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Impacts of Trade Policy turmoil for California agriculture
Daniel A. Sumner, PhD

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Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, AGR Room – UC Davis
11:30 am – 12 noon – Casual networking and social time
12 to 1 p.m. Program
1:15 p.m. Event Concludes

Daniel A. Sumner, the Frank H. Buck, Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Director of the UC Agricultural Issues Center will provide an overview of the political and economic impacts of the current administration’s imposed tariffs. Sumner teaches an innovative course on the Economics of Agricultural Sustainability and directs an extensive outreach and applied research program on public issues related to agriculture. He has served as Chair of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium, a consultant for farm organizations, government agencies and companies. In 1998 he was named a fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association for his career achievements.

A professor at North Carolina State University, Dr. Sumner spent much of the period after 1986 on leave for government service in Washington, DC, where he served on the President’s Council of Economic Advisers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Upon moving to California in early 1993, Sumner was the Assistant Secretary for Economics at the USDA.

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