

DBA, Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative: Dairy Stream podcast - H-2A visas and Farm Workforce Modernization Act

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The newest episode of the Dairy Stream podcast focuses on the proposed Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which would provide a year-round option to include employees in livestock agriculture. The bill was approved by the House of Representatives but has not moved in the Senate.

Dairy Stream host Mike Austin talked with Brandon Davis, an agricultural labor attorney and partner at Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans, about the requirements of H-2A, the impact it has on the agricultural community and future possibilities.

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative sponsored this episode. "I think what we should expect with the Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021 is a good program will become even better and will reach a broader audience like dairy," Davis said.

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Breakdown:

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1:33: How the current H-2A visa program works

3:45: Specific steps, requirements

8:09: Positive feedback from H-2A clients

10:14: Challenges

17:28: Unfair exclusion of dairy

23:35: Ongoing labor shortage

25:20: Best option for dairy

28:04: Political aspects

33:00: Improvements inevitable

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