



National Farmers Union (NFU) delegates recently voted to call on the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to remove Argentina from the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Program. This action was taken because Argentina failed to provide fair and adequate compensation following its 2001 default on \$8.7 billion of government bonds held by U.S. citizens and has consistently refused to engage in good faith negotiations regarding such compensation – constituting a violation of Argentina’s GSP requirements as well as seizure of U.S. property. Additionally, Argentina has more acres dedicated to production of agriculture than what the program was designed to support. Delegates also asked USTR to investigate Brazil and India to determine whether the total number of production agriculture in those two countries should disqualify them from the GSP Program.

Unfair trade practices cause a significant economic burden on domestic producers. Therefore, NFU delegates approved the following positions in regards to the GSP program:

- 1) The U.S. Trade Representative investigating countries for revocation of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits from countries that may no longer qualify for programming; and
- 2) Revoking GSP benefits from Argentina