**Video Title:** How coronavirus is disrupting food supply chain in U.S.

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Because of the coronavirus outbreak in the United States, problems have occurred with our food supply chain. Many shoppers encountered empty shelves for various food items when shopping in stores. A high percentage of these stores were forced to close, as were a large number of restaurants.

Coronavirus outbreaks in meat packing plants reduced the number of workers available to work which resulted in reduced quantities of meat products available for shoppers.

Because of the scarcity of food, prices increased. Because millions of family incomes were drastically reduced because of moms and dads losing their jobs, many families had to access food banks. Media indicated that some of the lines stretched for miles.

Another outcome of supply chain disruptions meant that farmers and ranchers had to destroy crops and livestock. Some television newscasts showed huge quantities of milk being poured on the ground. Others televised farm machinery plowing under acres of field crops.

Questions:

1. What is meant by a supply chain? What are its components?

2. What impact might China have on America's supply chain?