



U.S. DAIRY
EXPORT COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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MEETING VENUE

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2026 USDEC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY		03.23.2026
1:30 - 3:00 P.M.	FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING *COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY	PLAZA B
3:00 - 5:30 P.M.	TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING *COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY	SALON 1 & 2
TUESDAY		03.24.2026
7:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION	SALON 3 FOYER
7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	BUFFET BREAKFAST	SALON 1 & 2
8:00 - 8:10 A.M.	CHAIR WELCOME • Becky Nyman, chair, U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC)	SALON 3
8:10 - 8:30 A.M.	OPENING REMARKS • Krysta Harden, president and CEO, USDEC	
8:30 - 8:45 A.M.	DMI GREETING • Barb O'Brien, president & CEO, Dairy Management Inc. (DMI)	
8:45 - 8:50 A.M.	LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS • Skip Hardie, chair, USDEC Nominating Committee	
8:50 - 9:00 A.M.	2025 AUDIT REPORT • Quinton Baily, chief operating and financial officer, DMI	
9:00 - 9:10 A.M.	USDEC BUDGET REVIEW • Allison Thomas, chief operating officer, USDEC	

TUESDAY

03.24.2026

9:10 - 10:10 A.M.

NAVIGATING THE NEXT DECADE: FORCES TRANSFORMING GLOBAL DAIRY

Join Andrew Busch, leading global futurist, former Chief Market Intelligence Officer for the U.S. government, and expert on the intersection of economics, technology, and agriculture, as he explores the forces reshaping the future of the international dairy industry. In this forward-looking keynote, Busch will delve into how emerging technologies—especially artificial intelligence—are transforming production, trade, and consumer engagement across global dairy markets.

Drawing on his deep experience advising governments, Fortune 500 companies, and agricultural organizations, Busch will break down the accelerating innovations redefining supply chains, forecasting models, and on-farm decision-making. He will outline practical strategies for leveraging advanced analytics, automation, and digital intelligence to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Moderated by USDEC’s Krysta Harden, this dynamic session will illuminate how shifting consumer expectations, geopolitical uncertainties, and new AI-driven capabilities are converging to create both challenges and unprecedented opportunities. With his energetic style and clear-eyed perspective, Andrew will inspire dairy industry leaders to embrace innovation, build resilience, and position their businesses for long-term success in the next era of global dairy.

- Andrew Busch, leading global futurist and former chief marketing officer for the U.S. Government
- Krysta Harden, president and CEO, USDEC *moderator

10:10 - 10:30 A.M.

BREAK

10:30 - 11:15 A.M.

FROM WASHINGTON TO THE WORLD: U.S. DAIRY TRADE POLICY IN A NEW ERA

SALON 3

As global trade dynamics shift, U.S. dairy policy is entering a pivotal new era with far-reaching implications for market access and international competitiveness. In this session, Michelle Bekkering will offer insights into the administration’s evolving trade priorities and how they intersect with the needs and ambitions of the U.S. dairy sector. The discussion will explore emerging opportunities, regulatory challenges, and the strategies shaping America’s role in a rapidly changing global marketplace.

- Michelle Bekkering, deputy under secretary for trade and foreign agricultural affairs, United States Department of Agriculture
- Jaime Castaneda, executive vice president, policy development, USDEC *moderator

11:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

SIGNALS OF CHANGE: WHAT’S NEXT FOR GLOBAL DAIRY CONSUMPTION

The USDEC Strategic Insights team will explore the major forces shaping future international dairy consumption. Drawing on global signals and USDEC proprietary insights tools, the team will highlight what’s changing, why it matters, and where new areas of demand may emerge.

