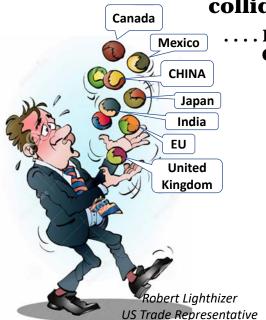
"When politics and economics collide, economics lose."



. . Professor Ernie Goss, Creighton University



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### **Three Trade Topics**



Why We Like Trade?



Are Tariffs and Trade Interventions Really the Best Strategy?





Trade Negotiations Update.

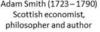
#### Why We Like Trade?



"Comparative
Advantage Plus Trade
Results in Greater
Prosperity for All"

Adam Smith (1722 - 1700)







David Ricardo (1772 – 1823) British political economist

#### Comparative Advantage Plus Trade Results in Greater Prosperity for All



Comparative Advantage - Referring to the ability of one party to produce goods and/or services at a lower opportunity cost than another's.

**Greater Prosperity** – Referring to higher standards of living for ALL, due to lower costs.

Flint Hills Rancher Kansas Farmer

10 Resource UNIT10 Resource UNIT

2 RU per 1 Beef 3 RU per 1 Beef 3 RU per 1 Corn 2 RU per 1 Corn

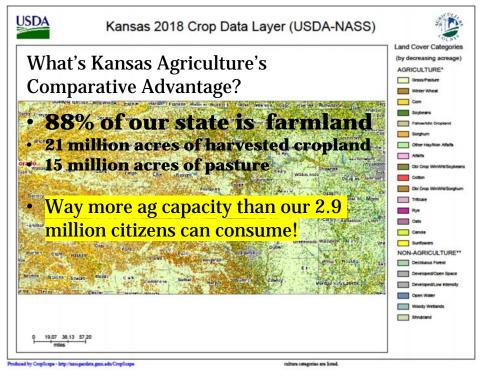
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Beef

6 RU = 2 Corn 4 RU = 2

<u>Corn</u>

0 RU remaining 0 RU remaining



(KDA IMPLAN Study (adjusted for 2019) Kansas Agriculture

- Supports 245,539 jobs, or 12.7% of the state's workforce; and
- Adds \$21.8 billion in value to our state or 13.4% of Kansas Gross Revenue Product.



#### Comparative Advantage Plus Trade: Two Perspective

### Results in Greater Prosperity for All by:

- 1) Providing greater choice, and lower prices; and
- 2) Fostering more efficient use of resources.

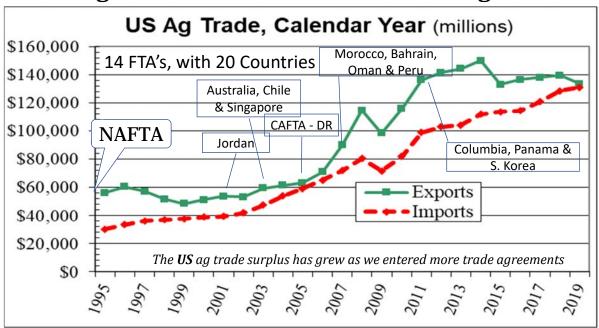
#### Or, Results in Havoc by:

- 1) Flooding markets with low cost goods; and
- 2) "Exporting jobs and factories" to low wage countries.

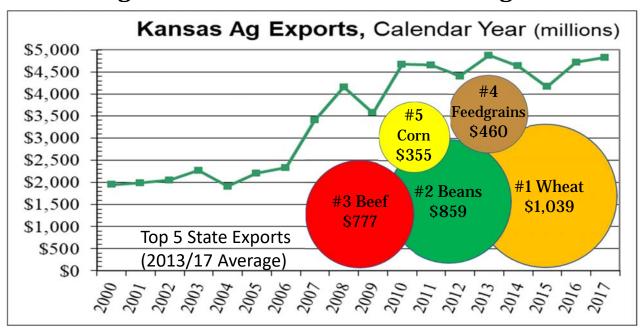
Either Way, Consumers See Greater Prosperity Through a Lower Cost of Living



#### **Trade Agreements Have Been GOOD for Agriculture**



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The **Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930** set US tariffs at their highest levels in over 100 years.

- Other countries retaliated;
- World trade plummeted by two-thirds from 1929-1934; and in part was responsible for deepening and lengthening the Great Depression.

