

**Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
Information Required From Nongovernmental Witnesses**

House rules require nongovernmental witnesses to provide their resume or biographical sketch prior to testifying. If you do not have a resume or biographical sketch available, please complete this form.

1. Name:

Travis Forgues

2. Organization you represent:

Organic Valley | CROPP Cooperative

3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee:

Famer-cooperative executive – La Farge, Wisconsin
Organic dairy farmer – Alban Springs, Vermont

4. Please list any special training, education, or professional experience you have which add to your qualifications to provide testimony before the Committee:

Forgues oversees all cooperative membership engagement for nearly 1,800 farmer-members in 34 states. He serves in executive leadership and has been with the cooperative for 8 years. He currently oversees 167 staff that are responsible for dairy hauling & scheduling, farmer resources, field operations, data analytics, milk management and farmer payroll, feed, meat and produce programs as well as farmer governance and communications.

Previous to employment at the co-op, Forgues, was a farmer-owner and the first organic dairy farmer to join the cooperative from Vermont. Between 1999 and 2013 as a farmer-member he pioneered the co-op's young farmer leadership program, Generation Organic™ (Gen-O™), served on the co-op's board of directors and dairy executive committee, and was active in the Farmers in Marketing program.

Forgues graduated from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT with a BS in Psychology.

5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:

Executive Vice President of Membership – Organic Valley | CROPP Cooperative

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