- Rick Ortman, senior vice president, strategic insights, USDEC
- Megan Sheets, vice president, strategic development, USDEC

TUESDAY		03.24.2026
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH	SALON 1 & 2
1:00 - 1:15 P.M.	<p>EXCELLENCE IN EXPORTS AWARDS</p> <p>Join us for the 2nd Annual ExEx award presentation. During the ceremony, USDEC chief operating officer Allison Thomas will present the Excellence in Exports Award, given to a member company with exceptional leadership, innovation, and export growth.</p>	SALON 3
1:15 - 1:45 P.M.	<p>ENSURING ACCESS, REDUCING BARRIERS: THE PATH FORWARD FOR DAIRY EXPORTS</p> <p>With global markets evolving and technical trade barriers on the rise, ensuring reliable access for U.S. dairy exports remains both a priority and a challenge. In this session, Olya Lutchny, will discuss the administration’s current approach to reducing obstacles and strengthening the competitiveness of U.S. dairy abroad. The conversation will delve into key regulatory issues, emerging market opportunities, and the collaborative efforts needed to secure a more predictable and open trading environment for the industry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olya Lutchny, senior policy advisor to the chief agriculture negotiator, U.S. Trade Representative’s Office 	
1:45 - 2:45 P.M.	<p>THE BUTTERFAT BOOM: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. DAIRY IN A SHIFTING GLOBAL MARKET</p> <p>The U.S. dairy sector is experiencing a notable rise in fat levels—a trend with significant implications for product mix, processing strategies, on-farm milk prices, and export competitiveness. In this timely session, William Loux, USDEC senior vice president of global economic affairs, will lead a panel discussion exploring the drivers behind the butterfat boom and what it means for U.S. dairy’s position in global markets.</p> <p>Drawing on insights from leading dairy processors and economic experts, the conversation will examine how evolving herd management, consumer preferences, and product innovation are influencing the composition of U.S. milk and reshaping export opportunities. Panelists will also discuss challenges and potential market shifts as trading partners respond to changing supply dynamics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corey Geiger, lead dairy economist, CoBank Derik Robinson, CEO, High Desert Milk Nate Zwald, president and COO, Progenco William Loux, senior vice president, global economic affairs, USDEC *moderator 	
2:45 - 2:55 P.M.	BREAK	

TUESDAY

03.24.2026

2:55 - 4:00 P.M.

CULTIVATING EQUITY: ADVANCING WOMEN FARMERS IN GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEMS

SALON 3

In celebration of the International Year of the Woman Farmer, this special session will spotlight the essential role women play in advancing global agriculture. Moderated by USDEC president & CEO Krysta Harden, the panel will bring together leaders from across the agricultural, policy, and non-profit sectors to discuss the opportunities, challenges, and transformational impact of women farmers worldwide. Together, the panelists will explore how empowering women in agriculture strengthens rural communities, improves food security, and drives economic resilience.

- Cristina Manfre, senior director, global practice for women and youth, TechnoServe
- Ted McKinney, chief executive officer, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
- Isabella Chism, farmer, women's leadership chair, American Farm Bureau Federation
- Karis Gutter, vice president, government and industry affairs, americas, Corteva Agriscience
- Becky Nyman, USDEC
- Krysta Harden, USDEC *moderator

4:00 - 4:15 P.M.

BREAK

4:15 - 5:15 P.M.

GLOBAL DAIRY MARKET OUTLOOK

If there's one constant in the dairy market, it's unpredictability. Over the past year, the industry has grappled with surging U.S. butterfat production, softer domestic demand, and weaker global interest in skim-solids products. Trade policy shifts—including new tariffs and retaliatory measures—have added pressure, while rising input costs and HPAI detections in U.S. cattle created further uncertainty for producers and exporters.

In this environment, forecasting becomes both increasingly complex and critically important. Join the USDEC Economics Team for the perennially-popular over/under game, where they'll break down the biggest market movers and share predictions for 2026 and beyond. Expect sharp insights, lively analysis, and a clear-eyed look at the risks and opportunities shaping U.S. dairy's global outlook.

