

# 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 2025 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.

#### **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 2025 farm bill will be an essential opportunity to retool existing program adjustments needed to the Dairy Margin Coverage program, ensuring conservation programs are funded, voluntary and based on science, as well as maintenance to several dairy indemnity and donation programs. These programs can greatly affect our farmers' ability to earn a living.

### 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 Director of Government Affairs, Karen Gefvert at kgefvert@voiceofmilk.com.

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