

EDGE DAIRY FARMER COOPERATIVE – THE VOICE OF MILK

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative amplifies the voice of milk in Washington, D.C. working toward sensible and sustainable dairy policies and regulations.

Our 2026 policy priorities:



Rural Workforce for Rural Prosperity

The dairy industry faces significant labor shortages, particularly in rural areas, making workforce accessibility and reliability a top policy priority. The agricultural visa system does not address the unique needs of dairy farm labor and must be reformed.



Trade and Supply Chain

The Upper Midwest is a powerhouse for cheese production. Ensuring opportunities for dairy through existing, expanding or emerging markets is essential to healthy growth. New and expanded markets through new trade agreements, renegotiated trade agreements and enforcement of existing agreements provide opportunities for market access.



Farm Bill Advocacy

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act provided funding for many Edge farm bill funding priorities. Passing a policy focused farm bill allows for programs to be retooled and adjusted. Programs within the conservation title must remain voluntary and based on science to ensure long-term practices can be implemented. Dairy donation and indemnity programs must be maintained so farmers can continue to earn a living through market cycles.



Climate and Environmental Sustainability

Edge stands with our farmers in their commitment to seek effective and financially viable ways to protect and improve water quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We believe environmentally focused policies affecting agriculture should be guided by farmers, grounded in science, driven by the marketplace and sufficiently flexible to allow for innovation at the farm level.

If you are interested in learning more about our policy priorities or the impact of the dairy community in rural America reach out to our Chief Policy Officer, Karen Gefvert at kgefvert@voiceofmilk.com.

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