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September 6, 2019

Mr. Bill Scriber Director, Port of Oswego 1 East Second Street Oswego, New York 13126

Dear Bill,

Many thanks to you and your team for helping Perdue AgriBusiness develop our export program from the Port of Oswego. As you are aware, Port of Oswego is the only New York grain exporter operating on the Great Lakes system. New York farmers have greatly benefited from having access to export markets for their agriculture production. This outlet has opened up grain outlets that were previously unavailable.

As you are aware, this export program has been available to us as USDA (GIPSA) has granted us a waiver to export grains via a temporary weighing and grading system. Utilizing this system has enabled us to export soybeans to various St. Lawrence Seaway exporters who utilize vessels that operate within the Great Lakes system. However, this year we shipped soybeans direct from Oswego to Egypt via an ocean going vessel. We feel this type of business can be developed for future shipments.

One issue we're facing is USDA (GIPSA) wants us to install a permanent system to provide U.S. officially approved weights and grades. To date they have kindly assisted us in approving our temporary system. But they are now requesting details of our plans to install a permanent system. They appear unwilling to grant further waivers of our temporary system. Thus, timing is of the essence to get a permanent system approved and built at the Port of Oswego. Your earliest approval and quickest build out will be necessary so that we can continue to provide good market outlets for New York farmers.

Best Regards,

Timothy A. Frump Vice President, Grain Merchandising



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August 6, 2019

Mr. Arthur Neal USDA, AMS Acting Deputy Administrator 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 3601 Washington D.C. 20250

Dear Mr. Neal,

Perdue AgriBusiness exports grain through the Port of Oswego, which is a New York state operated facility located on Lake Ontario.

Perdue AgriBusiness has requested, and been granted, USDA/GIPSA waivers of the regulations stipulated in 7 CFR 800.83(a)(1). The most recent waiver covered the period of time September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019 covering 58,000 metric tons of soybeans.

Your approval letters request that we annually submit a renewal request for this waiver. Accordingly, we are requesting a waiver be granted for September 1, 2019 thru August 31, 2020. The most recent waiver was for 50,000 metric tons, which was extended to cover 58,000 metric tons. We request a 75,000 metric ton waiver commencing September 1, 2019.

We are proud to provide export markets to New York farmers that didn't previously exist. This year we exported soybeans to Egypt via an ocean-going vessel, which is a first for the Port of Oswego. The current waiver allowed the Port of Oswego to export about seventeen percent of New York soybean production. We feel there are opportunities to expand our Oswego export programs and ask for your support in building these programs.

The Port of Oswego has been given an appropriation to build a permanent export facility. Enclosed please find building plans that would include permanent weighing and grading mechanisms. All going as planned the Port of Oswego will get these plans approved and commence building within calendar year 2020.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via phone at 410-341-2635 or via email tim.frump@perdue.com

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Frump Vice President, Grain Merchandising

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