

# FERTILIZER TARIFFS ARE HURTING AMERICAN FARMERS

## Tariffs are Squeezing the Life Out of American Farms

American farmers rely on access to affordable phosphate fertilizers to maintain soil fertility and produce healthy crops. However, current demand for these much-needed fertilizers greatly outstrips domestic supply. As a result, U.S. farmers are paying vastly higher prices for these fertilizers along with other inputs that make it extremely challenging for farms of all sizes to survive.

While imports could fill this supply gap, tariffs blocking key phosphate-producing countries from accessing the U.S. market have left American farmers struggling with rising fertilizer costs. In particular, Morocco – one of the largest global producers and a long-time ally and trade partner of the U.S. – had served as a reliable source of supply until these tariffs were imposed.

A broad coalition of grower associations—national, state, and local—along with bipartisan elected officials, have repeatedly called for an end to these unnecessary tariffs on Moroccan phosphate fertilizer to provide relief to U.S. farmers.

For more information and to hear directly from farmers and associations nationwide, visit

[www.StandWithUSFarmers.com](http://www.StandWithUSFarmers.com)

"When imports are subjected to antidumping and/or countervailing duties, the resulting duty contributes to higher prices that is ultimately paid by farmers. The current forecast for 2025 shows fertilizer alone accounting for 36 percent of a corn farmer's operating cost."

– **National Corn Growers Association,**  
**August, 2025**

"Today's cost ratio of phosphate to corn prices is the worst ratio in history."

– **Senator Chuck Grassley |**  
**Brownfield Ag News, July, 2025**

"The squeeze on farmers from high fertilizer prices and low grain prices means they must produce more and more corn just to pay their fertilizer costs."

– **Josh Linville, StoneX |**  
**North Dakota Monitor, July,**  
**2025**

"The cost of everything farmers use to produce their goods — machinery, fertilizer, herbicides, feed — has been rising, squeezing profitability. That will only pick up speed."

– **The New York Times,**  
**August, 2025**

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**U.S. FARMERS ARE LOSING GROUND TO GLOBAL COMPETITORS**

"Overall, current fertilizer prices are accounting for 40% of farmers' cost of production. Phosphate price trends are leading the pack compared to nitrogen and potash...the critical role phosphate plays in crop production is putting its high price at the top of lists of concerns."

– **AgWeb, August, 2025**

"This time of year is typically when we see the lowest fertilizer prices. That's just not what's happening this year because of a number of different policy and geopolitical issues that are happening both in the US and other parts of the world that are impacting fertilizer markets."

– **Veronica Nigh, senior economist, The Fertilizer Institute | Brownfield Ag News, July, 2025**

"For phosphate, nearly all offshore suppliers issued a tariff in early April chose to deter product from US shores, causing severe supply tightness in the domestic market. Major DAP and MAP global producers have chosen to send product elsewhere and see the tariff uncertainty as too sensitive to tangle with."

– **World Fertilizer Magazine, August, 2025**

"Crop prices and commodity prices are significantly lower, and fertilizer and equipment prices are higher, so we're seeing a bit of a struggle right now in the farm economy."

– **Abygail Streff, economist and policy analyst, Nebraska Farm Bureau | Nebraska Examiner, July, 2025**

"Nationwide, 259 farms filed for bankruptcy in the first quarter alone, surpassing any full year since 2021. Smaller farms felt the hardest impact, with rising input costs and declining market prices."

– **Farms.com, July, 2025**

"Farm sector debt is expected to reach a record \$561.8 billion in 2025, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, up 3.7 percent from 2024."

– **Newsweek, August, 2025**

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