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### Nectarines to China a win for Australian growers

The joint signing of protocols to allow Australian nectarines to be exported to China and Chinese nectarines to have access to Australia has been named a win for growers by the National Farmers' Federation (NFF).

The signing follows thirteen years of consistent work from industry and is a mark of what can be achieved when collaborative work is undertaken with government to improve access in priority markets.

NFF Chief Executive Officer, Tony Mahar, said the opportunities that will be generated by these agreements will allow farmers to invest in new technology and create commercially viable export opportunities for Australian nectarine producers.

"Nectarine growers who have received extremely low prices over the past two seasons are likely to see vastly improved rates for their produce this coming season." Mr Mahar said.

"China is now Australia's largest agricultural export market, with total exports in 2015 worth approximately \$10.9 billion, so it is good news to see nectarine producers can now be part of this market growth.

"Further, the implementation of the China-Australian Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) means that from 1 January next year Australian nectarines will have a tariff of only four per cent imposed on them in China, down from 10 per cent.

"Further tariff reductions will follow in 2018, with all tariffs on Australian nectarines to be eliminated from 1 January 2019.

“Chairman of Summer Fruits Australia (SAL), a grower from the Stanthorpe region of Queensland, and SAL Chief Executive Officer, John Moore, should be congratulated on the efforts they and other others have invested over a number of years to achieve this very positive outcome.”

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