

## U.S. Apples Regain Access to India

*India's tariffs on U.S. apple exports to be lifted within 90 days*

Washington, D.C. (June 22, 2023) – The U.S. Apple Association (USApple) is thrilled with [today's announcement](#) that India will lift its retaliatory tariffs on U.S. apples. We applaud the work of the Biden Administration and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative that achieved this important victory.

USApple was an invited guest of the White House at the arrival ceremony for India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. "We were honored to be part of this important day for U.S.-India relations," said USApple President and CEO, Jim Bair.

With today's announcement, India will remove its retaliatory tariffs within 90 days. USApple's Board of Directors met with White House staff in March and advocated for this resolution.

"U.S. apple growers can now begin the work of competing for, and hopefully regaining, this critical market," said Bair. "We look forward to once again shipping great apples to this valued trading partner."

Prior to the U.S. imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum from India in 2018, the country was the number two market for U.S. apples – and quickly growing. When India retaliated by bringing total tariffs on U.S. apples to 70 percent, sales fell to nearly zero, costing U.S. growers half a billion dollars in sales.

India is now the world's most populous nation, and with this important trade resolution, U.S. growers have the opportunity to be one of their biggest apple suppliers once again.

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