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# FAS Tackles Sustainable Packaging

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# What is FAS Doing?

## – **UN Plastic Agreement Negotiations**

- Department of State leads an interagency negotiating team

## – **WTO engagement**

- **With Commerce and USTR:**

- Notify and Comment in TBT Committee

- Plastic Packaging in TBT Thematic Session 2023

## – **Virtual Stakeholder Learning Agenda**

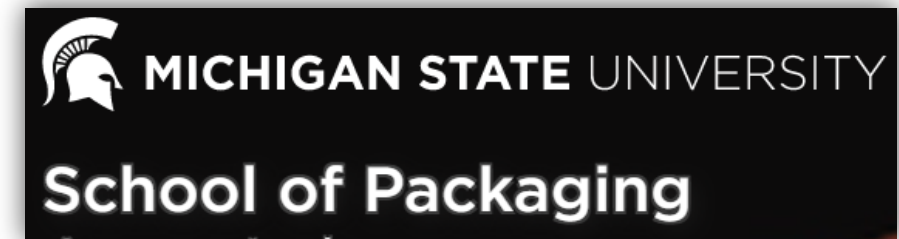
Briefing the U.S. Government Interagency

- **USDA GAIN Reports:** Single Topic, and New FAIRS sub-section for packaging sustainability measures

# FAS-Funded Partnerships:

**Nearly \$1 Million in Funding for:**

- **Farm Foundation:** US-EU Dialogue on Practical Solutions to Circularity
- **MSU/SOP:** Technical Assessment of US Export Packaging
- **USDA/ARS:** Bioplastics Research for Home-Compostable PLU Stickers





# What's Next?

Finish FY22 TASC \$200,000 to develop compostable PLU stickers to meet French packaging regulations

FY23 TASC \$900,000 for “Food safe antimicrobial coating for reusable packaging to alleviate specialty crop export barriers to the EU”

Forward looking engagement: Farm Foundation Dialogue, FAO Committee on Agriculture, UNEA Negotiations to reduce plastic waste, EU REACH legislation