

China may balk at announced purchase of \$50 billion in US crops

China ramping up agricultural purchases to the level that the U.S. is demanding would be a problem and Beijing would probably only do it if the market situation warranted it, analysts said.

Calling it a “crazy amount” of agricultural buying with “market distorting powers” on a global scale, Deborah Elms, executive director of the Asian Trade Centre, said: “The ramping up of scale at that speed is going to be problematic. I would be willing to take a bet ... that we will be back at this table in relatively short order even if we get a deal, because the ability of the Chinese to actually match those purchases is going to be limited.”

[Editor’s note: [Read ‘Mini-trade deal’ between US, China expected to ease Chinese restrictions on GMO crops to learn more.](#)]

.... Both countries finally reached an agreement after a contentious 18-month trade war. But as part of the deal, U.S. President Donald Trump [said] that Beijing will purchase \$50 billion worth of agriculture goods But Elms warned that the Chinese has been “very cautious” in saying that they would buy according to market conditions and World Trade Organization restrictions.

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