

# USMCA: United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement

USMCA was signed by the United States, Mexico and Canada in late November 2018. The new agreement took effect July 1, 2020, and replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which had been in force since 1994.

## USMCA:

- maintains **ZERO TARIFFS** on U.S. feed grains, co-products and ethanol.
- provides the **HIGHEST** enforceable sanitary and phytosanitary **STANDARDS** in any trade agreement to date.
- addresses regulatory equivalence, **SCIENCE** and **RISK ANALYSIS**, **TRANSPARENCY** and cooperative technical consultations.
- creates a **RAPID-RESPONSE** mechanism to address trade challenges.
- **INCLUDES AN ENFORCEABLE BIOTECHNOLOGY** chapter, the first ever in a U.S. trade agreement.
- **MODERNIZES** border procedures.

The U.S. feed grains industry has benefited substantially from NAFTA. The Council believes both Mexico and Canada offer significant additional potential for growth. USMCA, like NAFTA before it, will be the foundation of that success.