- William Loux, senior vice president, global economic affairs, USDEC
- Monica Ganley, senior director, global trade analysis, USDEC
- Stephen Cain, vice president, economic research and analysis, USDEC

5:15 P.M.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Becky Nyman, chair, USDEC

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

RECEPTION

SALON 1 & 2



WEDNESDAY

03.25.2026

7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	BUFFET BREAKFAST	PLAZA B & C
7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	BUFFET BREAKFAST FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AND MARA	AMBASSADOR (LOBBY LEVEL)
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING *COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY	AMBASSADOR (LOBBY LEVEL)
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.	C&CP ADVISORY GROUP MEETING *COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY	SALON 3
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	INGREDIENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING *COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY	SALON 2
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	BUFFET LUNCH	PLAZA B & C
1:00 - 5:00 P.M.	MARA ADVISORY GROUP MEETING *COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY	SALON 1

SPEAKER BIOS

**MICHELLE BEKKERING, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND FOREIGN
AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Michelle Bekkering serves as Deputy Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. She has served as the Director of National Engagement at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. Bekkering has also worked at the International Republican Institute, holding posts in Washington, D.C., and Indonesia. She served in numerous positions in the U.S. Government, including the National Security Council under President George W. Bush and as an aide to Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA). Bekkering grew up on a diversified family farm and currently resides with her husband, Mark, and daughter, Hadley, in Washington, D.C.



**ANDREW BUSCH, LEADING GLOBAL FUTURIST AND FORMER CHIEF MARKETING
OFFICER FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT**

Andrew Busch is an economic futurist and former U.S. government Chief Market Intelligence Officer, known for helping business and policy leaders navigate rapidly evolving global markets. As the first CMIO at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, he was responsible for improving the government's understanding of market behavior, briefing the White House, U.S. Congress, the Federal Reserve, the SEC, and the Treasury on key issues, including interest rates, inflation, global trade dynamics, and the economic impacts of emerging technologies.

Before entering government service, Busch founded Bering Productions Inc., a financial markets and policy research firm, and previously served as a Global Currency and Public Policy Strategist at the Bank of Montreal. He is also the author of World Event Trading, which analyzes how major global crises, from disease outbreaks to geopolitical conflict, affect economies and markets.

Today, Busch advises companies across finance, agriculture, energy, manufacturing, and technology, helping them anticipate change and identify growth opportunities. His work combines economic analysis, policy insight, and market forecasting to support strategic decision-making in a period of unprecedented global volatility.





ISABELLA CHISM, FARMER, WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CHAIR, AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Isabella Chism is an Indiana crop farmer and Chair of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Women's Leadership Committee, a position she has held since 2021 after years of leadership as vice chair and Midwest Region Representative. She also serves on the AFBF board of directors, the AFB Foundation for Agriculture board, and the Agriculture Council of America. Chism leads multiple regional programs focused on community development, agricultural education, and leadership training. Her extensive involvement includes serving as executive director of Howard County 4-H capital projects and representing her region on the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council.

A graduate of several national leadership programs, Chism has been honored with awards, including the Purdue Extension Women in Agriculture Achievement Award, which honors Indiana women leaders who have contributed to the success of Indiana agriculture, and the Architect of Society Award, which is presented by the Women's Public Leadership Network. Chism and her husband, Kent, farm in Howard County with their daughter and son-in-law, raising corn, soybeans, and sweet corn.



COREY GEIGER, LEAD DAIRY ECONOMIST, COBANK

Corey Geiger is the Lead Dairy Economist at CoBank, where he provides industry-shaping analysis on dairy and animal protein markets. His insights are widely cited by major national media outlets, reflecting his decades-long influence in agricultural economics. His work is known for blending rigorous economic insight with a deep, lifelong understanding of production agriculture.

Prior to CoBank, Geiger spent nearly 30 years with Hoard's Dairyman, ultimately serving as lead editor and launching its Chinese language edition while reporting from 48 states and four continents. His leadership roles include serving as President of Holstein Association USA, as a director of the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding, and as an advisor to multiple national agricultural organizations.

