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CSCC MRL Harmonization Workshop

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Top Markets for U.S. Tree Nuts



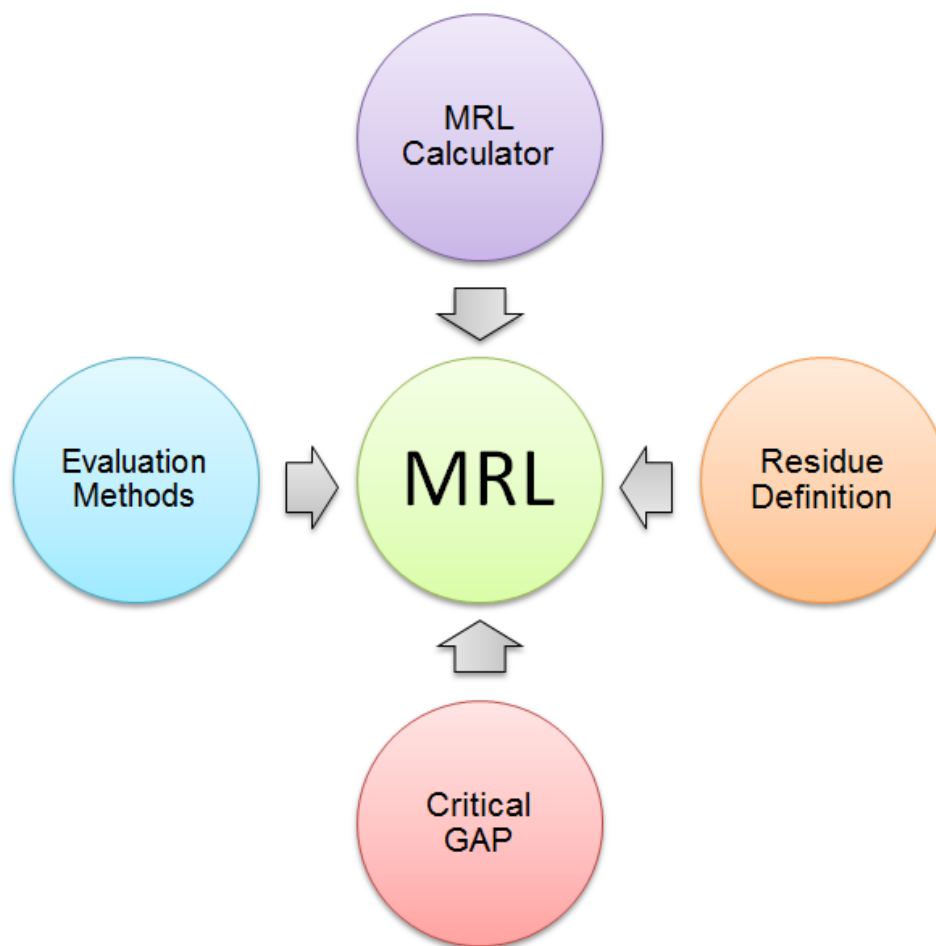
- EU (Over \$2 billion)
- Hong Kong (\$1 billion)
- Canada (\$600 million)
- India (\$600 million)
- Japan (\$430 million)

Top Markets for U.S. Fruits and Vegetables

- Canada
- Mexico
- South Korea
- Japan
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- China



“Disharmonized” MRLs



“Missing” MRLs



Asynchronous approvals
for new compounds

Reevaluation of old
compounds

Major MRL regime
changes

Themes and Challenges

- Disharmonized or missing MRLs
- Hazard based assessments
- Lack of understanding risk
- Public concern affecting policies
- Lack of import tolerance policies



FAS Bilateral Engagement

- Comments to WTO Notifications
- Technical Exchanges
- WTO SPS Committee Meeting
- TBT Committee Meetings
- Trade Policy Meetings, TIFA, CLA, FTAs
- Others



