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Update**

## **President Trump Names Ted McKinney USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs**

President Trump has announced his intention to nominate Ted McKinney, the current director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, as USDA's first Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs. Mr. McKinney has served as director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, from 2014 to present under then Governor Mike Pence, and now Governor Eric Holcomb. Mr. McKinney grew up on a family grain and livestock farm in Tipton, Indiana. He also worked for 19 years with Dow AgroSciences, and 14 years with Elanco, a subsidiary of Eli Lilly and Company, where he was Director of Global Corporate Affairs. His industry and civic involvements include the National FFA Conventions Local Organizing Committee, Indiana State Fair Commission, International Food Information Council (IFIC), the U.S. Meat Export Federation, International Federation of Animal Health (IFAH), and the Purdue Dean of Agriculture Advisory Committee. Mr. McKinney was a 10-year 4-H member, an Indiana State FFA Officer, and a graduate of Purdue University where he received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics in 1981. While at Purdue, he received the G.A. Ross Award as the outstanding senior male graduate. In 2002, he was named a Purdue Agriculture Distinguished Alumnus, and in 2004, received an honorary American FFA Degree.

This Under Secretary will be designated as USDA's multiagency coordinator for agricultural trade policy, including SPS issues, nontariff trade barriers, and other trade policy matters. This position requires confirmation by the United State Senate, which likely will not occur until September. CIAA looks forward to working with the new Under Secretary.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**August 31, 2017**

Last day to Enter dairy products into U.S. Customs territory that may be used to qualify and establish eligibility for a calendar year 2017 license.

**September 1, 2017**

First day of 2018 license applications

**September 15, 2017**

Last day of licensees applying for reallocated license amounts for 2017

**October 2, 2017**

Last day to surrender 2017 license amounts

**October 16, 2017**

Last day of 2018 license applications

**October 27, 2017**

Member Meeting

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, NJ

**December 22, 2017 (approximately)**

FAS issues first notice of calendar year 2018 licenses to licensees.

**December 31, 2017**

Last day for licensees to make entries to fulfill the requirement to use 85% of their calendar year 2017 license amount. Last day for which calendar year 2017 licenses are valid.

**January 21, 2018**

CIAA Fancy Food Show Reception

5:00 pm- 7:30 pm

Thirsty Bear Brewery

San Francisco, CA

\* If a deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the deadline will be the next business day (Section 6.36(a) of the Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Quota Licensing Regulation). This does not apply to dates of entry for eligibility.

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