A sixth-generation farmer, Geiger manages his family's Wisconsin operation and is the author of two nationally recognized books on rural life. He has been honored with major awards from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the National Dairy Shrine.



KARIS GUTTER, VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY AFFAIRS, AMERICAS, CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE

Karis Gutter is the Head of Government and Industry Affairs for the Americas at Corteva Agriscience. In this role, he leads the company's engagement across the Western Hemisphere, advancing policies and partnerships that support farmer productivity, profitability, and sustainability while strengthening food security and consumer confidence in agricultural innovation.

Gutter brings a record of public service to his industry leadership. He previously served as Deputy Undersecretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he also held roles as Military Veterans Agricultural Liaison and Deputy Administrator at the Farm Service Agency. His policy experience extends to Capitol Hill, where he advised lawmakers as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director to Congressman Bennie G. Thompson and as a Professional Staff Member for the House Committee on Homeland Security.

A native of Terry, Mississippi, Gutter began his career in public service as a field radio operator in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and later worked in local government for Hinds County. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Jackson State University and an M.A. in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University.



CRISTINA MANFRE, SENIOR DIRECTOR, GLOBAL PRACTICE FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH, TECHNOSERVE

Cristina Manfre is the Senior Director for the Global Practice for Women and Youth at TechnoServe, where she leads the organization's investments in women's economic empowerment and supports the implementation of its Economic Opportunity for All policy.

Manfre is a gender and development specialist with more than 20 years of experience improving development organizations' attention to gender issues in economic growth, agriculture, and trade programming. She has a depth of experience providing ongoing technical assistance on gender integration to international NGOs, research organizations, and donors, including Lutheran World Relief, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, various CGIAR centers, and USAID, for the Feed the Future Initiative. Her work on gender equality has explored the gender dimensions of digital development in agricultural development, extension and advisory services, agricultural value chains (e.g., coffee, cacao, cotton, soybean, groundnut, and dairy), and behavior change in agricultural value chains. Manfre holds an M.Sc. in Development Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a bachelor's degree in French and Spanish from Goucher College.

**OLYA LUTCHYN, SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR TO THE CHIEF AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATOR,
U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE**

Olya Lutchny is a Senior Policy Advisor to the Chief Agricultural Negotiator. Ms. Lutchny has worked on trade policy in various roles at USTR for over a decade. Most recently, she served as the Deputy Assistant USTR for South and Central Asia. Prior to her DAUSTR role, she worked in the Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs covering the OECD, various WTO committees and accessions. She also worked in the Office of Agricultural Affairs leading on agricultural negotiations in the WTO. Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Lutchny worked for USDA in the Food Safety and Inspection Service and Foreign Agriculture Service. She began her government career as an Economist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



**TED MCKINNEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE
DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE**

Ted McKinney is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), where he represents and advances state level agricultural leadership across the United States. From 2017-2021, he served as the first USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, directing U.S. agricultural trade policy and global market expansion efforts.

Before joining USDA, McKinney led the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and previously spent more than 30 years in leadership roles with Dow AgroSciences, Elanco, and the Council for Biotechnology Information. Raised on his family's grain and livestock farm in Tipton, Indiana, McKinney remains deeply connected to production agriculture.

McKinney holds a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University, where he received the G.A. Ross Award as the university's top senior male graduate. His honors include the Purdue Agriculture Distinguished Alumnus Award, the FFA Honorary American Degree, and the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. He and his wife, Julie, have three children and seven grandchildren and reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

BECKY NYMAN, CHAIR, U.S. DAIRY EXPORT COUNCIL (USDEC)

Becky Nyman is a fourth-generation dairy farmer from Hilmar, California, and serves as the Chair of the U.S. Dairy Export Council, a role she assumed in 2024, having previously served as the Vice-Chair. She also serves as treasurer on the Dairy Management Inc. (DMI) and the National Dairy Promotion and Research Boards. Nyman operates Nyman Dairy Farms with her brother, Brad. The family enterprise includes nine dairies and related ventures, reflecting its multigenerational growth.