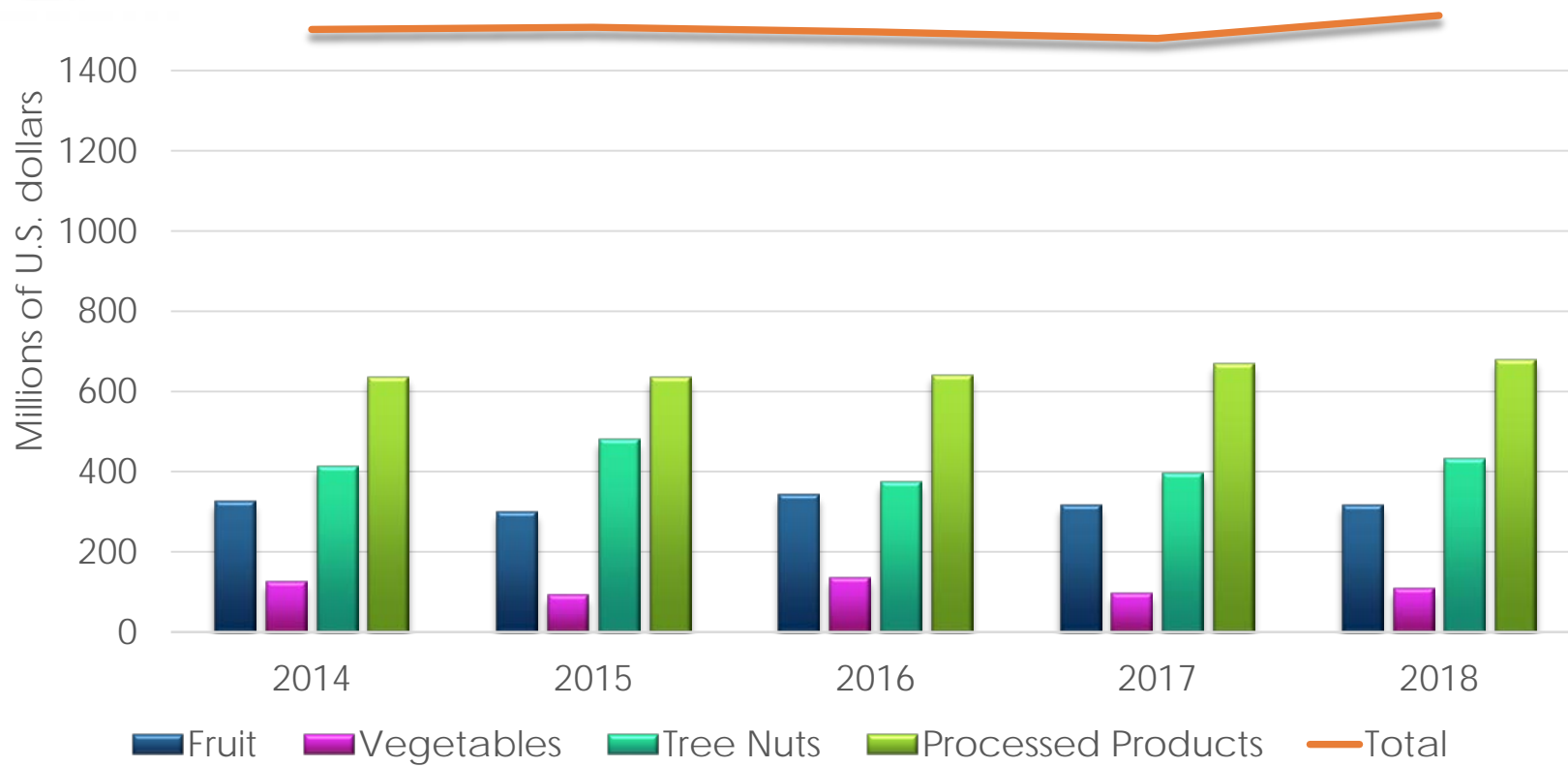


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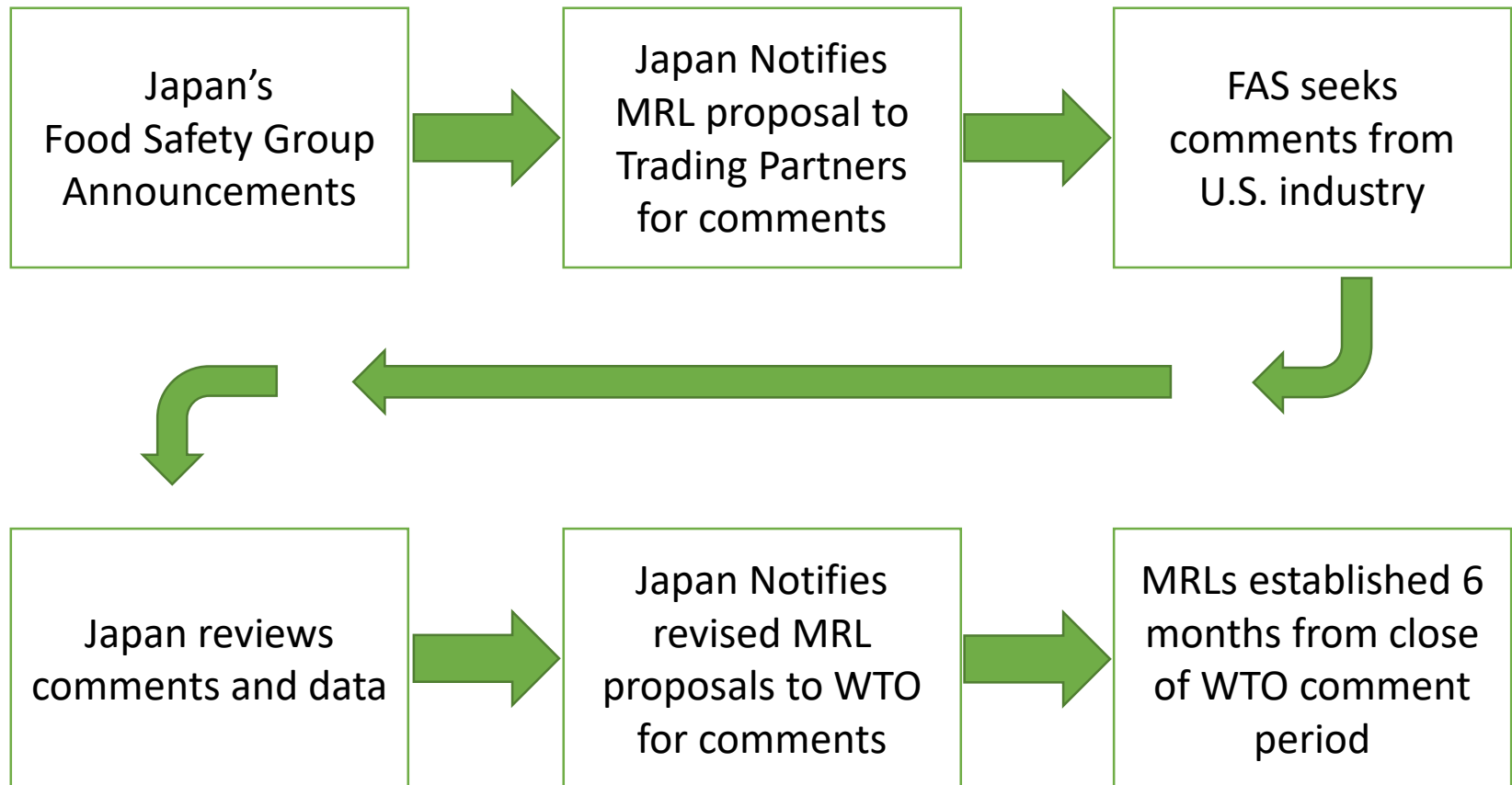




