

Krysta Harden

Krysta Harden serves as Executive Vice President of Global Environmental Strategy for Dairy Management Inc. (DMI), which manages the national dairy checkoff on behalf of nearly 37,000 U.S. dairy farmers. In May of 2020 Krysta was named Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Dairy Export Council.

Leveraging a strong background within agriculture, sustainability and food policy, Harden plays a key leadership role in defining the vision, strategy and plan forward for U.S. dairy's environmental commitment. Collaborating with dairy farmers and leadership within the dairy community through the Innovation Center for U.S Dairy, Harden will continue to identify the science, best practices and metrics that will further advance the positive impact U.S. dairy has on the environment and the important role it plays in a sustainable food system. She also provides executive leadership on the Innovation Center's Environmental Stewardship Committee.

Krysta previously served as Senior Vice President, External Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer for Corteva Agriscience™, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont.

Prior to her role at DowDuPont, Krysta served as vice president of Public Policy and chief sustainability officer at DuPont.

Before joining DuPont, Krysta served as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), where she helped to shape food and agriculture policy, including leading implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill. Prior to her service at USDA, Krysta spent five years as CEO of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). She also worked with the American Soybean Association as senior vice president of Gordley Associates, where she concentrated on conservation and renewable energy issues. Additionally, Krysta served 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.

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