POWERING AHEAD:
FARM POLICY & TRADE IN AGRICULTURE
PRODUCER SENTIMENT
Producer Sentiment

Turning to the general agricultural economy as a whole, do you think that during the next twelve months there will be good times financially, or bad times?

Thinking about large farm investments – like buildings and machinery -- generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or bad time to buy such items?

Source: Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture, Producer Survey, December 2018
Figure 4. Agricultural producers’ expectations for agricultural exports over the next 5 years, May 2017-December 2018.
CURRENT POLICY OUTLOOK

Government Shutdown, Farm Bill, and Policy
Government Shutdown

- Farm Bill
- USDA/FSA Offices → MFP Payments
- Food inspection
- AFBF Convention
- Funding the Wall
Farm Bill - What changes?

- Very similar bill to 2014
- Snap Work Requirements
- Legalized Hemp
- Expanded Farm Subsidies
Policy Affecting Rural America

- WOTUS
- E-15 Year Round
- Leadership Shift in House
- Trade Policy
CURRENT TRADE OUTLOOK
(CP)TPP
USCMA
EU/Great Britain
Japan
Argentina & Brazil (SA)
China (Trade talks)
FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE
- Specialty Crops/Diversification
- What happens in the "I-States"?
- Technology
- Change in ownership
- Urbanization
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