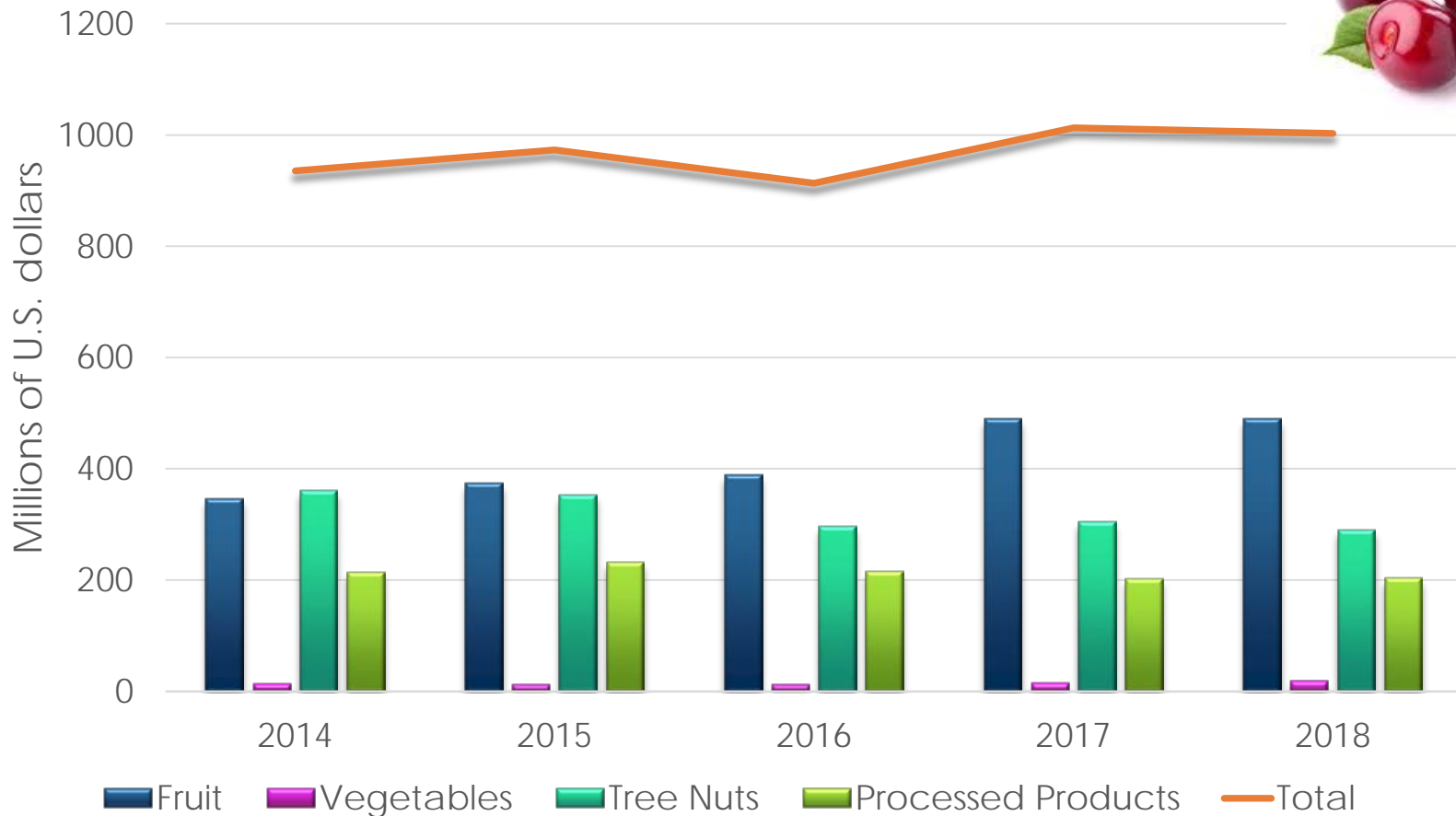
U.S. Horticultural Exports to Japan



Japan's MRL Setting Process



U.S. Horticultural Exports to Korea



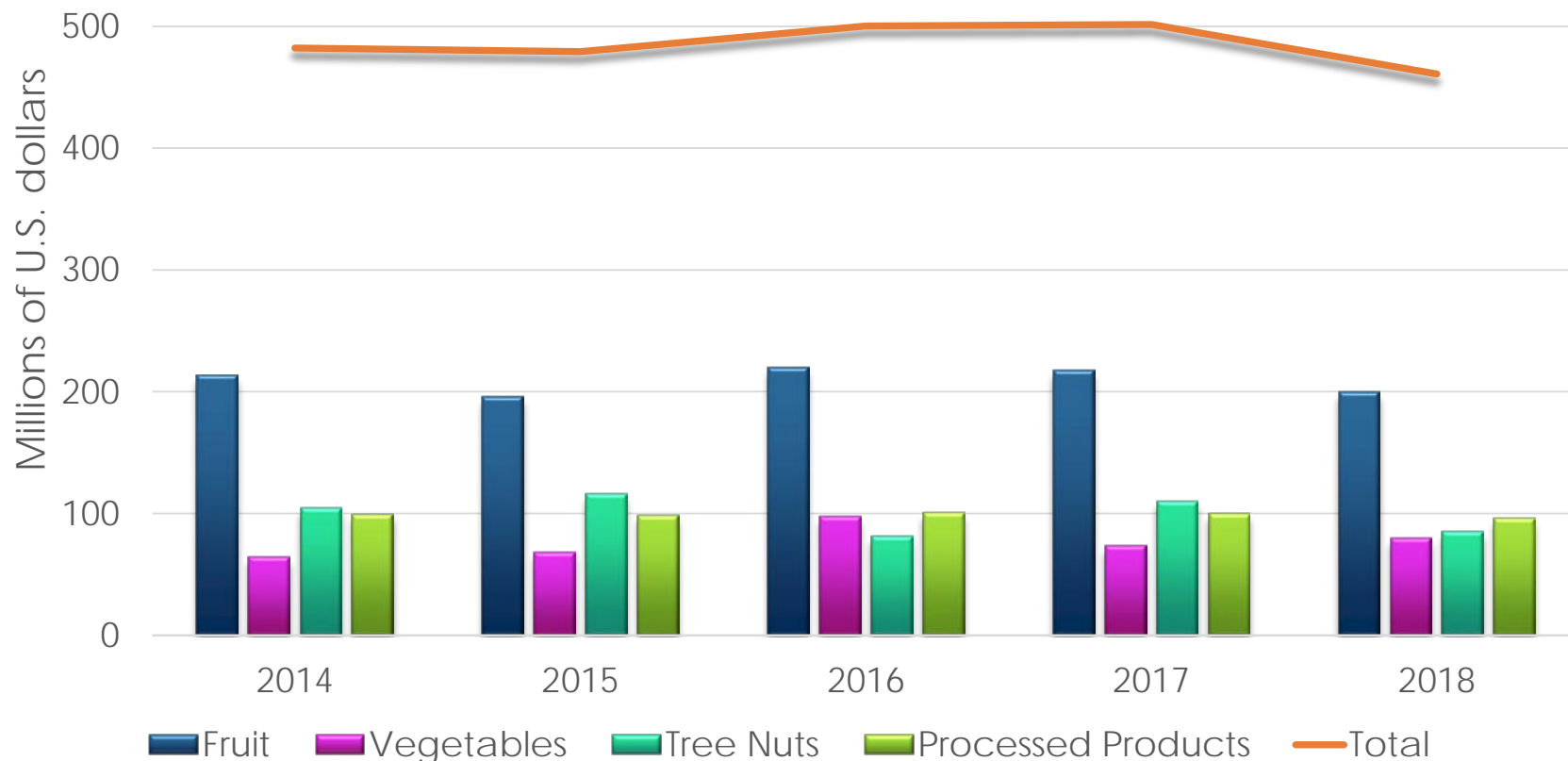
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U.S. Engagement with Korea leads to Positive Outcomes

- Positive List System Transition
