



Krysta Harden

President and CEO | U.S. Dairy Export Council

Throughout her career in agriculture, Krysta has focused on expanding opportunities for women, young people, immigrants, socially disadvantaged producers, returning veterans, and retirees.

Boards-Memberships

National 4-H Council of Trustees, 2018-2021, Chair 2022

Global Child Nutrition Foundation, Board of Directors, 2017 -

Foundation for Food and Agriculture, Board of Directors, 2021-

University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean's Advisory Council, 2018-

Agbiome, Board of Directors, 2021-

Golden Key International Honor Society, 2012-

Honors-Awards

Rosalind Franklin Award for Leadership in Industrial Biotechnology and Agriculture

Wesleyan Belle Babb Mansfield Award for Outstanding Women

National Biodiesel Board Pioneer Award

National Association of Wheat Growers Friend of Farmers Award

Education

University of Georgia ABJ, Communication, Journalism, and Related Programs · 1981

Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania, Executive Management Program-2019

Work Experience

- Prior to serving as CEO was Chief Operating Officer of USDEC along side then President and CEO Tom Vilsack before he returned to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in February 2021.
- Previously served as Executive Vice President for Global Environmental Strategy at Dairy Management Incorporated (DMI), the largest dairy farmer organization in the US.
 - Served in key leadership roles for both USDEC and DMI, directly impacting the U.S. dairy industry's sustainability, global trade, and global marketing strategies.
- Served as Senior Vice President, External Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer for Corteva Agriscience™, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont.
 - Prior to her role at DowDuPont, was Vice President of Public Policy and Chief Sustainability Officer at DuPont.
- Deputy Secretary of USDA from 2013-2016.
 - Helped to shape food and agriculture policy, including leading implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill.
 - Led efforts to support diversity in agriculture including women, minorities, and veterans.
 - Focused on building awareness of the contributions of women farmers around the world supporting their rights to own land and receive the resources to farm.
- Served as Chief of Staff to then Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Assistant Secretary of Congressional Relations for USDA.

Earlier Work Experience

- CEO of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).
- American Soybean Association as senior vice president of Gordley Associates - concentrated on conservation and renewable energy issues.
- 12 years on Capitol Hill, as Staff Director for the House subcommittee on Peanuts and Tobacco, and as Chief of Staff and Press Secretary for former Congressman Charles Hatcher.