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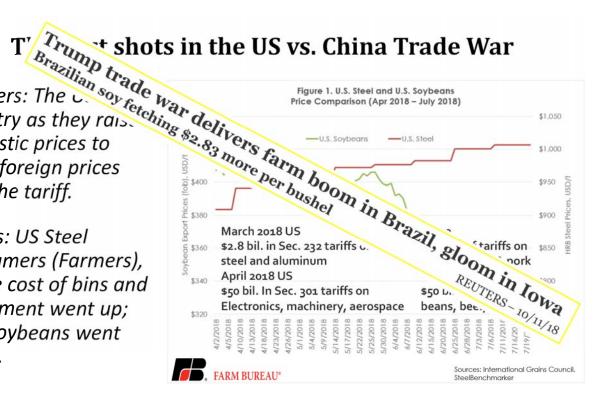
The Carter wheat & corn export embargo of 1980,

- Didn't stop the USSR from obtaining grain; and
- With high loan rates and reduced grain exports, led to burdensome US stocks;
- Which kept prices low and in part was responsible for crashing land values in the '80's.

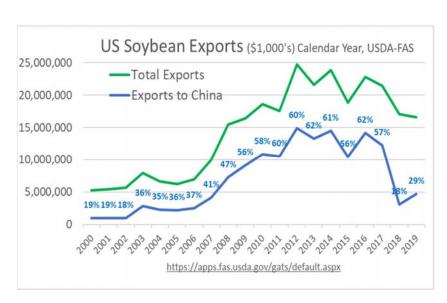


Winners: The Industry as they rais. domestic prices to meet foreign prices plus the tariff.

Losers: US Steel Consumers (Farmers), as the cost of bins and equipment went up; and soybeans went down.



Soybean exports to China are WAY down .... and even though overall prices are lower, other buyers haven't stepped in to replace those sales ..... African Swine Fever has clearly had an impact



#### **Tariffs Are Taxes that Pick Winners and Losers**







72% Tariff on US Pork

Mar 18

- 12% Original Chinese Pork tariffs
- 25% Retaliatory tariff for the March 2018, US Sec. 232 steel and aluminum tariffs
- 25% Retaliatory tariff for the July 2018, US Sec. 301 intellectual property tariffs
- 10% Retaliatory tariff for the additional \$300 billion in US tariffs announced in late July 2019

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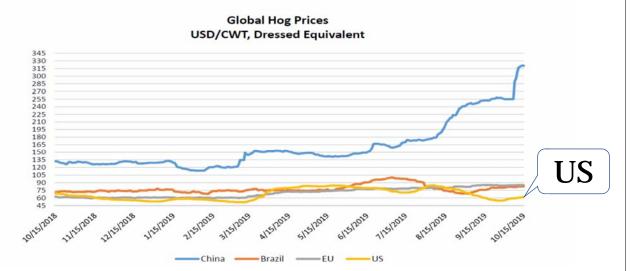
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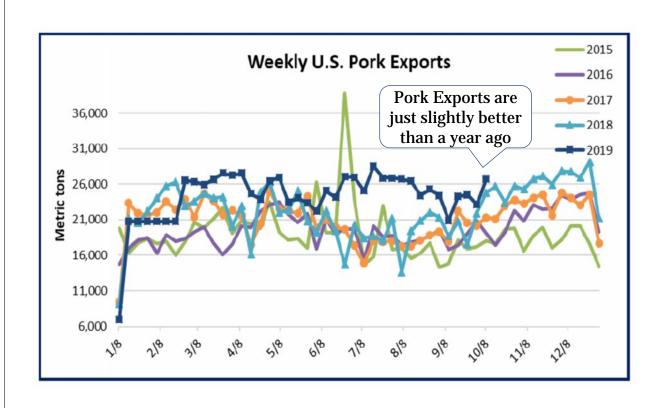
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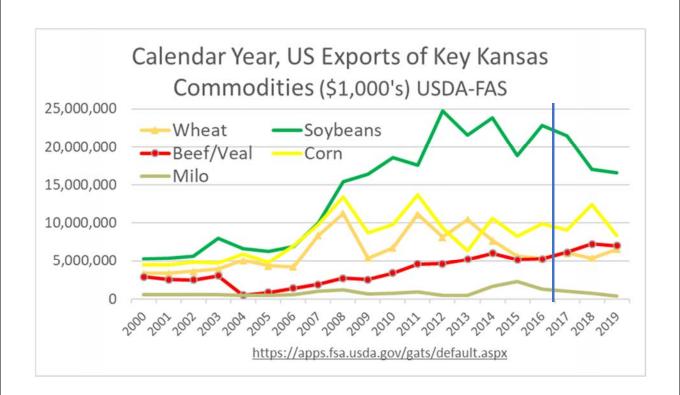
#### Tariffs Are Taxes that Pick Winners and Losers HE - Lean Hogs - Weekly OHLC Chart 95.000 ■ Op:67.500, Hi:69.250, Lo:63.725, Cl:64.925 90.000 85.000 80.000 25% July2018 75.000 retaliatory tariff 70.000 64.925 60.000 10% July 2019 retaliatory tariff 55.000 50.000 25% March 2018 retaliatory tariff 45.000



