

**Subject:** Farmers work to open door to trade with Cuba

**Story Summary:** The American Farm Bureau Federation cosponsored a National Summit on Cuba in Washington, DC to draw attention to the many reasons for lifting the 43 year old embargo of Cuba.

**TRT:** 1:59

**Suggested Lead:** Hypocritical, inconsistent, pointless – those words were used to describe the U.S. embargo of Cuba at a summit held in Washington. As Johnna Miller reports, some of those calling for the end of the 43 year of trade embargo may surprise you.

**Suggested Supers:**

- Havana, Cuba  
@ :02
- Bob Stallman  
American Farm Bureau President  
@ :13
- Washington, DC  
@ :33
- U.S. Rep. Jeff Flake  
(R-Arizona) House Cuba Working Group  
@ :49
- Luis Mosquero  
Cuban-American  
@ 1:08
- Johnna Miller  
Reporting  
@ 1:23

**Anchor Tag:** If time in this session allows, several members of Congress plan to introduce more legislation to ease restrictions on trade of food and medicine with Cuba.

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**Johnna Miller Reporting**  
**September 19, 2002**

<p>Old cars driving in Cuba</p> <p><b>Havana, Cuba</b></p> <p>shots of Cuban city</p>	<p>VO/ CLASSIC CARS FROM THE PAST FILL THE STREETS OF CUBA (NAT), BUT U.S. FARMERS BELIEVE THIS ISLAND NATION OFFERS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR THEIR FUTURE. BUT FIRST THEY MUST OVERCOME A MAJOR ROADBLOCK – THE 43 YEAR OLD TRADE EMBARGO.</p>
<p><b>Bob Stallman,</b> <b>American Farm Bureau Federation</b> <b>President</b></p>	<p>SOT/ CUBA NOW IMPORTS RICE FROM ASIA INSTEAD OF ARKANSAS; DAIRY PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA INSTEAD OF VERMONT. JOINT VENTURES OF ALL COMMERCIAL VARIETIES EXIST WITH INVESTMENT COMING FROM ISRAEL, MEXICO, EUROPE, CANADA AND OTHERS. ONLY MONEY AND PEOPLE FROM THE U.S. ARE MISSING.</p>

<p><b>Washington, DC</b></p> <p>Shots of summit</p>	<p>VO/  THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU RECENTLY COSPONSORED A NATIONAL SUMMIT ON CUBA. A DIVERSE GROUP SPOKE OUT FOR NORMALIZING TRADE RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY. TRADE AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM BOTH PARTIES STRESSED THAT THE EMBARGO IS MORE ABOUT POLITICS THAN COMMON SENSE.</p>
<p><b>U.S. Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Arizona) House Cuba Working Group</b></p>	<p>SOT/  TO ME, IF OUR GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO TAKE THE EXTRAORDINARY STEP OF CURTAILING SOMEONE'S FREEDOM TO TRAVEL, THEY OUGHT TO HAVE A PRETTY COMPELLING REASON. IN THE CASE OF CUBA THEY SIMPLY DON'T.</p>
<p>Shot of Mosquero in meeting</p>	<p>VO/  LUIS MOSQUERO ATTENDED THE SUMMIT WITH A LARGE GROUP OF CUBAN-AMERICANS ALSO WORKING TO END THE EMBARGO.</p>



Stallman	SOT/ ANYTIME WE CAN OPEN A MARKET, AMERICAN FARMERS ARE BETTER OFF. WITH MORE TRADITIONAL TRADING RELATIONS WE WEILL MOVE MORE THROUGH THAN JUST PRODUCT. WE WILL MOVE AMERICA'S IDEAS AND IDEALS. WE WILL OPEN MARKETS AND WILL OPEN MINDS.
<b>Johnna Miller, Reporting</b>	VO/ IN WASHINGTON, I'M JOHNNA MILLER.  IN WASHINGTON, I'M JOHNNA MILLER FOR U.S. FARM REPORT.  IN WASHINGTON, I'M JOHNNA MILLER REPORTING FOR AG DAY.