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## LATEST NEWS

### **Brazil's BRF may return to European market sooner due to swine fever**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brf-results/brazils-brf-may-return-to-european-market-sooner-due-to-swine-fever-idUSKCN1SG1BI>

10 May 2019, *Reuters*

#### **Abstract:**

BRF SA, the world's largest chicken exporter, believes Europe could lift an embargo affecting a dozen of its plants sooner than anticipated because of the global meat supply imbalance deriving from a deadly hog disease in China.

## **Donald Trump tweets: No need to rush to a trade deal with China**

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3009775/trump-tweets-no-need-rush-trade-deal-china>

10 May 2019, *South China Morning Post*

### **Abstract:**

United States President Donald Trump has said there is “no need to rush” to reach a trade deal with China because of the “massive payments” being generated from the US tariffs on Chinese products.

## Latam stocks slide on trade jitters, currencies mixed

<https://www.nasdaq.com/article/latam-stocks-slide-on-trade-jitters-currencies-mixed-20190510-00586>

10 May 2019, *Nasdaq*

### Abstract:

Latin American stocks slid on Friday as investor sentiment remained fragile over uncertainty related to the U.S.-China trade deal, while currencies were mixed in the region.

## **Brazil Central Bank Expected to Hold Key Rate Amid Rising Risks**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-05-08/brazil-central-bank-is-seen-holding-key-rate-amid-rising-risks>

8 May 2019, *Bloomberg*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil's central bank will likely keep its benchmark interest rate unchanged later on Wednesday amid fresh global economic risks and a disappointing domestic recovery.

## **EU, Mercosur to Close Deal Defying Global Trade War, Brazil Says**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-05-08/eu-mercosur-to-flout-trade-war-by-closing-own-deal-brazil-says>

8 May 2019, *Bloomberg*

### **Abstract:**

The European Union and the South American trade bloc Mercosur will likely close a trade agreement in coming weeks or months, Brazil's Foreign Trade Secretary Lucas Ferraz said in an interview.

## **Brazil soy industry group raises crop view, boosts end-stocks**

<https://www.nasdaq.com/article/brazil-soy-industry-group-raises-crop-view-boosts-end-stocks-20190506-00842>

6 May 2019, *Nasdaq*

### **Abstract:**

Brazilian soy industry group Abiove raised its estimate for the country's current soybean crop on Monday to 117.6 million tonnes from a March forecast of 116.9 million tonnes, as late maturing fields show better productivity.

## **Brazil expects China to end sugar import tariffs**

<https://www.nasdaq.com/article/brazil-expects-china-to-end-sugar-import-tariffs-20190503-00665>

3 May 2019, *Nasdaq*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil expects that the Chinese government will not renew certain import tariffs on sugar, a Brazilian Agriculture Ministry official told reporters on Friday.

## Democracy and China top German agenda in Brazil diplomatic visit

<https://www.dw.com/en/democracy-and-china-top-german-agenda-in-brazil-diplomatic-visit/a-48542940>

30 April 2019, *Deutsche Welle*

### Abstract:

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas will discuss human rights with Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro before heading to Colombia, where millions of Venezuelans have fled. China also looms over the Latin America trip.

## **Xi Jinping claims \$64 billion in deals at Belt and Road forum**

<https://www.axios.com/xi-jinping-claims-64-billion-deals-belt-road-forum-83afb45b-5b33-4340-b9e2-f1bad521ef75.html>

27 April 2019, *Axios*

### **Abstract:**

Chinese President Xi Jinping said Saturday that the country's second Belt and Road forum resulted in \$64 billion worth of deals among business leaders, the AFP reports.

## RECENT BACKGROUND

### **\$9 Billion and Counting**

<http://www.chinabusinessreview.com/9-billion-and-counting/>

10 May 2019, *China Business Review*

#### **Abstract:**

A \$9 billion decline in goods exports to China in a year may seem like just a number, but that total is comprised of small companies across the United States struggling to make difficult decisions in the face of tariffs.

## China's One Belt, One Road plan carries environmental risks

<https://www.futurity.org/one-belt-one-road-china-environmental-impact-2058742/>

10 May 2019, *Futurity*

### Abstract:

In this episode of the Policy 360 podcast, Pfaff, a professor in the economics department at Duke University, explains the potential environmental risks of the BRI and discusses alternatives that would avoid environmental damage while still allowing for improved infrastructure.

## **Why US-China trade war's latest escalation could be good news for Brazil, Mexico and Vietnam**

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3009698/why-us-china-trade-wars-latest-escalation-could-be-good-news>

10 May 2019, *South China Morning Post*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil, Mexico and Vietnam are among the countries that could make marginal gains in areas such as manufacturing and agriculture should US-China tensions continue after they flared up again this week, analysts have said.

## **The group losing faith in a quick China trade resolution? The farmers drained by lost exports**

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-group-losing-faith-in-a-quick-china-trade-resolution-the-farmers-drained-by-lost-exports-2019-05-09>

9 May 2019, *MarketWatch*

### **Abstract:**

Chart shows mixed stance on reviving U.S. inclusion in the multilateral Trans-Pacific Partnership, which Trump has spurned so far.

## South America is embracing Beijing's science silk road

<https://www.nature.com/immersive/d41586-019-01127-4/index.html>

8 May 2019, *Nature*

### Abstract:

From a secretive space facility to plans for new telescopes, South America is starting to see the scientific impacts of China's global infrastructure expansion.

## China's economy: Sure, it's big, but it's still emerging

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/investing/markets/inside-the-market/article-chinas-economy-sure-its-big-but-its-still-emerging/>

7 May 2019, *The Globe and Mail*

### Abstract:

“The size of its economy is overshadowed only by the United States. Its population of billionaires is the second largest on the planet, having stockpiled fortunes in everything from tech and real estate, to cryptocurrency and potato chips.

So, perhaps people, including U.S. President Donald Trump, can be forgiven for asking: Why is China still considered an emerging market or developing nation?”

## The Panama Canal Could Become the Center of the U.S.-China Trade War

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/05/07/the-panama-canal-could-become-the-center-of-the-u-s-china-trade-war/>

7 May 2019, *Foreign Policy*

### Abstract:

Panama's strategic and symbolic importance place it at the heart of growing trade tensions.

## **Factbox: Winners and losers in Trump's trade war with China**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trade-china-winners-losers-factbo/factbox-winners-and-losers-in-trumps-trade-war-with-china-idUSKCN1SC21R>

6 May 2019, *Reuters*

### **Abstract:**

U.S. companies in everything from computer chips to tractors have said President Donald Trump's trade wars, including disputes with Beijing and global steel tariffs, have had an impact on them.

## Chinese Economic Outreach in Latin America Draws US Concerns

<https://www.voanews.com/a/chinese-economic-outreach-in-latin-america-draws-us-concerns/4899568.html>

1 May 2019, *Voice of America News*

### Abstract:

For generations, the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean have been dominated by trade with the United States. In recent years, though, a growing push by China to invest in the region, lately accelerated by the Xi Jinping administration's Belt and Road Initiative, has begun to reorient trade toward China with far-reaching consequences.