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**NOPA WELCOMES RELEASE OF TEXT OF TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., November 5, 2015**—The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) welcomes the public release of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) text. “We are now in the process of reviewing the specific details of this landmark trade agreement. We expect to be able to verify first-hand the significant benefits of this Agreement. Once we have completed our internal review and have confirmed our understanding of the finalized Agreement, NOPA looks forward to working with Congress and the Administration to achieve the prompt passage of this historic Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.” said Tom Hammer, NOPA President.

Enactment of this landmark 21<sup>st</sup>-century agreement will unite an economically diverse and dynamic group of countries, including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam in a manner that will provide exciting new market access opportunities and updated trade rules for U.S. farmers and ranchers, processors, and exporters.

NOPA thanks Ambassador Froman and the entire U.S. interagency negotiating team for their tireless efforts and leadership in bringing the TPP negotiations to a successful conclusion.

Established in 1930, NOPA’s mission is to assist the U.S. soybean, canola, flaxseed, sunflower seed and safflower seed processing industries to be the most competitive and efficient in the world by utilizing the combined expertise, knowledge and resources of its members to foster market- and science-based policies. NOPA represents 12 member companies who process over 1.8 billion bushels of oilseeds annually at 62 plants in 19 states.

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