
Senate Farm Bill Contains Amendment to Enhance Trade With Cuba

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The farm bill passed by the Senate Ag Committee includes an amendment that would enhance agricultural trade between the United States and Cuba. It authorizes the USDA Market Access and Foreign Market Development Program funding to go toward trade servicing in Cuba, as well as technical assistance and trade promotion activities. North Dakota Farmers Union President Mark Watne says that will help his state's farmers.

The biggest problem trading with Cuba has been financial barriers and Watne says this amendment helps clear that up.

He's hoping the Senate farm bill gets full approval soon and pushes the House to pass their measure.

Senators Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and John Boozman of Arkansas sponsored the Cuban amendment.