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**STATEMENT**  
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**McKinney: Dairy strategy continues to pay off in Indiana**

*Note to the press: Please include the following statement from Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney in your coverage of the announcement made by Prairie Farms Dairy to expand its operations in northeast Indiana, which marks another milestone for the [Indiana dairy strategy](#).*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 10, 2017)** — “One of our top goals when we launched the dairy strategy was to add value to Indiana’s dairy products by increasing our state’s processing capacity. By expanding their operation, Prairie Farms’ announcement confirms our strategy is working and continues to pay off in Indiana. I applaud their decision and look forward to the growth opportunities this will create for Indiana’s dairy farmers.”

For more information about the announcement, please visit [www.iedc.in.gov](http://www.iedc.in.gov).

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**ABOUT ISDA**

*The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor’s Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to [Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch](#), who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.*



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