Overview

- Washington Climate
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Washington Climate

- Shutdown-itis
- Regulatory constraint
- Large number of political positions vacant

Trade

- NAFTA Renegotiation
- WTO
  - Ministerial
  - Enforcement
- Trade Promotion Authority Expiration
- Other Agreements
**Tax Reform**
- Lowers corporate and individual tax rates (C-21%/I-37%)
- 20% deduction on pass-through business income
- 100% expensing of Capital purchases for assets with less than 15 year depreciation life
- Section 199 snafu
- Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act

**Farm Bill**
- House will begin consideration in early 2018
- Still time to enact timely reauthorization – current farm bill generally expires in September 2018.
- Senate expected to act after House

**CAWG Priorities:**
- Immigration – AG Act
- Maintain Crop Insurance
- Ag Research – SCRI, Mechanization
- Specialty Crop Block Grants
- Plant Pest and Disease Programs
- Market Access Program funding
- Others – Conservation, Organics, Research and Extension

**Budget/Appropriations**
- House and Senate close to budget deal
  - Expires February 8
  - Increased discretionary spending $72/$45
  - More $$ for Ag
- Disaster Relief – help for CA, FL, TX for wildfires, mudslide, crops, etc.
- $81 billion – $576m for fire, $2.6b for crops, etc.
Immigration and Labor

- Short term play for Ag is DACA fix
- Ag attempting to get revised Goodlatte Ag Act included in DACA fix
- Conservatives want E-Verify but won’t happen without ag immigration fix
- Deal - $2.7 billion for wall, DACA fix after 10 years, end to chain migration