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Blue Diamond Growers Applauds Biden's Nominee for USTR Chief Agriculture Negotiator

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Blue Diamond Growers, the world's leading almond marketer and processor, applauds the nomination of Elaine Trevino for United States Trade Representative Chief Agriculture Negotiator. This welcomed announcement marks a wonderful appointment for U.S. trade policy and American agriculture.

The knowledge and experience Trevino acquired as Deputy Secretary at the California Department of Food and Agriculture across two administrations brought skilled advocacy to the almond industry when she took the role as President of the Almond Alliance of California. Under Trevino, the Almond Alliance leveraged its industry's economic value, commitment to stewardship and its 7,600 family growers to promote and protect almond farming in California. Her efforts brought needed attention to almonds and in turn all specialty crops garnering these farmers direct payment assistance from USDA for the first time when retaliatory tariffs were crippling their operations.

"Elaine's focused leadership provided remarkable support and recognition for California almond growers throughout her tenure at the Almond Alliance. Her skilled advocacy and expertise also benefited all California specialty crops producing 2/3 of the nation's fresh fruit and vegetables. Elaine's discipline, patience, and resilience to focus efforts to find creative solutions will serve American agriculture and American trade policy well. On behalf of our 3,000 grower-owners, I thank President Biden and his Administration for this nomination and urge the Senate to confirm." Mark Jansen, CEO

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About Blue Diamond

Blue Diamond Growers, a grower-owned cooperative representing over 3,000 of California's almond growers, is the world's leading almond marketer and processor. Established in 1910, it created the California almond industry and opened world markets for almonds. Blue Diamond is dedicated to delivering the benefits of almonds around the world and does so by providing high-quality almonds, almond ingredients and branded products. Headquartered in Sacramento, the company employs more than 1,800 people throughout its processing plants, receiving stations and gift shops. To learn more about Blue Diamond Growers, visit www.bluediamond.com and follow the company on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).