

Dairy Business Association: Sees steady leadership in Ag secretary Romanski

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MADISON, Wis. — The Dairy Business Association, Wisconsin's leading dairy advocacy group, said today the organization looks forward to continuing to work with Randy Romanski as the newly confirmed state agriculture secretary.

The state Senate today confirmed Romanski as secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. He was named interim secretary in 2019 and appointed secretary-designee by Gov. Tony Evers in 2020.

"We congratulate Mr. Romanski on his confirmation and thank the Senate for recognizing the value he brings to Wisconsin's all-important agricultural community," DBA President Amy Penterman said.

"Romanski has built a longstanding productive relationship with our dairy community. Over the past 18 months, especially, he has shown steady leadership through some of the biggest challenges our farmers and processors have ever faced due to the pandemic. Consistent cooperation between the agriculture department and dairy community is vital to our farm families, rural communities and overall economy," Penterman said.

About Romanski:

(from Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection website)

Randy Romanski was appointed secretary-designee of the agency by Gov. Evers in June 2020. Prior to this appointment, he served as DATCP deputy secretary since January 2019 and interim secretary since November 2019.

Romanski has held leadership roles at multiple state agencies. He previously served as DATCP's deputy secretary and secretary under then-Gov. Jim Doyle, working on issues such as farmland preservation, local foods, Farm to School and renewable energy. Romanski has also served as the executive assistant for the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation.

From 2011-2019, Romanski served as the safety program chief in DOT's Division of State Patrol. Earlier in his career, he held staff positions in the state legislature, both in the Senate and Assembly. He has also served as a policy analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Originally from Wisconsin Rapids, Romanski earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and his master's degree in public policy and administration from the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs at UW-Madison.

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About DBA:

The Dairy Business Association is Wisconsin's leading dairy advocacy group, championing smart and sensible regulations affecting the dairy community. The nonprofit organization is comprised of farmers, milk processors, vendors and other business partners who work collaboratively to ensure that dairy farms of all sizes have the support they need to keep America's Dairyland strong. More information: www.dairyforward.com