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## NMA PARTICIPATES IN TRADE MISSION TO KAZAKHSTAN

OAKLAND, CA – Last Friday, NMA Director of Communications and Government Relations Jeremy Russell headed to Kazakhstan on a U.S. agribusiness trade and investment mission from July 23 to July 28. The goal of the mission is to promote trade and investment, particularly in agricultural commodities, food products, agricultural machinery, agricultural inputs, livestock genetics and food processing equipment. Kazakhstan is the largest overall economy and the largest agricultural economy in Central Asia.

“The United States is already the largest investor in the Kazakhstani economy, and we expect this trade and investment mission to strengthen bonds between our two countries and open new opportunities for U.S. businesses,” Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said before the trip.

The delegation, led Johanns, includes representatives from ABS Global, Agribusiness Management Company, Amity Technology, Case New Holland, Dow AgroSciences, FoodPro International, Inc., FoodSource Inc., Globex International, Intervision Foods, John Deere, Midamar Corporation, Sweetwater International, U.S. Rice Producers Association, U.S.-Kasakhstan Business Association, Valmont Irrigations, Inc., World Wide Sires, Ltd., The Wornick Company and National Meat Association.

During the mission, delegates are meeting with agribusiness and government officials, and have the opportunity to form partnerships with local entrepreneurs.

National Meat Association is a non-profit trade association. Since 1946, NMA has represented meat packers and processors, equipment manufacturers and food suppliers who provide services to the meat industry. The association has members throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Australia and Mexico.