

VIRTUAL HEARING ON SEASONAL AND PERISHABLE PRODUCE

August 20, 2020 – 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

This virtual hearing is open to the public and will be viewable online.

Format: Each individual will appear for a maximum of eight (8) minutes. Parties are allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes for prepared statements. Three (3) minutes are reserved for questions presented by the Hearing Committee.

Hearing Committee:

Mr. William Kimmitt, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (Chair)

Ambassador Gregg Doud, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Under Secretary Ted McKinney, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Assistant Secretary Jeffrey Kessler, U.S. Department of Commerce

**Representatives from the U.S. International Trade Commission will also listen in.*

Schedule:

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Opening Session

Welcome

Opening Remarks

Testimony: Congressman Austin Scott (GA-08)

Testimony: Congressman Al Lawson (FL-05)

Testimony: Congressman Buddy Carter (GA-01)

Testimony: Congressman John Rutherford (FL-04)

9:30 am - 10:50 am

Session One

Witness 1: Commissioner Gary Black, Georgia Department of Agriculture

Witness 2: Mr. Vincent “Zippy” Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation

Witness 3: Mr. Gerald Long, Georgia Farm Bureau Federation

Witness 4: Mr. David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau

Witness 5: Mr. Charles Hall, Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association

Witness 6: Mr. Michael Sparks, Florida Citrus Mutual

Witness 7: Dr. Gopi Munisamy, University of Georgia

Witness 8: Mr. Cesar Gonzalez, Office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25)

10:50 am

Break

11:00 am - 12:20 pm

Session Two

Witness 9: Mr. Joseph Cornelius, Jr., J&B Blueberry Farms, Inc.

Witness 10: Mr. Russ Goodman, Cogdell Berry Farm

Witness 11: Mr. Sam Watson, Chill C Farms

Witness 12: Mr. Steve McMillan, Southern Grace Farms

Witness 13: Mr. Thomas LaSalle, Thomas Produce Company

Witness 14: Mr. William Brim, Lewis Taylor Farms, Inc.

Witness 15: Mr. Richard Minor, Minor Brothers Farm

Witness 16: Mr. Fred Leitz, Leitz Farms LLC

12:20 pm

Break

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Session Three

Testimony: Congressman Doug Collins (GA-09)

Witness 17: Mr. Brian Kuehl, Farmers for Free Trade

Witness 18: Mr. Jaime Castaneda, National Milk Producers
Federation and U.S. Dairy Export Council

Witness 19: Mr. John Bode, Corn Refiners Association

Witness 20: Mr. Lance Jungmeyer, Fresh Produce Association of
the Americas

Witness 21: Mr. Jaime Chamberlain, Greater Nogales Santa Cruz
County Port Authority

Witness 22: Mr. Walter Ram, The Giumarra Companies

Witness 23: Mr. Rene Romero, San Diego Customs Brokers
Association

Witness 24: Mr. Daren Bakst, The Heritage Foundation

Witness 25: Ms. Gabriella Beaumont-Smith, The Heritage
Foundation

2:30 pm

Hearing Concludes