Before returning to the farm full-time in 2011, she spent a decade in market research supporting consumer-packaged-goods and agribusiness clients, an experience that now informs her leadership in dairy industry strategy and export development. Nyman holds a master's degree in agribusiness from Texas A&M University and a bachelor's degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.





DERIK ROBINSON, CEO, HIGH DESERT MILK

Derik Robinson is the Chief Executive Officer of High Desert Milk, returning to the company in 2026 after a decade of leading international dairy trade and commercial strategy.

Robinson began his career at High Desert Milk as CFO and General Manager during its early years, helping establish the company's financial and operational foundation. His global experience includes serving as Commercial Director for the Americas at Interfood and Vice President of Sales, Americas, at DairyAmerica, where he oversaw ingredient sales throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Raised on his family's rowcrop and dairy farm in Idaho, Robinson brings lifelong agricultural grounding to his leadership. He holds degrees in Management and Spanish from the University of Idaho, an MBA from the University of Arizona, and a Master of Global Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management.



NATE ZWALD, PRESIDENT AND COO, PROGENCO

Nate Zwald is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Progenco, where he leads genetic advancement through an elite nucleus of beef donor animals and oversees the use of proprietary embryo technologies to expand high-value genetics.

He previously served as COO and President of ABS Global from 2016-2024, doubling the company's revenue and profit while directing more than 2,000 employees worldwide. Before that, he spent 15 years in leadership roles at ABS and Alta Genetics, guiding product development, global marketing, and U.S. commercial operations.

Raised on Bomaz Farms in Wisconsin, Zwald continues to lead the family farm's renowned Holstein genetics program. He holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, along with an MBA, specializing in genetics, animal science, ag economics, and finance. Nate, his wife, Angie, and his three children live north of Madison, Wisconsin.

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FOUNDING MEMBER

Dairy Management Inc.

ALLIED MEMBERS (40)

Companies that provide supplies and services
to the U.S. dairy industry

Abbott Nutrition
Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation
American Dairy Association Indiana
American Dairy Association Midwest
American Dairy Association North East
American Dairy Products Institute
American Farm Bureau Federation
California Milk Advisory Board
Center for Dairy Excellence-Pennsylvania Dept. of Agric.
Ceres Dairy Risk Management LLC
CoBank
Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin
Dairy Management West
Dairy MAX
Dairy West
Florida Dairy Farmers
Fort Forwarding, Inc.
HighGround Dairy
Idaho State Department Of Agriculture
Indiana Corn Marketing Council
Indiana Soybean Alliance
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation
LX Pantos
Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council/ Maine Dairy Promotion
Board
Mead Johnson Nutrition Company
Midwest Dairy
National Milk Producers Federation
New England Dairy Promotion Board
Nutrasomma Inc.
Phibro Animal Health
Professional Dairy Producers of WI
Rail Modal Group
StoneX Group Inc.
The Dairy Alliance
United Dairy Industry Association Export Committee
United Dairy Industry Of Michigan
Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer
Protection
Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation
YUM! Restaurants International Inc

PROCESSOR MEMBERS (59)

Companies that process dairy products

Actus Nutrition
Agri-Mark, Inc.
Agropur, Inc.
Arizona Milk Products
Associated Milk Producers Inc.
Beehive Cheese Company
BelGioioso Cheese Inc.
Bluegrass Ingredients, Inc
Bongards' Creameries
California Dairies, Inc.
Cayuga Milk Ingredients
Cellars at Jasper Hill Farm LLC
Commercial Creamery Company
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.
Dairychem Laboratories, Inc.
Darigold, Inc.
Erie Foods International, Inc
First District Association
Glanbia Nutritionals
Grande Cheese Company
Grassland Dairy Products, Inc.
Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc.
High Desert Milk
Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc.
Idaho Milk Products, Inc.
Immuno-Dynamics, Inc.
International Ingredient Corporation
Lactalis Ingredients (US)
Land O'Lakes, Inc.
Leprino Foods Company
Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative
Association
Masters Gallery Foods, Inc.
MCT Dairies, Inc.
Michigan Milk Producers Assn.
Mullins Whey
Organic Valley
Panhandle Products, LLC
Pine River Pre-Pack Inc.
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.
Proliant Dairy Ingredients
Pure Dairy Inc.
Riverview LLP
Rosewood Dairy Inc./ Renard's Cheese
Saputo Cheese USA Inc.
Sargento Foods
Sartori Cheese



