



## Binational Committee Overview

### Agribusiness

Through collaborations between individuals, agencies, and organizations, the Agribusiness Committee promotes engagement in the business of supplying, processing, and buying agricultural crops, and livestock products or commodities.

### Summary of Top Action Plans/Priority Projects

**Goal: Timely renewal of the Tomato Suspension Agreement** by the US Department of Commerce, supporting an affordable and thriving economy in both countries.

a) Applying social and political pressure to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

- **Actions Taken:**

- Governor Hobbs has been advocating for the renewal of the TSA since November 2024, writing to then-Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, and was joined by Governor Durazo in this effort.
- On July 11th, the AMC signed a coalition letter to Department of Commerce Secretary, Howard Lutnick, urging him to reconsider. Read it [here](#).
- On July 14th, 2025 Governor Hobbs was joined by affected business leaders and elected officials in denouncing the decision. Read it [here](#).
- As this stands to severely impact Arizona's ports of entry and surrounding communities, as well as the state's economy, find more details about the impact as explained by AMC board member Jaime Chamberlain [here](#).
- Facilitating a webinar bringing together representatives to discuss the wide-ranging impacts of the threat of New World Screwworm and its impact on cattle crossings. More details to follow.

Note: The U.S. Department of Commerce formally withdrew from and terminated the 2019 Tomato Suspension Agreement with Mexico on July 14, 2025, after providing 90 days' notice in April.

**Goal: Facilitating streamlined and enhanced trade of cattle between our two states.**

- a) Requiring **one single/joint inspection** in Arizona for fat cattle being exported to Sonora for processing.
- b) Incentivize **the use of Electronic ID Tags for cattle** imported from Sonora into Arizona, and the use of that information to facilitate interstate commerce between US states as well.
- c) **Reduce/eliminate requirements for importation quarantine** of Arizona breeding stock to Sonora.



**Update: The threat of New World Screwworm Affecting Cattle Crossings:**

- The previously announced USDA port reopening schedule (Douglas, Columbus, Santa Teresa, Del Rio, Laredo) did not happen as planned.
- Nogales also remains closed to cattle crossings, without a new timeline provided.
- The USDA, HHS, CDC, and other federal agencies coordinated response efforts.
- USDA released [a five-part plan](#) in June 2025.
- On August 4th, 2025 the CDC confirmed one [travel-associated human case](#) of NWS in Maryland, traced to travel in El Salvador.
- USDA reaffirmed that there have not been any detections of NWS in U.S. livestock.
- While a few travel-associated cases in the last couple of years, they have remained isolated and have not resulted in livestock transmission. It is emphasized that the U.S. health risk is very low.
- The Arizona Mexico Commission, Department of Agriculture, and Agribusiness Committee, will continue to monitor the situation.