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Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative cautions against trade war

GREEN BAY, Wis. — President Trump’s recently announced plan to impose significant tariffs on imported steel and aluminum would likely target some of our most important trading relationships. These include key export markets for dairy and other agricultural products.

We expect President Trump and our other leaders to be mindful of the economic hardship facing our nation’s dairy community. This extended period of depressed milk prices is almost unprecedented. While we need to be vigilant in obtaining new global market opportunities, we cannot jeopardize existing ones. Edge has a very straightforward trade objective: expanding access to global markets with no net loss to existing ones. A trade war with major trading partners will not be good for the U.S. and will likely mean less dairy sales for our dairy farmers. That would be a tragic loss at the worst possible time as farmers struggle to make ends meet.

Edge is voicing its opposition to any tariff approach that could disrupt our long-standing trade relationships. We are communicating this opposition to the administration, particularly top-level officials at U.S. Department of Agriculture and the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, as well as our members of Congress. We urge our farmer members to share the same concerns with their elected officials.

About Edge:

Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative provides nearly 800 dairy farmers in nine Midwestern states with a strong voice – the voice of milk – in Congress, with customers and within their communities. Under the Federal Milk Marketing Orders, the co-op also provides milk testing verification services and market information. Edge, based in Green Bay, Wis., is one of the top cooperatives in the country based on the amount of milk produced by its members. Edge, formerly known as the Dairy Business Milk Marketing Cooperative, has been a game-changer for dairy farmers since its inception in 2010. For more information, visit voiceofmilk.com.

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