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**Agricultural backers of the Trans-Pacific Partnership hope the treaty will be approved after the election and before the new president takes office**



TRADE GAP

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**D**onald Trump and Hillary Clinton may agree on only one issue in the November presidential election: They don't like the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

The 12-nation treaty would meld existing trade agreements with six Pacific Rim nations and include five other up-and-coming trade partners. Included in the deal are three of the largest U.S. trade partners: Canada, Mexico and Japan.

But both the Democratic and Republican nominees have come out against the TPP, and demanded that their running mates switch positions and do the same.

Trump was first to condemn the treaty.

He announced his bid for president on June 16, 2015, at the Trump Tower in New York City.

But before he talked about terrorism or immigration, he riffed on trade.

"We used to have victories, but we don't have them. When was the last time anybody saw us beating, let's say, China in a trade deal? They kill us," Trump said.

Then, pressured by left-leaning Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primaries, Clinton reversed course — she once called it the "gold standard" of trade deals — and joined Trump's criticism of the TPP.

At a reconciliation rally this month with Bernie Sanders, Clinton denounced TPP.

"And we're going to say 'no' to a tax on working families and no to bad trade deals and unfair trade practices, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership," she said.

**Broad support**

TPP has broad-based support from agriculture. In April, 229 farm associations and food processors signed a letter to House and Senate leaders backing TPP. The following month, Agriculture Secretary Thomas Vilsack and American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall made a joint pitch in a conference call to reporters.

"No country — no country — is going to realize more benefit from the Trans-Pacific Partnership than the United States," Vilsack said.

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**Russia bans cultivation, breeding of GMOs**

Law expected to have long-term effects on global ag

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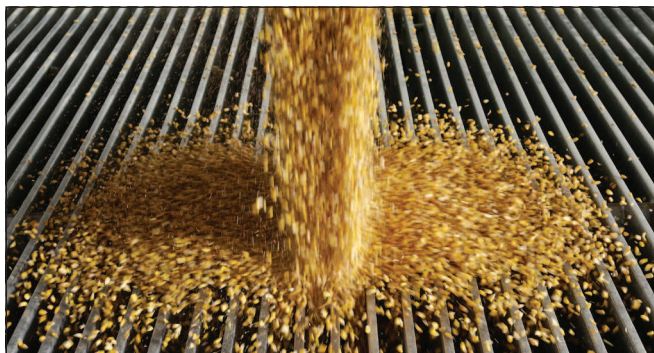
Russia has banned the cultivation and breeding of genetically engineered crops,

which may have long-term consequences for biotechnology in global agriculture, experts say.

Biotech critics and supporters agree that the prohibition won't have an immediate impact on U.S. farmers, since Russia doesn't currently produce genetically engineered crops or import many of them.

However, the new law does close a potentially large market for U.S.-grown biotech crops in the future, said Mary Boote, executive director of the Global Farmer Network, a nonprofit that advocates for trade and technology in agriculture.

"Long term, we should all



In this image, field corn is delivered to the Green Plains ethanol plant in Shenandoah, Iowa. Much of the U.S. crop of field corn, which is used for animal feed, sweeteners and ethanol, is genetically modified. Russia has decided to ban most GMO crops.

be concerned," she said.

The ban applies to cultivation and breeding of genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, within Russia, but

doesn't outright ban imports of them if they're already approved in that country.

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**Ecology may reconsider cost of Wash. dairy rules**

Farmers see threat to industry

By DON JENKINS  
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BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Dairy farmers and environmentalists Tuesday criticized new manure-control rules the state Department of Ecology plans to finalize early next year, accusing state regulators of being too meddlesome or too lax.

At the first of two public hearings on the proposal, farmers said dairies already are heavily regulated and that Ecology's new layer of

Lynden, Wash., dairy farmer Sherman Polinder gestures while testifying July 26 in Bellingham on the Department of Ecology's proposed permit for concentrated animal feeding operations.

mandates would be unnecessary, expensive and even dispiriting.

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