

South Korean Ambassador visits North Carolina to promote Trade Agreement



April 27, 2010 – South Korean Ambassador to the United States, Han, Duk-soo visited North Carolina in late April to promote the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. During his visit, the Ambassador visited local farms, met with business leaders, and attended a meeting sponsored by the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce where he met with agricultural and business leaders from across the state. Robert Ford, Executive Director for the North Carolina Poultry Federation, attended the NC Chamber Meeting and had the opportunity to meet Ambassador Han and learn about the agricultural benefits the U.S.-Korea Trade Agreement (KORUS) would provide. South Korea is the fifth largest market for U.S. agriculture, importing nearly \$5 billion worth of products last year. The Korus agreement would eliminate duties on almost two-thirds of agricultural exports to Korea and give U.S. exporters improved access to the Korean market.

For more information about the KORUS and its impact on North Carolina agriculture, click here:

http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/Korea/NC_KORUS_03-11.pdf

<http://trade.gov/fta/korea/north-carolina.pdf>