisson, a sorghum farmer from Stockton, Kansas, made the following statement today after the signing of the U.S.-China Phase One agreement at the White House.

"National Sorghum Producers was pleased to be a part of the signing today of a Phase One deal with China and applauds both the U.S. and Chinese administrations for their hard work to progress negotiations and reach an agreement that should lessen market uncertainty and shift purchases to more U.S. agriculture products, like sorghum, by our customers in China. Our farmers, as well as Chinese consumers, will benefit from this agreement.

We anticipate fully analyzing the terms of the deal, but as for what we understand today, it offers more opportunities for our growers to once again become competitive in the Chinese market and to regain relationships with our customers there. We know we have the sorghum to sell, and we know our customers in China want our product. Therefore, we look forward to re-establishing business at the shipment levels we saw before this process began."