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NEWS

EU Conditionally Approves Trade Deal with U.S.



Members of the European Union Commission [voted 417 to 154 last week](#) to advance a trade deal with the United States, with notable added safeguards. The Commission added provisions such as a sunset clause under which the tariff concessions expire on March 31, 2028, and a clause to suspend the deal if the U.S. breaches its terms. The agreement now moves to individual EU governments for negotiation of the final text, which is set to begin April 13. [READ MORE...](#)

FDA May Revisit Front-of-Package Labeling



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [may make changes to a proposed rule](#) on front-of-package nutrition labeling that was originally introduced in January 2025. FDA Deputy Commissioner for Human Foods Kyle Diamantas said the agency is "weighing options" to change the [Biden-era proposal](#) and re-submit it for public comment. The original proposed rule would require a "Nutrition Info Box" on most packaged foods to provide accessible, at-a-glance nutrition information that details and interprets the saturated fat, sodium, and added sugar content of a food. In the initial comment period on the rule, food processors raised concerns about potential compliance costs and FDA's legal authority to enforce the rule. [READ MORE...](#)

Headlines

Wisconsin

- WisBusiness: [Migrant ag workers face steep wage cuts under federal program changes](#)
- WFRV-TV: [The newest slice of Luxemburg: Ron's Wisconsin Cheese debuts "Old Fashioned Snow Cheddar"](#) (Featuring WCMA member Ron's Wisconsin Cheese)
- Fast Company: [One company's obsessive, decade-long quest to make American cheese that's actually cheese](#) (Featuring WCMA member Sargento Foods)

National & Global

- SwissInfo: [The U.S. plans to buy \\$10 million worth of Swiss cheese – just not from Switzerland](#) (Featuring WCMA)
- New York Post: [Fresno raw milk cheese linked to mass outbreak, farmer goes to war](#)
- New York Times: [A Republican farmer relies on immigrant work. He sees his party erasing it.](#)
- ShawLocal: [Illinois city considers \\$30K grant to redevelop vacant historic former dairy plant](#)

EVENTS & CONNECTION

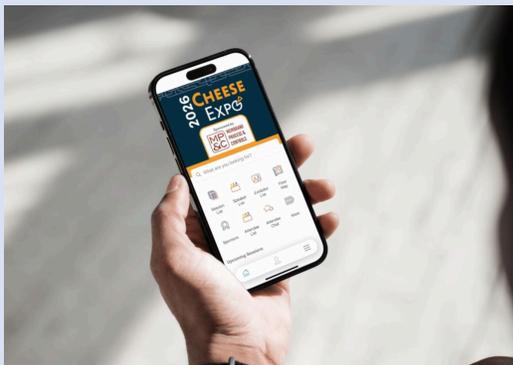
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FEATURED: WCMA NOTES

Learn more about WCMA's programs & services in this special rotating section! This week, we spotlight WCMA's monthly column, WCMA Notes, sharing insights and ideas for the dairy processing industry.

New Dairy Growth, Expansion



As thousands of dairy processing professionals gear up for CheeseExpo, there's a great deal to [celebrate across the dairy processing industry](#): strong consumer demand is driving rising cheese sales at home and abroad, while continued growth in dairy exports is opening new markets and opportunities for U.S. producers. At the same time, companies across the supply chain are investing in new facilities, technologies, and product innovation that position dairy for long-term success.

Read more about the opportunities ahead in this month's [WCMA Notes column](#) by WCMA Executive Director John Umhoefer.

EDUCATION

Innovation Center Announces 2026 Food Safety Workshops



The Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy has announced its 2026 schedule of [in-person food safety workshops](#) across the country:

- [March 31-April 1 in Greeley, CO](#), hosted by Leprino Foods and Hilmar Cheese
- [June 30-July 1 in Madison, WI](#), hosted by Sargento Foods, Foremost Farms USA, and the Center for Dairy Research
- [September 22-23 in Arden Hills, MN](#), hosted by Land O'Lakes
- [August 26-27 in Pasco, WA](#), hosted by Darigold and Tillamook Cheese

A Supplier Food Safety Management workshop is also planned, with date and location to be announced. [READ MORE...](#)

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