

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Deputy Secretary of State reappointed to national agriculture committee

This week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reappointed Nebraska Deputy Secretary of State for International Trade Cindi Allen to the Agriculture Policy Advisory Committee (APAC). Members of APAC advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade Representative concerning the trade policy of the United States. Deputy Secretary Allen has served on APAC for three presidential administrations and has 17 years of experience working in international trade.

"I'm proud of the work APAC has done to help farmers and ranchers in the United States, especially in Nebraska," Deputy Secretary Allen said. "There's more work to do to ensure that agriculture policy benefits both producers and consumers, and I look forward to continuing that work in our region and across the U.S."

APAC members include critical ag stakeholders such as the National Corn Growers Association, U.S. Meat Export Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef and other significant agriculture producers and their organizations.

"Deputy Secretary Allen has been instrumental in broadening our office's mission to promote education and trade beyond our state lines," Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen said. "Nebraska greatly benefits from Cindi's knowledge and experience in international trade, and her continued national recognition is well deserved. Her service benefits Nebraska and the food producers and consumers of our entire country."

Deputy Secretary Allen has served the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office since 2019. Before her appointment to the Secretary of State's office, Allen accompanied the Governor of Nebraska to countries across multiple continents to promote the State's agricultural interests. Deputy Secretary Allen also serves on the United States Department of Agriculture's Global Food Security Strategy Committee.