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18 Countries Converge on Arizona for Agriculture

(Phoenix) --Agriculture leaders from 18 countries from around the world will converge on Arizona in the next couple of weeks to see firsthand why agriculture is worth \$6.6 billion to the Grand Canyon state. Speaking of the Grand Canyon, the group will get to take a tour through its majestic beauty as well as visit the following sites throughout the week.

- Northern Arizona University's School of Forestry
- Prairie Sun Farm
- Green Valley Pecans
- Dos Cabezas Winery
- Santa Fe Chile and Spice Company
- Farias Dairy
- Eurofresh
- Numerous other locations

Tuesday, September 27th, the attaches will be spending the day at the Arizona Department of Agriculture to meet with representatives from the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona Farm Bureau, Arizona Cotton Growers, Arizona Cattleman's Association and the Western Grower's Association.

What: United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service is bringing 19 foreign agricultural attaches to Phoenix for agricultural tours.

When: September 25 - October 1

Who: These attaches are typically the point person for their country's agricultural policy and live and work in their country's embassy in our nation's capitol. Countries represented include:

• Canada	• Germany
• Egypt	• India
• EU Commission	• Indonesia
• Finland	• Japan

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switzerland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesotho
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovakia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithuania 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Netherlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swaziland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland

Where: Throughout Arizona, with planned stops in Flagstaff, Chino Valley, Phoenix, Green Valley, Nogales, Tombstone, Willcox and Tucson. [See attached schedule for more information.](#)

Why: This is an annual event organized by the Foreign Agriculture Service: Each year they choose a different region of the U.S. in order to educate themselves about U.S. agriculture and agricultural policy. This year, they voted to visit Arizona!

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