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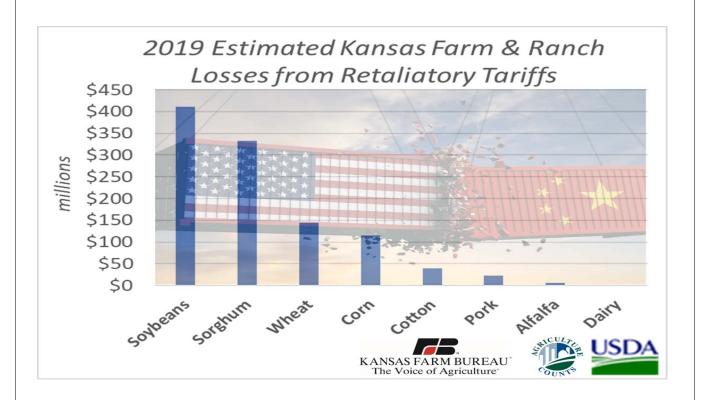




2019 Kansas Farm & Ranch Losses from Retaliatory Tariffs

		Tariff Impact	Production	Estimated
Commodity	units	Rates**	(1,000's)	Losses*
Soybeans	bu.	\$2.05	200,200	\$410.4
Sorghum	bu.	\$1.69	196,800	\$332.6
Wheat	bu.	\$0.41	349,800	\$143.4
Corn	bu.	\$0.14	816,000	\$114.2
Cotton	lb.	\$0.26	153,600	\$39.9
Pork	head	\$11.00	2,050	\$22.6
Alfalfa	ton	\$2.81	1,960	\$5.5
Dairy	cwt.	\$0.20	3,130	\$0.6
Estimated Total (millions of dollars)				\$1,069.3

<sup>\*</sup> Losses estimated using the methodology outlined in the NEFB briefing,
"NEBRASKA FARM AND RANCH LOSSES FROM RETALIATORY TARIFFS."
Multiplying the USDA model-estimated retaliatory tariff impact rates \*\* on a
given commodity by the 2019 NASS estimated production as of September, and
the June 1 hog inventory estimate.

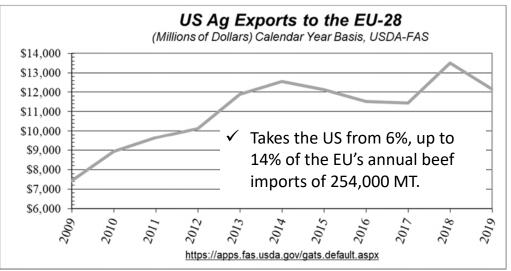




#### US-EU Beef Deal Signed in August 2019

✓ 35,000 MT of the 45,000 MT hormone-free beef quota

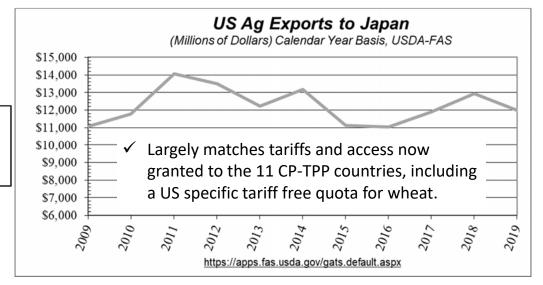






#### US-Japan Trade Deal, signed in September 2019

✓ Provides for a staged reduction of Japanese tariffs

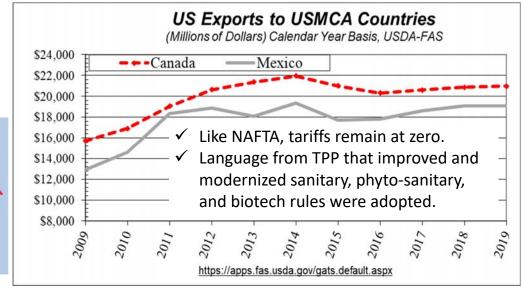




NAFTA

#### USMCA 2.0 was "signed" on November 30, 2018

✓ Was ratified by Mexico and could be by Canada very soon;



