

# Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative: statement on McKalip nomination as ag negotiator

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative issued the following statement today about President Biden’s intent to nominate Doug McKalip as chief agricultural negotiator at the Office of the United States Trade Representative. The announcement was made Wednesday.

“Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative is pleased to see the Biden administration has selected a likely nominee for the key position of chief agricultural negotiator at USTR. This role is critical to growing new international markets for the food our farmers produce and to striking fair trade deals. These are essential to securing the long-term health of the dairy community. Doug McKalip’s experience in ag policy and trade at the Department of Agriculture will serve our farmers well. We look forward to supporting him in this mission.”

## **McKalip background:**

Since March 2021, McKalip has served as senior adviser to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on trade, national security, animal and plant health regulations, and domestic and international issues. McKalip formerly served in a leadership capacity in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Biotechnology Regulatory Services. He was a senior adviser to the agriculture secretary, acting chief of staff at USDA and senior adviser for agriculture and rural affairs at the White House Domestic Policy Council during the Obama administration. (Source: Office of the United States Trade Representative)

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