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U.S. Beef Industry Presses For Access to Chinese Market

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- U.S. beef has been denied access to **China** since 2003. Last fall, China [announced](#) that it had lifted its ban on imports of U.S. beef, but attempts since then to negotiate the technical terms of access have faltered and so American beef producers are effectively blocked from selling any U.S. beef to Chinese consumers.
- On March 27, 2017, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association sent a [coalition letter](#) to **President Donald Trump**, urging him to discuss the restoration of U.S. beef access to China when he meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping next month.
- As the Chinese market represents the largest foreign market for American beef exports – at an estimated \$2.6 billion – we expect the American beef industry to continue pressing for the restoration of U.S. beef access to China. We will continue to monitor any developments on these efforts as they unfold.

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