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Meets with Ambassador of China to Discuss the Importance of Beef Trade

MANHATTAN - Congressman Jerry Moran this week met with the Ambassador of China, H.E. Zhou Wenzhong, to press the Chinese to fully open their market to U.S. beef. Since the first case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) was found in the U.S. in 2003, beef trade with China has been nonexistent due to existing Chinese restrictions on U.S. beef. Moran visited with Ambassador Zhou after the ambassador spoke at Kansas State University in Manhattan as part of its Landon Lecture Series.

"The First District of Kansas produces more beef than any other congressional district in the country," Moran said. "The Chinese market represents a huge opportunity for Kansas producers to expand their business."

Currently, no protocol exists under which U.S. producers can ship beef to China. Moran emphasized the safety and quality of U.S. beef to the Chinese ambassador and urged adoption of international guidelines that would allow both bone-in and boneless cuts of meat from cattle of any age.

Moran is a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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