- KORUS SPS Committee Meetings
- Exchange of Letters with Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
- WTO Notification Comment Process



U.S. Horticultural Exports to Taiwan



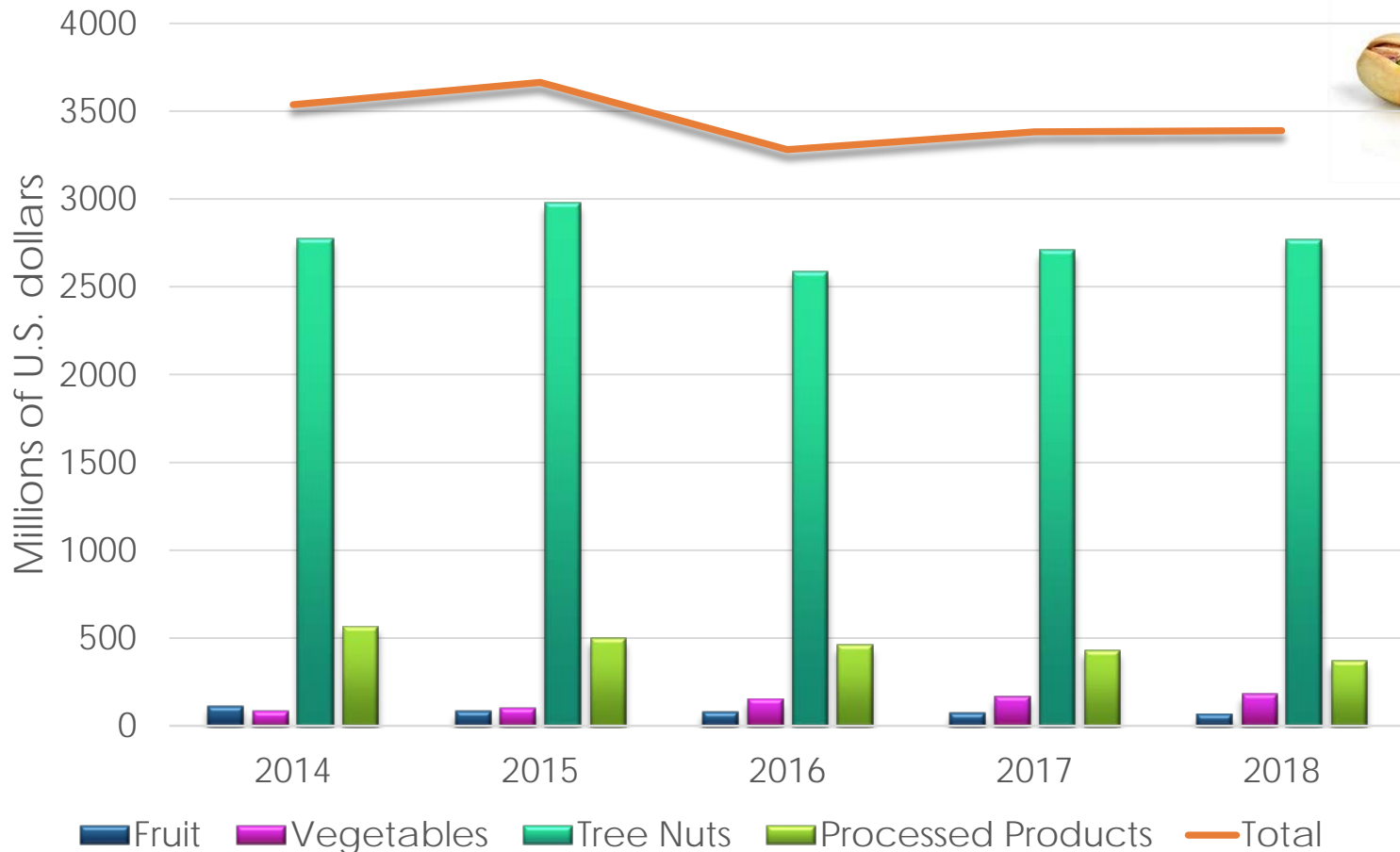
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U.S. Engagement with Taiwan leads to Positive Outcomes

- Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) and associated meetings
- Formal Letters to Ministry of Health and Welfare, Taiwan Food and Drug Administration, and Council of Agriculture
- WTO Notification Comment Process
- APEC Collaboration



U.S. Horticultural Exports to the EU



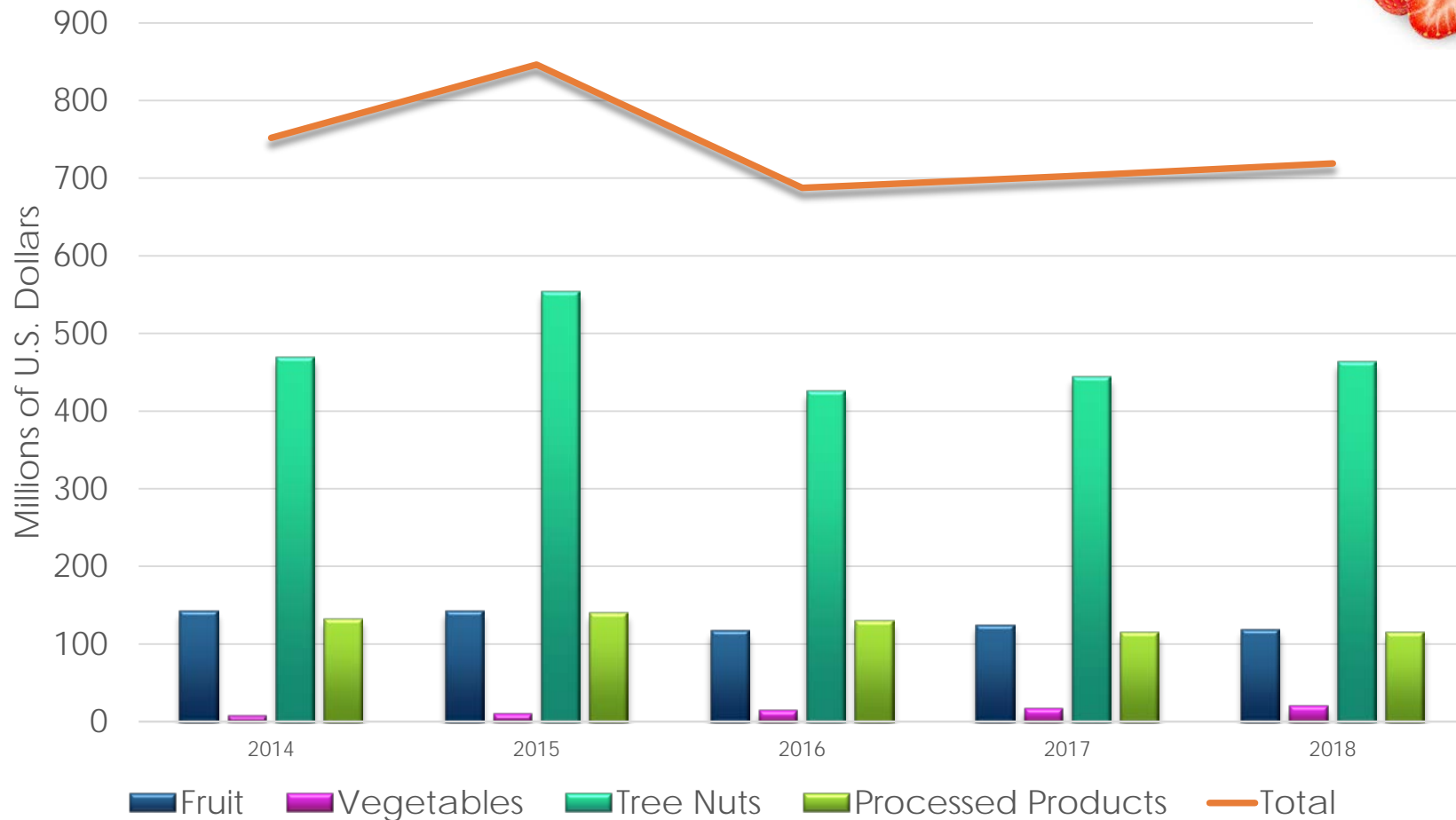
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EU Challenges