Savencia Cheese USA LLC
Schreiber Foods Inc.
Schuman Cheese
Scott Brothers Dairy
Select Milk Producers, Inc.
TechMix, Inc.
Tillamook County Creamery Assn.
United Dairywomen of Arizona
Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.
Valley Milk, LLC
Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.
WD Hoards and Sons
Widmer Cheese Cellars

TRADING MEMBERS (31)

Companies that trade dairy products

Agri-Dairy Products, Inc.
ALAMFOODS INC.
Ausfine Foods USA LLC
Ava Artis, LLC
BIOTWO Corporation
BTG Ingredients
Burt Lewis Ingredients, LLC
Dairy Trade USA
Erlich Foods International
Fayrefield Foods LLC
Hoogwegt U.S., Inc.
Interfood Inc.
International Dairy Farms
Interra International, LLC
James Farrell & Co.
Mana Agro DMCC
Mercator, Inc.
Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc.
NG Foods Global LLC
Numidia
Olam Americas, Inc.
Orange Cheese Company
Pivotal Ingredients
Preston Protein Products
Ronald A. Chisholm Limited
S J Global Group Inc.
San Buena U.S. Inc.
T.C. Jacoby & Co., Inc.
Talmera USA Inc.
Tedford/Tellico Inc.
Tropical Foods, LLC

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ATTENDEE LIST

INDUSTRY ATTENDEES

COMPANY NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Actus Nutrition	Jing	Hagert
Actus Nutrition	Jamie	Miller
Actus Nutrition	Enrique	Pedroza
Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation	Miku	Onishi
Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation	Akio	Tamai
Agri-Dairy Products, Inc.	Frank	Reeves
American Dairy Association Mideast	Bill	Besancon
American Dairy Association Mideast	Scott	Higgins
American Dairy Products Institute	Patti	Smith
American Farm Bureau Federation	Jessica	Cabrera
American Farm Bureau Federation	Jennifer	Cross
American Farm Bureau Federation	Megan	Floyd
American Farm Bureau Federation	Margaret	Gladden
American Farm Bureau Federation	Julie	Hardy
American Farm Bureau Federation	Marieta	Hauser
American Farm Bureau Federation	Dot	Jensen
American Farm Bureau Federation	Danny	Munch
American Farm Bureau Federation	Mindy	Orschell
American Farm Bureau Federation	Carrie	Walker
American Farm Bureau Federation	Lisa	Wherry
American Farm Bureau Federation	Shawn	Wood
Associated Milk Producers Inc	Marshall	Reece
BelGioioso Cheese, Inc.	Frank	Alfaro
BTG Ingredients	Steve	Gulley
California Milk Advisory Board	Janet	Arellano
California Milk Advisory Board	Bob	Carroll
California Milk Advisory Board	Glenn	Millar
Cayuga Milk Ingredients	Clay	Gray
Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania	Valerie	Mason-Faith
Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation of Pennsylvania	Jayne	Sebright
Ceres Dairy Risk Management	Sara	Dorland
CoBank	Amanda	Durow
CoBank	David	Ericson
Select Milk Producers, Inc.	Cheslie	Stehouwer
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Anne	Divjak
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Antoinette	Guillen
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	David	Hakes
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Sam	Koester
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Dale	Mills
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Emma	Reynolds



