



# USACC

## U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba

### Charter

**Coalition Background:** Prominent members of the U.S. food and agriculture community agreed to officially form a national coalition to address liberalizing trade between the United States and Cuba. The coalition's primary focus is on ending the embargo and allowing open trade and investment to occur.

Under current sanctions, U.S. food and agriculture companies can legally export to Cuba. However, financing restrictions limit the ability of the U.S. industry to competitively serve the market. Foreign competitors such as Canada, Brazil, the European Union and Argentina are increasingly taking market share from U.S. industry because those countries do not face the same restrictions on financing.

Cuba is a logical market for U.S. food and agriculture exports with 11 million consuming citizens only 90 miles off the coast of the United States. Normalizing trade relations between the United States and Cuba will enhance Cuban citizens' access to affordable food while providing the U.S. farm and business community with new market access opportunities. Liberalized trade will drive growth in both countries and allow the U.S. farmers, ranchers and food companies to efficiently address Cuban citizens' food security needs.

**Coalition Purpose:** The purpose of the coalition is to re-establish Cuba as a market for U.S. food and agriculture exports.

**Coalition Approach:** We will achieve our purpose by advancing a constructive dialogue in the United States on U.S.-Cuba relations. We will actively engage to end the long-standing embargo. We will work with key stakeholders to build momentum that drives historical change. We will take public platforms and explain the moral imperative of liberalizing trade between the two countries.

### Coalition Membership

#### Agriculture Organizations

American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Soybean Association  
American Seed Trade Association  
American Feed Industry Association

Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Cherry Marketing Institute  
Corn Refiners Association  
Council of State Governments  
CNFA: Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture  
Dairy Farmers of America  
Global Aquaculture Alliance  
Independent Professional Seed Association  
International Dairy Foods Association  
Matter  
National Association of Wheat Growers  
National Association of Egg Farmers  
National Barley Growers Association  
National Black Growers Council  
National Chicken Council  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Farmers Union  
National Foreign Trade Council  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Sorghum Producers  
National Turkey Federation  
North American Export Grain Association  
North American Meat Institute  
Rural & Agricultural Council of America  
Soyfoods Association of North America  
US Canola Association  
US Cattlemen's Association  
US Dairy Export Council  
US Dry Bean Council  
US Grains Council  
US Soybean Export Council  
US Wheat Associates  
US Rice Producers Association  
USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council  
USA Rice Federation  
Agribusiness Council of Indiana  
Arkansas Rice Growers Association  
Arkansas Farm Bureau  
California Rice Producers  
Holstein Association USA  
Illinois Corn Growers Association  
Illinois Cuba Working Group  
Illinois Soybean Growers

Illinois Farm Bureau  
Indiana Farm Bureau  
Indiana Corn Growers Association  
Indiana Soybean Alliance  
Indiana Corn Marketing Council  
Iowa Farm Bureau  
Kansas Wheat  
Food Export Association of the Midwest USA  
Food Export – USA Northeast  
Louisiana Rice Council  
Michigan Apple Association  
Michigan Bean Shippers  
Michigan Bean Commission  
Michigan Milk Producers Association  
Michigan Corn Growers Association  
Michigan Soybean Association  
Michigan Potato Industry Commission  
Missouri Corn Growers Association  
Missouri Soybean Association  
Missouri Department of Economic Development  
Missouri Department of Agriculture  
Missouri Rice Council  
Missouri Forest Products Association  
Missouri Farm Bureau  
Mississippi Rice Council  
Ohio Farm Bureau  
National Potato Council  
Texas Farm Bureau  
University of Missouri-Fisher Delta Research Center  
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Alcorn State University

### **Agriculture Corporations**

ADM  
Advanced Drainage Systems  
AGCO  
Bunge  
Butterball  
Cargill, Incorporated  
Chicago Foods International  
Campbell Farms  
Clark AG Company  
CoBank  
Franklin Electric  
GreenStone Farm Credit Services  
Hampton Alternative Energy & Feedlot

Hover Farms  
Intertek Agriculture Services  
Kaehler Agriculture Enterprises  
Kerley Nutritional Consulting  
Louis Dreyfus Company  
Missouri BioZyme, Inc  
Missouri Burnett Farms  
Martin Rice Company  
Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, Inc  
Net Worth Feeds & Feeding  
Nespresso  
Orrick Farm Services  
Gary Murphy Farms  
Smithfield Foods  
South Louisiana Rail Facility  
Sun-Maid Growers of California  
St. James Winery  
Synergy Resource Solutions, Inc.  
Thomas E. Jennings and Associates, Inc.  
Turkey Knob Growers  
TRC Trading Group  
US Wellness Meats  
US Cava Exports