- Hazard based approval system
- Data gaps
- Association between substance approvals and MRL establishment
- Transition periods
- Unclear process for import tolerance requests



U.S. Horticultural Exports to GCC Countries



GCC countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen)

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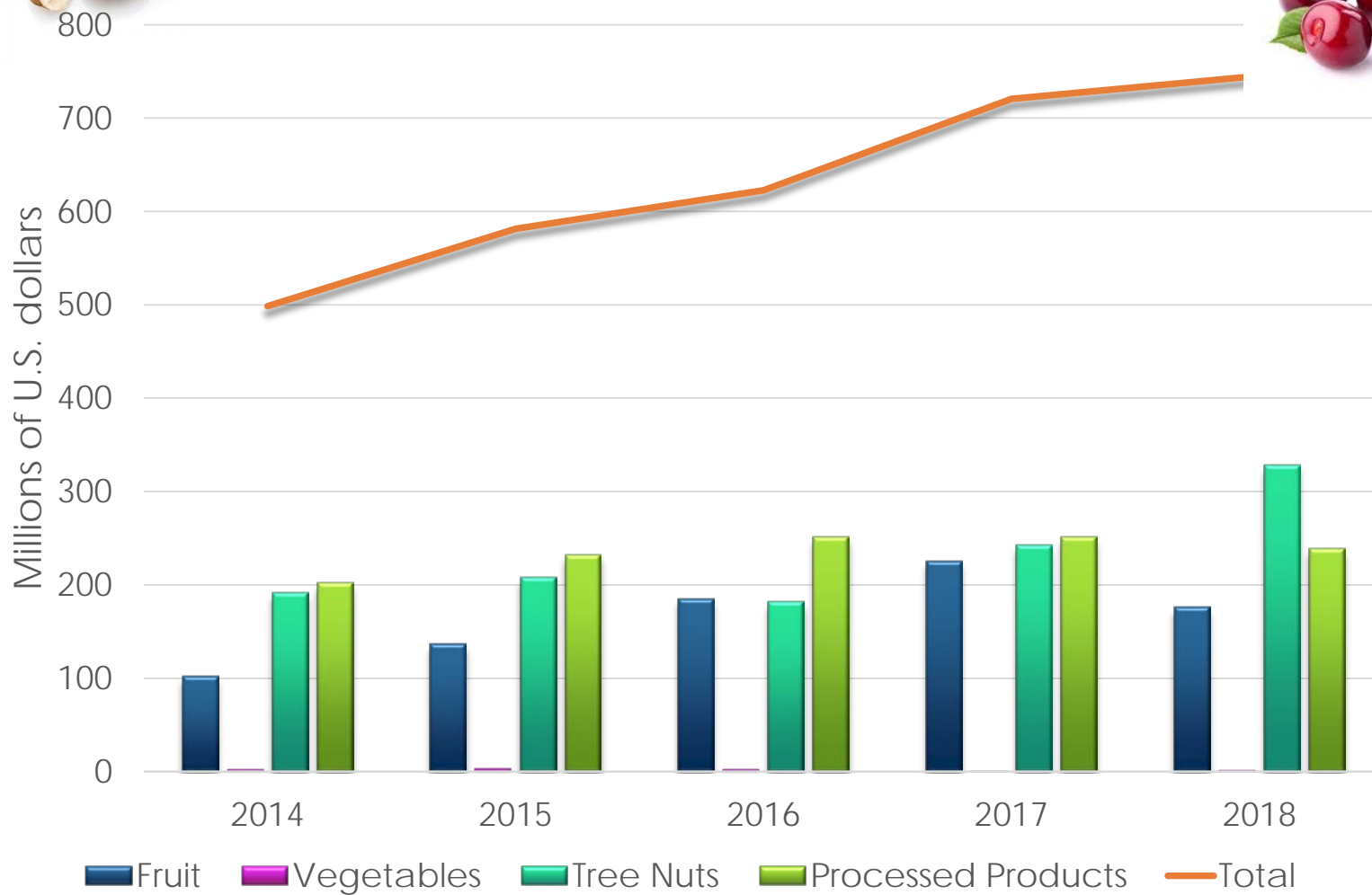
Challenges with Saudi Arabia and GCC Countries

- Harmonization with the EU
- Lack of import tolerances
- Other GCC countries harmonizing to Codex





U.S. Horticultural Exports to China





U.S. Engagement with China

- Coordination with U.S. EPA and ICAMA
- Import tolerances
- Scientific Cooperative Exchange Program

