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Good Afternoon,

Yesterday, President Trump gave a [speech to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention](#) highlighting the importance of Rural Prosperity Task Force [Report](#).

The President also took action to improve rural e-connectivity. You can find more information at the links below.

- [Presidential Executive Order on Streamlining and Expediting Requests to Locate Broadband Facilities in Rural America](#)
- [Presidential Memorandum for Supporting Broadband Tower Facilities in Rural America on Federal Properties Managed by the Department of the Interior](#)

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Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue: "[Rural broadband is our duty to farmers.](#)"

Gov. Bill Haslam (R-TN): "Good to have @POTUS in Tennessee and great to hear his appreciation for the agriculture industry and its importance to our economy."

Gov. Doug Burgum (R-ND): "We're grateful to President Trump, Secretary Perdue and the American Farm Bureau Federation for focusing on the needs of rural America, especially in North Dakota where roughly half of our residents live in rural areas.... We look forward to working with the administration to help bring these recommendations to fruition for the benefit of current and future generations."

North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring: "I congratulate President Trump and the American Farm Bureau for being engaged at the grassroots level to hear from rural America about needs for the future. Secretary Perdue and the task force have developed key recommendations to enable our rural areas not only to survive, but to thrive. I applaud the changes they are proposing which include regulatory reform, tax reform, research, infrastructure development and more. Secretary Perdue has been a pleasure to work with this past year with the drought and other issues. The task force focused on rural America is a great first step and I look forward to being involved in the implementation of this vision."

Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward: "We applaud the President for supporting agriculture and rural America and we applaud Secretary Perdue, and other senior federal government officials, for their work on the Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Task Force. As our largest industry, agriculture and the rural areas where agricultural production takes place are tremendously important to our state."



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.@SecretarySonny just announced the @USDA Rural Prosperity Report. We are so excited to see the five key indicators of rural prosperity: e-Connectivity, Quality of Life, Rural Workforce, Technological Innovation and Economic Development! Read more at the link below.



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Learn more about the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity and what we're doing to improve life in rural America.  
[usda.gov/ruralprosperity](https://usda.gov/ruralprosperity)

Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles: "It hasn't even been a full year into President Trump's administration and rural Americans are already seeing results.... Earlier today at the American Farm Bureau Annual Conference in Nashville, President Trump presented a vision to keep the momentum going and increase prosperity for rural Americans in the 21st century.

Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries John McMillan: "The title of a proposal often is a sign of whether it's going to be one of great merit or simply another example of government by press release. 'Rural Prosperity' speaks volumes about the keen understanding of President Trump and Secretary Perdue as to what the goal should be, and that is prosperity for Rural America. It's the rising tide that lifts all boats, as another American President aptly described the effects of growth in the income of working families. Now, at last, we have a solid plan that will lift the well-being of many Alabama families."

Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge: "This comprehensive effort creates the framework that will assist Arkansas farmers, ranchers, foresters, producers and rural communities who have felt neglected and deserve access to high-speed internet, affordable health care, workforce development and regulatory relief. This report, if fully implemented, will not only change rural America, but it will empower these communities for generations.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette: "Michigan is a farming state. Great to see @POTUS supporting one of our top industries and the people who help power our economy and form the backbone of our state."

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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