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1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture to use official  
2 government estimates when reporting world grain supplies.

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture reports monthly world agriculture  
4 supply and demand estimates; and

5 **WHEREAS**, other countries from around the world also have official government reporting  
6 estimates of world grain supplies; and

7 **WHEREAS**, examples of other official government reporting estimates include the  
8 Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, the Brazilian National Supply  
9 Company, Statistics Canada, the European Union Grains Commission, and the Argentina  
10 Agricultural Ministry; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in February 2018, based on the United States Department of Agriculture's  
12 supply estimates of Chinese wheat stocks, which were estimated as 53 percent of world wheat  
13 stocks, a line item was placed in the United States Department of Agriculture World Agricultural  
14 Supply and Demand Estimates report in the May 2018 crop estimate, eliminating China from  
15 the balance sheet, allowing for a more accurate assessment of world wheat trade as China is  
16 primarily an importer of grain; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in November 2018, China customs reported corn stocks 148.99 million metric  
18 tons above the United States Department of Agriculture's October Chinese corn stock estimate  
19 report, which increased the world corn supply by 93 percent from 159.35 million metric tons to  
20 307.51 million metric tons in the November report; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture does not use the official grain  
22 estimates of other countries, and uses estimates higher than the estimates of private and  
23 governmental entities;

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
25 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly

1       That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Department of  
2       Agriculture to use official government estimates when reporting world grain supplies; and  
3       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
4       to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and each member of the North Dakota  
5       Congressional Delegation.