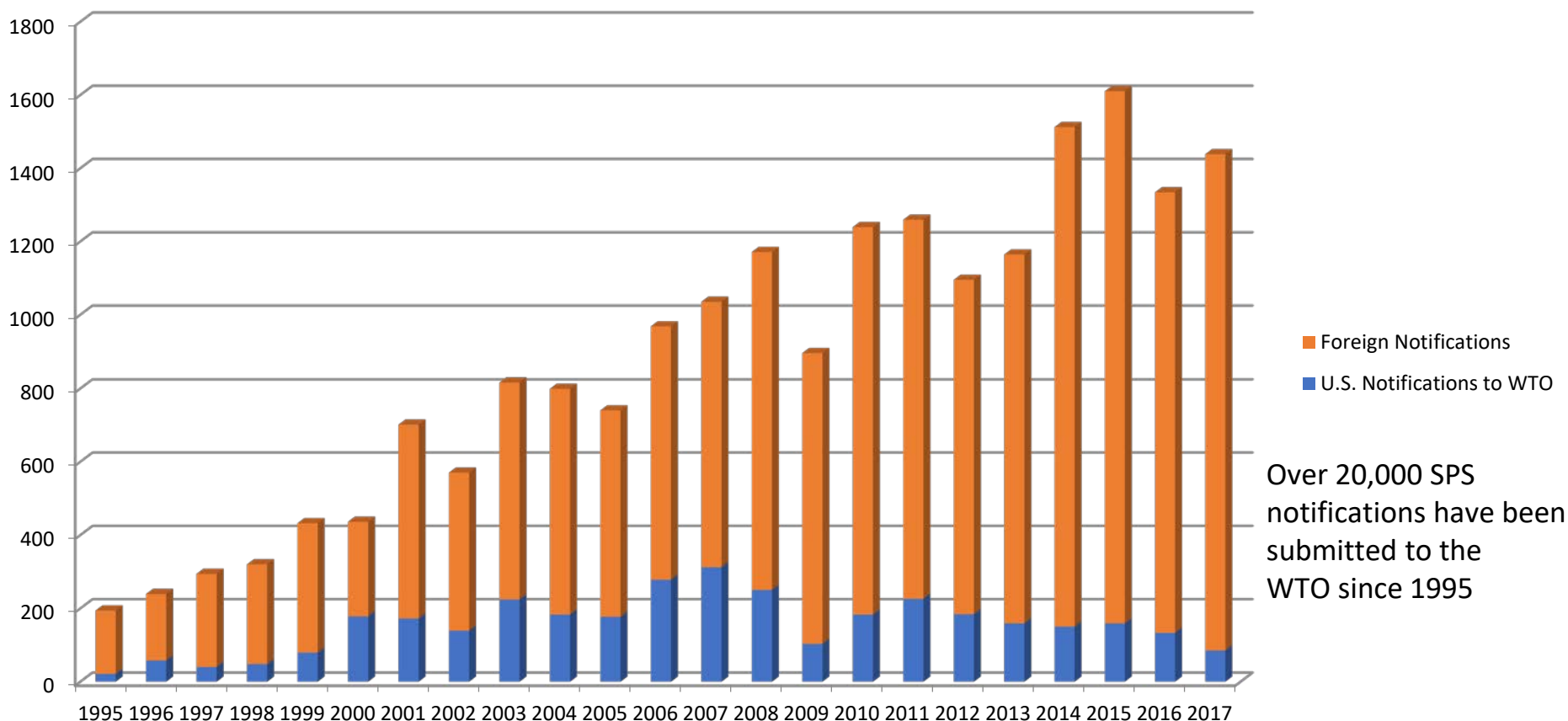


FAS Engagement on Glyphosate

- Vietnam
- Outreach to FAS posts
- Letters to countries considering taking action
- Technical Exchange
- Interagency coordination
- Multilateral coordination



Growth in Notified SPS Measures Assists U.S. Exporters and Reduces Trade Disruption





WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION Notification Comment Process

- FAS collects feedback from U.S. agricultural industry groups
- FAS coordinates U.S. government responses to WTO notifications
- Assessment by interagency partners is included
- Email us to get on the mailing list:
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Databases



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Information on U.S. export sales, by commodity and country of destination, updated weekly.



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GATS

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Current and historical data on international trade in agricultural, fish, forest and textile products.



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Production, Supply
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Data on production, supply and distribution of agricultural commodities for the U.S. and key producing and consuming countries.

Featured Reports

Quarterly Agricultural Export Forecast

February 21, 2019 - FAS provides summaries of the latest USDA quarterly forecasts for U.S. trade in

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Commodities

☐ Apple☐ Apricot☐ Asparagus☐ Bean, field (dry)☐ Blackberry

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Active Ingredients

☐ 1,3-Dichloropropene☐ 1-Naphthaleneacetamide☐ 1-Naphthaleneacetic acid☐ 2, 6-DiisopropylNaphthalene (2, 6-DIPN)☐ 2,4-D

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Pesticide Data Program

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The Pesticide Data Program (PDP) is a national pesticide residue monitoring program and produces the most comprehensive pesticide residue database in the U.S. The Monitoring Programs Division administers PDP activities, including the sampling, testing, and reporting of pesticide residues on agricultural commodities in the U.S. food supply, with an emphasis on those commodities highly consumed by infants and children. The program is implemented through cooperation with State agriculture departments and other Federal agencies. PDP data:

- Enable the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess dietary exposure.
- Facilitate the global marketing of U.S. agricultural products.
- Provide guidance for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other governmental agencies to make informed decisions.

