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**A REPORT FOR  
THE CALIFORNIA  
CHERRY BOARD**

## SPECIFIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**Australia Publishes Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Risk Analysis**

- The Australian Department of Agriculture [published](#) its [risk analysis](#) of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB), a common pest that affects cherries. The report does not recommend any changes to Australian import requirements.
- BMSB has not yet entered Australia. The risk analysis suggests that risk is highest in September-May, due to the pest's lifecycle.
- With a May-June season, California cherries are exported to Australia during both the high-risk period (May) and the relatively low-risk period (June).

## GENERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE CCB:

**U.S. and China Reach Limited Trade Deal in Principle**

- According to the [U.S. Trade Representative](#), the U.S. and China have reached agreement on a "Phase One" trade deal, although the text of the agreement has not yet been made public.
- The U.S. will not levy tariffs that were planned for December 15. It will also cut the tariffs imposed on Chinese goods on September 1 in List 4A from 15% to 7.5%. However, the U.S. will maintain the 25% tariffs on Chinese goods that were included in Lists 1-3.
- Chinese officials announced that China would significantly increase its purchases of U.S. agricultural goods and suspend the tariff increases that were scheduled for December 15. Products that avoided an additional tariff include:
- U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said the agreement is expected to be signed in January 2020.

**Argentine Cherry Production Expected to Decrease**

- Fruit industry media and local media have reported that late frosts in Mendoza, Argentina, have damaged the cherry crop.
- One local media report estimated a 63% drop in cherry production. As Mendoza produces approximately half of all Argentine cherries, this represents a 31% decrease in total Argentine cherry production.
- Argentina typically exports \$15 million-\$20 million in cherries per year. Its largest markets are the U.S., Hong Kong, and the UK, and it recently acquired Chinese market access.