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Good Afternoon,

As a follow up to today's release of the [Task Force on Agriculture & Rural Prosperity Report](#), attached are highlights of the President's remarks to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in Nashville, TN.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue issued the following statement about today's Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Report:

- *"Since his inauguration, President Trump has made agriculture and rural America a high priority. On the day he swore me in to office, he tasked me with chairing the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity. With the voice of rural America leading the way, and in close collaboration with local, state, and tribal leaders, 22 federal agencies, offices, and executive departments accepted the challenge to make rural America great again. We traveled to 30 states, held two RV Tours covering over 2,200 miles, and most importantly, we listened to the people of rural America."*
- *"While the task force worked tirelessly to identify solutions to the problems plaguing our rural communities, there is more work ahead. No doubt, rural America has struggled under burdensome regulations with no voice in Washington, but under President Trump's leadership, and with the work of this task force, we can turn that around and restore rural prosperity once and for all."*

Additionally, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) President and Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture Steven K. Reviczky issued the following statement:

- *"We are encouraged by the focus on agriculture and rural America from the Administration in this report. We look forward to engaging with the Administration and Congress to advance the economic vitality of our rural communities, especially in the areas of connectivity, a reliable workforce, and enhanced markets for producers – particularly abroad. It is critical we work together to ensure safe, affordable, and available food, as well as a thriving and livable rural America."*

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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From: Pottebaum, Nicholas D. EOP/WHO
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Subject: Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity - Report to the President

Good Morning,

In advance of the President's address later today at the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, I wanted to send you the full report to the President from the Task Force on Agriculture & Rural Prosperity.

With the voice of rural America leading the way, and in close collaboration with local, state, and tribal leaders, more than 21 federal agencies, offices, and executive departments identified over 100 actions the federal government should consider undertaking to achieve this vision.

The Task Force on Agriculture & Rural Prosperity identified five key indicators of rural prosperity:

- e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Improving Quality of Life
- Supporting Rural Workforce
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Economic Development

A link to the report is available here: <https://www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity/>.

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