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Potato Growers Back New Secretary of Agriculture

Washington, D.C. – The National Potato Council (NPC) is extremely pleased that former Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue has been nominated to serve as Secretary of Agriculture for the Trump Administration. “Governor Perdue is a farmer and also a skilled politician who understands the unique issues facing the specialty crop industry,” said John Keeling, Executive Vice President and CEO of the NPC. “We believe his background will make him an effective voice in addressing trade, the next Farm Bill, nutrition and regulatory matters over the course of the next four years.”

Growers expect the next four years to be extremely busy on a host of federal and international issues. Having a strong leader like Governor Perdue at USDA should enhance growers’ ability to positively capitalize on those opportunities.

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The National Potato Council is the advocate for the economic well-being of U.S. potato growers on federal legislative, regulatory, environmental and trade issues. NPC supports the U.S. potato industry by monitoring issues affecting the strength and viability of the potato industry, influencing regulators and legislators on issues crucial to the industry's long term success, ensuring fair market access for potatoes and potato products, and bringing the unique issues and interests of diverse growing regions in the U.S. together on a national level.