



ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FACT SHEET

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Phase One economic and trade agreement signed by the United States and China on January 15, 2020, will provide U.S. producers of horticultural products with new or expanded access to the Chinese market.

Market Overview: China's expanding economy, rising disposable incomes, and urbanization are increasing interest and demand for imported horticultural products. In fact, China's customs data indicates that domestic demand for imported horticultural products increased from \$12.5 billion in 2013 to \$22.5 billion in 2018. China's imports of horticultural products from the United States totaled \$2.3 billion in 2018, third after the EU-28 and Thailand. The U.S. agriculture industry will benefit from new opportunities to export multiple products, such as fresh potatoes, California nectarines, blueberries, and California Hass avocados, to China.

Key Achievements:

China has agreed to:

- Sign and implement a phytosanitary protocol to allow the importation of U.S. fresh potatoes for processing into China;
- Sign and implement a phytosanitary protocol to allow the importation of California nectarines into China;
- Sign and implement a phytosanitary protocol to allow the importation of U.S. blueberries into China;
- Sign and implement a phytosanitary protocol to allow the importation of California Hass avocados into China.

The United States has agreed to:

- Complete its plant health regulatory process for Chinese fresh jujube;
- Complete its plant health regulatory process for Chinese fresh fragrant pear;
- Complete its regulatory process for Chinese fresh citrus fruit; and
- Begin plant health consultations for Chinese bonsai in growing media.

In addition, both Parties have affirmed that phytosanitary certificates are not required for the import of frozen fruits and vegetables.

Additional Information for Exporters:

- New to the China market? If your company is interested in exporting horticultural products to China, please contact USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service at ChinaAgreement@usda.gov for more information.
- If you are interested in opening new markets for U.S. commodities to China or would like more information about exporting plants or plant products, please visit the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's website on plant health export information: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/SA_Export.