INDUSTRY ATTENDEES

COMPANY NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Laura	Shafer
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Kurtis	Walter
Dairy Management, Inc.	Quinton	Baily
Dairy Management, Inc.	Bernado	Callejas
Dairy Management, Inc.	Lori	Captain
Dairy Management, Inc.	Kristin	Davis
Dairy Management, Inc.	Rebecca	MacKay Allen
Dairy Management, Inc.	Marty	McKinzie
Dairy Management, Inc.	Larry	Murtagh
Dairy Management, Inc.	Emil	Nashed
Dairy Management, Inc.	Barbara	O'Brien
Dairy Management, Inc.	Nadine	Sudnick
Dairy Management, Inc.	Jennifer	Sutton
Dairy Management, Inc.	Jason	Trout
Dairy MAX, Inc.	Will	Mallow
Dairy MAX, Inc.	Jennie	McDowell
Dairy West	John	Brubaker
Dairy West	Julie	Nixon
Dairy West	Paxton	Robinson
DairyTrade USA	Steve	Patience
Darigold, Inc.	Katie	Quinn
Darigold, Inc.	Christine	Van Asten
First District Association	Filiberto	Heras
First District Association	Jim	Sommerfeld
Glanbia Nutritionals	Robert	Purciello
Glanbia Nutritionals	Billie	Shaffer
Grande Cheese Company	Jason	Burley
Grande Cheese Company	Sara	Chapman
Grande Cheese Company	Antje	Collman
Grande Cheese Company	Chris	Johanski
Grande Cheese Company	Amy	Popp
Grande Cheese Company	Jill	Schmitt
Grande Cheese Company	Sadie	Sonnentag
Grande Cheese Company	Kevin	Williams
Great Lakes Cheese	Jose	Marte
Great Lakes Cheese	Michele	Radecki
Great Lakes Cheese	Tom	Suber
Guest	Jerry	Brown
Guest	Krista	Knigge
High Desert Milk	Karla	Robinson
Hilmar Cheese Company	Travis	Coffey
Hilmar Cheese Company	Brandon	Follett
Idaho Milk Products	Robert	Magambo



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COMPANY NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Idaho Milk Products	Jeremy	Pike
Idaho Milk Products	Kevin	Quinn
Idaho State Dept of Agriculture	Laura	Johnson
International Ingredient Corporation	Qingping	Llu
Interra International	Reint	Huizinga
Iowa Farm Bureau	Tim	Kaldenberg
James Farrell and Co	Seth	Hancock
James Farrell and Co	Jeff	Vandel
Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Mindy	Berrey
Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Cheryl	Isberner
Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Stephanie	Parzino
Land O'Lakes, Inc.	Leah	Suellentrop
Leprino Foods Company	MaryEllen	Jackson
Leprino Foods Company	Alison	Krebs
Leprino Foods Company	Adela	Ramos
Leprino Foods Company	Allison	Rodriguez
Leprino Foods Company	Gabriel	Sevilla
LGI	Christine	Lauridsen
LX Pantos	Bryan	Song
Masters Gallery Foods, Inc.	Colleen	Francis
Masters Gallery Foods, Inc.	Vance	Watson
MCT Dairies Inc.	Gregory	Rodriguez
MDVA Milk Producers	Mike	Curtis
Mercator, Inc.	Martha	Martinez
Mercator, Inc.	Jose Luis	Martinez
Mercator, Inc.	Juan Carlos	Rentas
Michigan Milk Producers Association	Doug	Chapin
Michigan Milk Producers Association	Molly	Costaris
Michigan Milk Producers Association	Joe	Diglio
Midwest Dairy	Corey	Scott
Mitsui & Co. (USA), Inc.	Yuko	Usui
Monument Advocacy	Ben	Tugendstein
National Dairy Board	Roger	Fluegel
National Dairy Board	Lolly	Leshner
National Milk Producers Federation	Gregg	Doud
Orange Cheese Company	Cynthia	Liu
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