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News & Announcements

- 04/24 [USDA Now Accepting Applications of Seed-Propagated Hemp for Plant Variety Protection](#)
- 12/17 [USDA Releases 2017 Annual Pesticide Data Program Summary, U.S. Food Supply is Among the Safest in the World](#)
- 05/16 [USDA Announces Plant Variety Protection Board Appointments](#)

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Market Access Program (MAP)

- Helps finance activities to market and promote U.S. agricultural commodities worldwide

Emerging Markets Program (EMP)

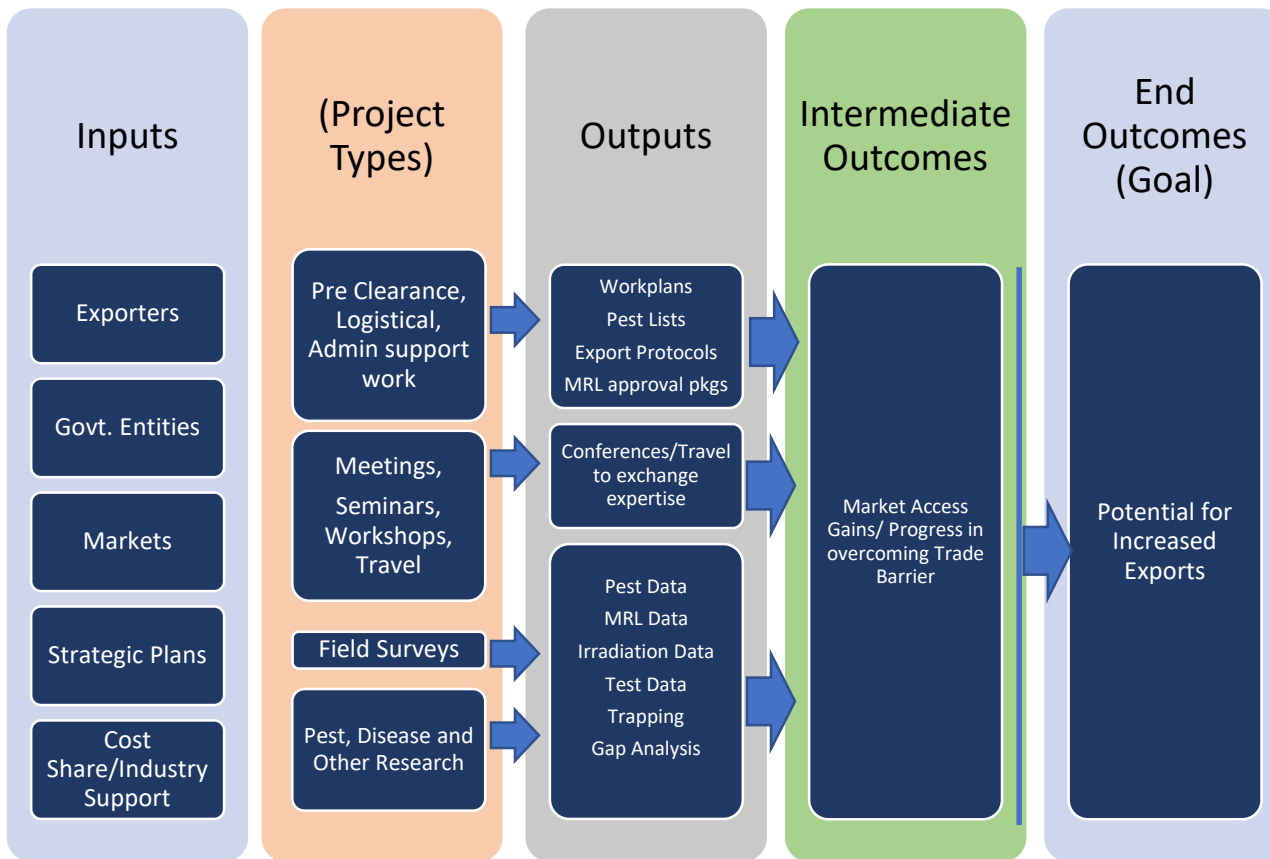
- Provides funding for technical assistance activities to promote exports of U.S. agricultural commodities to emerging markets worldwide

Foreign Market Development Program (FMD)

- Provides cooperator organizations with cost-share funding for activities that build international demand for U.S. agricultural commodities



Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops (TASC) Logic Model



Assumptions – Projects will address a phytosanitary or technical trade barrier

Factors (outside of our control) - Internal: Statute, Appropriation, Apportionment, Sequester, Title 31 USC (“Purpose Availability Rule”), Regulations, OGC Guidance, Federal Grant Law, Antideficiency Act Restrictions
External: Foreign Government Actions, Competition, Climate, Shipping



2018 TASC Grants Addressing MRLs

- Addressing the EU MRL Challenge through Early Alert Notification
- Maintaining Market Access for California Citrus Exports to Australia and South Korea
- Efforts to Address Non-tariff Barriers to Entry of U.S. Potatoes and Potato Product exports to Taiwan
- Development and Utilization of Sufficient Residue Data to Satisfy International Standards
- Research to Reduce Pesticide Residues to Comply with MRLs in Taiwan
- Generating Additional Quinclorac Data to Obtain a Critical Cranberry Import Tolerance in the EU

FAS Capacity Building

- Regional alignment of pesticide regulations and MRLs:
 - East African Community
 - West African blocks
 - ASEAN member countries
 - Central America
- Goals:
 - Mutual recognition of data
 - Common Dossiers
 - Adoption of crop groupings
 - IR-4 data generation
 - MRL adoption and import tolerance practices



FAS Capacity Building

- Joint data generation with IR-4 to establish Codex MRLs
 - Completed first round of MRL projects that included 20 countries around the world
 - Working on a variety of tropical fruits and spinetoram, pyriproxyfen, sulfoxaflor, azoxystrobin and difenoconazole



FAS Capacity Building

- Support of JMPR
 - Collaboration with Canada and FAO on additional expert training
 - Holding extraordinary session of JMPR
 - Ongoing discussions with FAO to support additional trainings and sessions





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