

## ***Nebraska Department of Agriculture*** **Ag Update – November 22, 2016**

### **Trump will start to exit from TPP on first day as president**

President-elect Donald Trump today announced that he will follow through on campaign promises to withdraw the U.S. from the 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a trade pact that is still supported by much of the agriculture sector. Trump, in a video statement, said he asked his transition team to come up with a list of executive actions to be ready for his first day in office. At the top of that list is pulling the U.S. out of the TPP.

“On trade, I am going to issue a notification of intent to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a potential disaster for our country,” Trump said. “Instead, we will negotiate fair bilateral trade deals that bring jobs and industry back onto American shores.”

For more on this story, please visit: <http://www.agri-pulse.com/Trump-will-start-exit-from-TPP-on-first-day-as-president-11212016.asp>

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### **Egg Farmers President Say Fight Will Continue Against California Poultry Law**

(WNAX) Six states including Iowa and Nebraska filed a lawsuit to stop California’s law that prohibits the sale of eggs from chickens that aren’t raised within strict space requirements. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that dismissed the lawsuit. Ken Klippen, President of the National Association of Egg Farmers says the ruling is just a temporary setback and the case could be brought back to another appeals court setting.

Klippen says the new administration gives them another avenue they can use to promote their case. He says if necessary they’ll pursue legislative relief. In their ruling the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals said the states failed to show how the law would affect the states themselves rather than individual farmers.

For more on this story, please visit: <http://wnax.com/news/180081-egg-farmers-president-say-fight-will-continue-against-california-poultry-law/>

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# Judge Says WOTUS Challenge may need to Reach Supreme Court

(Rural Radio Network) Plaintiffs challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's waters of the US (WOTUS) rule appear to be arguing "the same case in a different jurisdiction" by bringing an appeal in the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, a judge on the panel said, suggesting the issue may ultimately have to be resolved by the Supreme Court.

The plaintiffs originally filed the case in the U.S. District Court for the District of Northern Oklahoma. However, they may have to wait for the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether to take up a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit that established itself as the appropriate venue to hear the nearly two dozen consolidated challenges to the rule, said Tenth Circuit Judge Nancy Moritz.

For more on this story, please visit: <http://ruralradio.com/agricultural/judge-says-wotus-challenge-may-need-to-reach-supreme-court/>

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# Flash Drought Seen in November, Dryness Building in Central Region

(DTN) The effects of a record or near-record warm and dry trend across the central U.S. region during mid-October to mid-November are prominent in the thoughts of NOAA Central Region forecasters and climatologists.

Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel made that point during a news conference call Nov. 18. The region, which extends from Montana to Ohio, is "drier than normal," said Angel. "Montana and Wyoming are the exceptions, and the dryness is more intense east and southeast," he said.

For more on this story, please visit: <https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/article/2016/11/18/dryness-building-central-region>

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# Beatrice Sells Industrial Park Land for Turkey Hatchery

(KRVN) The city of Beatrice has sold three industrial park parcels to a Canadian company that plans to hatch turkeys there. Beatrice radio station KWBE reports that city officials approved the \$60,000 sale Monday night.

Hybrid Turkeys, of Kitchener, Ontario, announced in June that it hopes to have its \$6 million turkey hatchery up and running by July 2017. Hybrid Turkeys is part of Hendrix Genetics, a Netherlands-based company.

For more on this story, please visit: <http://krvn.com/regional-news/beatrice-sells-industrial-park-land-for-turkey-hatchery/>

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## USDA Announces Applications Available for Conservation Stewardship Program

(NRCS) Starting in November, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will accept and process applications for enrollment in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), the nation's largest conservation program. Applications will be made available in local service centers.

NRCS has made several updates to the program this year to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications will help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These new tools also allow producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

For more on this story, please visit:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1299417>

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## Northeast Nebraska site earns unique distinction for its groundwater

(Nebraska Radio Network) Nebraska is the first state in the nation to have a Groundwater Management Plan approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan covers 756 square miles around Bazile Creek in Antelope, Knox, and Pierce counties. Marty Link, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) Water Quality Division administrator, says this recognition is a big deal.

For more on this story, please visit: <http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/category/agriculture/>

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