Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4008
(Senators Dwyer, Luick)
(Representative D. Johnson)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to use official government estimates when reporting world grain supplies.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture reports monthly world agriculture supply and demand estimates; and

WHEREAS, other countries from around the world also have official government reporting estimates of world grain supplies; and

WHEREAS, examples of other official government reporting estimates include the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, the Brazilian National Supply Company, Statistics Canada, the European Union Grains Commission, and the Argentina Agricultural Ministry; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, based on the United States Department of Agriculture's supply estimates of Chinese wheat stocks, which were estimated as 53 percent of world wheat stocks, a line item was placed in the United States Department of Agriculture World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report in the May 2018 crop estimate, eliminating China from the balance sheet, allowing for a more accurate assessment of world wheat trade as China is primarily an importer of grain; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, China customs reported corn stocks 148.99 million metric tons above the United States Department of Agriculture's October Chinese corn stock estimate report, which increased the world corn supply by 93 percent from 159.35 million metric tons to 307.51 million metric tons in the November report; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture does not use the official grain estimates of other countries, and uses estimates higher than the estimates of private and governmental entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of Agriculture to use official government estimates when reporting world grain supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this 2nd day of April, 2019,

at 10:19 o'clock A. M.

Secretary of State