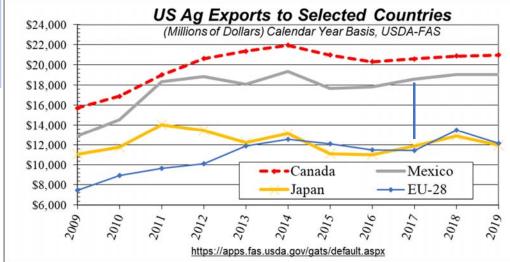






#### Will we see a significant impact?

✓ Exports have held steady; just prices were impacted

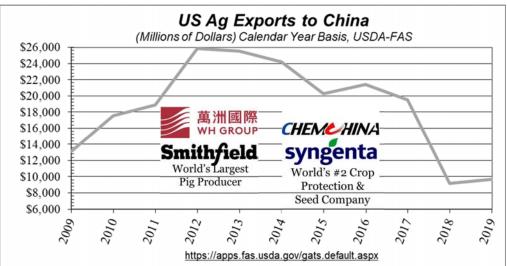


#### Our Trade War with **China**



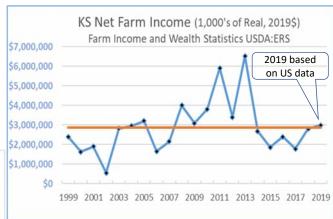
The "Middle Kingdom"

The World's most populous country, with the largest army and the second largest economy.



#### Our Trade War with China is Coming at a Very Difficult Stretch for Kansas Agriculture



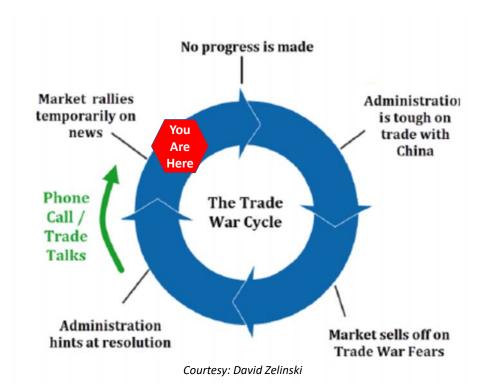


Characterized by the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year of at or below average Net Farm Income, and rising bankruptcy levels.

#### Our Trade War with **China**

Trade War
Cycle Model:
Accurately
predicting for
the last 20
months





#### Trade Balances Are a False Narrative

Monthly US Trade Balance (millions of dollars)







#### China Has ALWAYS Presented Trade Challenges

Before and after their ascension into the WTO in 2001

- ✓ Forced transfer of technology & intellectual property;
- Domestic subsidies & excess, non-economic capacity;
- ✓ Delays in GMO product approvals; costing the U.S. about \$7 billion over the past five years (CropLife International);
- ✓ A general lack of transparency.

HANDLING CHINA — Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam and the United States



- China was part of the discussions/negotiations
- Signed February 4, 2016
- Unfortunately, TPP was politically unpopular during the 2016 elections
- And in early 2017, the administration pulled the US out

## China is NOT just negotiating with the U.S.

• 8/22/19 AGRIPULSE - Brazil's chicken farmers spurred on by Chinese demand

 8/19/19 AGRIPULSE - Canada wheat farmers snap up market share in China.

 8/16/19 REUTERS - China set to deepen Argentine trade ties with bid for grains 'superhighway,' dredging the Parana River

 8/14/19 SUCCESSFUL FARMING – Ukraine to fill China's corn needs, replacing U.S. product with more acres & higher yields

8/6/19 DTN - COFCO International, will finance the expansion of more than 60 million acres of NEW soybean production in Brazil

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

et RCEP
Negotiations
Launched in Nov 2012

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

3.4 billion consumers with a GDP of \$49.5 trillion

#### Trade is Between Individuals and Businesses

### Governments can ASSIST, by tearing down barriers:

- Tariffs and Quotas;
- · Intellectual property laws;
- Contract dispute settlement;
- Credit availability;
- Sanitary (phyto), grading, and food labeling standards;
- · GMO approvals; and
- · Port inspection procedures.

# Or, Governments can SCREW things up by erecting barriers:

Multi-lateral Free Trade
Agreements and the
WTO, address barriers
and play a key role in
setting the rules of trade.

#### **Thank You**

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